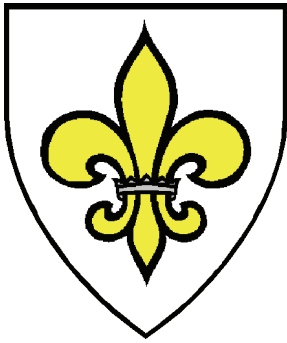


The Adrian Herald

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Our Imperial Majesties Address

Greetings Unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire,

As we end our first year as the Crowns of Adria, it is time for reflection. We have seen many good things and some bad things over the past year. We have implemented and enforced several policies. We have restructured the way some things happen in the Empire. Our truest wish is that the things we have done have made a difference and helped Adria move toward prosperity.

In the next few months, you will see some changes in officers. Many of the decisions made regarding this was based on several factors, including people's individual preferences and our satisfaction with performance of duties. We hope that all of our new officers will be welcomed and that you will continue to work with them in ensuring success for your subdivision and the Empire. We still have a few positions open, including Deputy positions for those that are interested in learning about a Ministry position with the Empire. Please write us directly if you would like to be considered.

As always, our door is open if you have any questions or concerns that you need to bring to our attention.

We want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. We hope everyone has had as much fun as we have and look forward to another busy yet rewarding year.

Long Live the Empire!

In Service,



Pavo

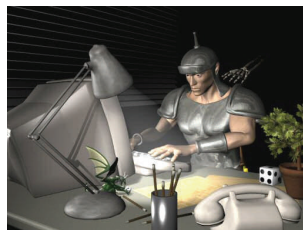
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Imperator et Imperatrix, Adria

The Adrian Herald goes interactive!!!



Many times there are articles printed in the Herald that are great topics for discussion but as a printed publication it is difficult to do so. But all that is about to change!!!

The Adrian Herald is going live on the internet. More details on the website, when it goes officially live, and more are inside in the report from the Imperial Chronicler



From the Imperial Rolls Office

Greetings Unto the Populace:

The move to incorporate past rolls records is at a very slow pace. Requests for Third Level and for the Shires requests for First and Second Level are indeed hampered by the lack of the information on the current database. We encourage all subdivisions to support this database and submit the hard copies as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Burgandy, Cashel, Esperance and Gloucester for being complete for this Imperial Reign through September as of this writing. I do have hard copies for review for York and Brandenbrug as received while I was on quest this past week.

The Rolls Manual is now in the process of being updated, hopefully incorporating those "rules" that are scattered throughout.

More complete information will be available at the Imperial Estates Meeting - appears I did not hear our Good Chronicler as to the dead line for these reports. I appreciate his good patience.

YIS

Dame Marion Leal Durius

The moderator of the adria-rolls group has changed the group's name. This means that both the group's email address and the group home page location have changed.

The group email address:
Adria-ImperialRolls@yahoogroups.com

The group home page location:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Adria-ImperialRolls>

If you have links which point to this group or an address book entry for the group, you should update them, as the old addresses will no longer work.



Imperial Sovereign of Arms

The online armorial will go into live beta testing within the next week. Look for it to go live for all heralds within the next month barring mundane problems such as my work schedule.

In Service,

Sir Coda
 ISoA

Imperial Webmaster's Office

Please note that the office of the Imperial Webmaster has taken on a new deputy, Sir Rhydderch ap Eirwyn of Valencia who also currently serves the Empire as our Imperial Chronicler will now be assisting Sir Greyland in keeping our organization's web presence up to date.

Wikipedia and other websites...

While not an official part of the Imperial Webmaster's Office, we would like to ensure that any mention or reference to the Adrian Empire on the internet is as accurate as possible. So we are asking for help from you computer savvy members of the populace out there. If you see inaccuracies such as the recently corrected ones at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian_empire to please let us know about them so that we may contact the proper individuals for corrections.

From your Imperial Chronicler

Welcome to the October issue of the Adrian Herald!!!

If you started reading this issue from the beginning then you are probably curious about the teaser I put on the cover about a new interactive version of this newsletter.

Two weeks after accepting the position of Imperial Chronicler, I began building a website for the Herald. I wanted this to be much more than just a static webpage where issues of the Herald would be available for downloading. I had hopes of building a place that would encourage communication among our populace. Somewhere where you could not only read the Herald online, but comment on the stories and have your voices heard.

Well within days of the this issue being published, that site will be opened for all to enjoy!!! The site will be officially announced as open at the Imperial Estates Meeting this coming weekend and on Monday I will post the address to all of our YaHoo groups so that everyone can sign up and get involved in the many great things this site will have to offer.

I do ask that everyone please be understanding in the fact that the site is not finished. Actually it is probably never going to be totally finished as it will continue to grow and evolve over time. However, I consider it to be "functionally operational" at this time. The basic features of it are bug free and running smoothly. Several of the special features are also up and running smoothly. There should be plenty to keep everyone busy as the site continues to grow and expand.

Look for the GRAND OPENING announcement this Monday after the estates meeting closes!

Have fun!

In service to the dream that is Adria

Sir Rhydderch ap Eirwyn

Did you say CHAT ROOMS ?!?!?

Yes that is right. Adria has not had a chat room since YaHoo eliminated the ability to have them within the Groups areas. But we are bringing that ability back to Adria and doing so with gusto!

We will be asking a variety of members to host scheduled topic specific discussions. We will even run things similar to online classes if we get anyone interested in hosting them (these will not be for points).

Interested in a bit of role play? Check out the online historical role play game system we are working on. Our chat rooms are equipped with random dice generators to make everything easy for you to play.

What kind of things can we expect to see in the new Adrian Herald website?

- Categorized listing of all articles from the Herald with the ability to comment on each.
- New online article submissions that will help streamline and automate the submission process for the Herald.
- A new product review area. From now on the Herald's product reviews will be based on input from everyone; not just on one person's opinion.
- Populace surveys on various topics.
- AdvantGo if you know what this is then you know how cool it will be to get updates on the Herald via your internet capable cell phone.
- A memorial page to honor the memory of are departed brothers and sisters.
- Photo Galleries! A place to finally share those pics!
- Classified ads. An online renaissance garage sale!
- On site private emails and instant messages.
- Public and Private Forum areas.
- Member bio pages. Share with everyone your persona's story!
- And last but what I hope to be the best thing; online CHAT ROOMS!!!

Did you get this issue by mail???

If you receive a printed copy of the Adrian Herald but do not actually require an issue to be mailed out to you, please consider changing your membership to an E-membership and get your copies via the internet. This will help our Empire save costs associated with the printing of this newsletter.

From the Imperial Steward's Office

Greetings Unto the Populace:

Membership as of the date of this publication is now at 1276 members. As a result, the cost of Insurance for 1276 members is now at \$10.58 per member.

Our current checking account balance is \$21,877.50 less restricted funds and insurance accruals we are in a positive available balance of \$2,849.21. While that is not great - at least we now have a positive balance going forward. Most of the expenses for the November Estates Meeting have been paid including travel - the exception being the actual hotel expenses for TIM.

I continue to thank the Regional Stewards for prompt submittals of memberships, please keep up the good work.

We have a few lagging Stewards reports which I hope to be able to report as all received and current at the Imperial Estates Meeting.

Also at the Imperial Estates Meeting the Budget vs Actuals for 2005 / 2006 will be available, as well as available to the Crowns and Stewards on the Imperial Steward's Yahoo Group.

YIS

Dame Marion Leal Durius
Imperial Steward / Rolls

Our
thanks
to:

**Z-castle and Desert
Dog Archery, as well
as to Fireblood
Armoury and Sir
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Vital Signs 101: Chest Pains

By *HIL Sir Kaeyron A. Maethanos, KnCiv*



Welcome to another installment of Vital Signs 101. Last month we talked about Hypoglycemia and Diabetes and I promised you this month would be Chest Pains.

Before I get into the meat of this article, allow me to say chest pains of any magnitude are a serious medical concern ... and if you are experiencing them you should seek out medical care IMMEDIATELY!

Chest Pains can be a predecessor to many different ailments, from lung disease to cardiac disease, but the one of most concern is a Heart Attack, often called an **Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI)** by healthcare professionals. We will focus on heart attacks in this month's column and cover other instances of chest pains in subsequent columns. The seriousness of Heart Attacks is underscored in mundane culture by looking around in any government building, on any airline or in any airport terminal and taking notice of boxes located throughout them containing Automated External Defibrillators. This is because for every minute someone is unresponsive because of a heart attack you decrease their chance of survival by 10%.

Now you are asking, "What should I look out for?" Well let's start by saying that men show more overt signs of heart attacks while women show "lesser signs" that many discount as indigestion or the like. Ask yourself if you feel the following:

- Chest Discomfort (not pain persay, but does it feel just a bit "off")
- Tingling down the arms
- Jaw Numbness/Discomfort (including but not limited to your teeth)
- Nausea
- Irritability
- Shortness of Breath

These are good signs that you might be having a mild heart attack (despite the fact they are not an end all and be all). If you also have additional risk factors such as being overweight, having high blood pressure, high blood sugar or a family history of heart attacks these symptoms should be a red flag for you. We, as a whole, need to be alert and attentive to these signs whether we see them in others or in ourselves. Many of the fatalities from heart attacks occur when people ignore the lesser signs and wait for it to get worse.

So you ask: What is the right thing to do? First, this article is no substitute for going to learn "Community CPR" or "Family/Friends CPR". Two agencies which teach these courses are American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org) and the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org). Second, be vigilant when taking a self-inventory of yourself when you do not feel well. The hospital would rather see 100 people be wrong about having a heart attack than hear about one person who is dead because "it wasn't that bad and they didn't want to bother the folks at the hospital." The third and final step is that **when you feel any of the above signs/symptoms seek medical advice**: call your doctor or the ambulance and get to the hospital so they can treat you.

Stay tuned for next month's installment: *Scabies- The Rash with Bite*



Visual Resources in the Arts

By Aoibheann O'Domchadha
Maethanos



One of the most valuable documentation types for Arts & Sciences projects are visual resources. These resources are vital to showing the judges that your project is authentic to our time period. Many artisans also use visual resources to help themselves choose decorative details, determine how a specific item was constructed or to provide context for the display of their entry. One of the best ways to find visual resources is through museum websites. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the British National Portrait Gallery and several other museums have excerpts of their collections available online. Another amazing resource for visual resources is a website maintained by Sweetbriar College Professor Christopher Witcombe. Prof. Witcombe has compiled an enormous collection of digital images showing portraits, paintings, statuary, architecture and other art works throughout our period (and many others). You can access his website at: <http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHLinks.html> where the images are indexed by time period and artist.

From our Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings to all members of our glorious Empire! There have been many changes lately in the A&S department. From the way that we score entries, to the ways we are looking at documentation, to new ideas for entries. The Arts are flourishing in Adria!

At the National Invitational Steel Tournament held at the Age of Chivalry Fair in Albion this year we had a record number of entries into the A&S competition. The winner, with a score of 34, was Dame Elzibet from Albion with a wonderfully embroidered Tunic. Her Imperial Majesty came in second, with a Score of 32.67 for her Tudor Gown. Sir Angus Kilshannig from Umbria came in third, with a score of 31.33 for his mead. Other Masterworks included a 15th Century Dress from HRM of Albion with a score of 30 and a Tudor Gown from Kathryn Kimsley of Albion who also scored a 30. Gareth MacRae took a Win on the Journeymans list for his Chainmaille coif, with a score of 28, and Quinlan Moriarity took a Win for his shield with a score of 26.

One of the new ideas for you combatants is entering your period study and sword work as a performance art. Come out and show us all the hard work and research you have put in to improve your fighting on the field.

I am asking for reviews of the new A&S judging form. We need your feedback to make it the best form for all.

Almost all Subdivisions are reporting regularly. Please have your reports in by the 5th of each month.

Thank you for your attention. Please feel free to send any suggestions you have to you're A&S Minister, or me.

In Service

Sir Angus Kilshannig

Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Kingdom of York



Believing that a picture speaks a thousand words we have submitted the following epic story....



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Kingdom of Esperance

The past month rain graced the Kingdom of Esperance with its gentle caress. Fortunately a light evening rain lightened to an occasional sprinkle and we were able to hold our monthly event with only one rain related mishap as the Herald's chair decided to sink into soft ground. Despite his valiant efforts to balance on the failing legs he eventually landed soundly on his back.

Our northern borders have been quiet although there are stirrings in the East. The growth of our Eastern lands will be launched by an upcoming demo during the Fall Festival in Riverside California. The Viceroy and Vicerene of Aquitane obtained a large site which should allow for some excellent combat demonstrations as well as a chance for Esperance to show off the impressive craftsmanship of our members.

His Majesty, Sir Donovan and her Grace Aoife are uncontested to continue their rule of Esperance. Any rumors of bribes paid are spurious and will be answered appropriately with nonsensical non-sequiturs and generic denials. While we may know where all the rum has gone nobody is talking, as yet.

The Steel tournament held at Esperance's September event was won by Sir Eagan Skelly. By besting a field that boasted Knight Champions and royalty he obtained the final win needed to complete his combat knighthood and was promptly field knighted.

A demo was held at the Riverside Fall Festival. A separate report with pictures has been provided for that event. The following evening Esperance attended a demo for the "Castle of Friends" in Redondo Beach which is a medieval themed benefit which includes games for the children, a catered dinner, a puppet show and, for a finale, live combat. Her Grace, Aoife and Master Darren warmed the crowd up with some rapier combat and then His Majesty, Sir Donovan, dented his squire in steel. The children enjoyed the combat immensely and Sir Donovan soon had a small cadre of youthful admirers.

In service,

Sqr. Cagar
Chronicler of Esperance

Queen Mum's Artisans

At Kingdom of Esperance's October 12th event Sir Roger Wells of Dragonsvaine was inducted into a new elite group to be known as "Queen Mum's Artisans", Sir Jamie the Red, the first Artisan to be inducted into this special group of artisans, assisted Esperance's Queen Mother Dame Lady Willow de' Rara in the presentation. Queen Mum said these special people in the Kingdom of Esperance that have gone out of their way to support the Arts, this group of Knight Artisans that can be recognized by their many good attributes: they have continued to support the arts even after they have reached their Arts Knighthood. These very special Knight Artisans have showed their support in the following ways: By judging the arts, by entering the arts in more than one area of expertise (such as food, armor and weaponry, costuming, painting, illuminations, leather work, bardics, etc. And by attending and teaching the arts at demos, classes and collegiums and by helping those with less knowledge in the areas of their expertise.

These Knight Artisans hold themselves and others to a high standard of craftsmanship and commitment to the arts. It is my honor, as the "Queen Mother of Esperance" to recognize these special Knight Artisans' dedication, commitment and support to this vital area of the Adrian Empire. Without our Artisans we would be wearing mundane clothes, eating McDonald's burgers and fighting with plastic swords, they make Adria what it is today.

You will recognize these special Artisans by the Tutor Rose pin they wear; it is the 1914 pin that given out by England's Queen Mary to the artisans that supported the troops in WWI.



Canton of Aquataine is back and better than ever

At the September 23rd Kingdom of Esperance event, HRM Sir Donavan Cadnawon, granted a charter to the Canton of Aquataine. The canton will cover Esperance's land in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The new Viceroy Lord Sir Cromar Wolfsblot announced that the canton will start holding monthly event the 1st Saturday of every month starting February 2007. The events are scheduled to be held at Fairmount Park in the city of Riverside CA. Lord Sir Cromar also stated the we will be holding classes at each event ranging from making combat arrows to Spanish Quilling. The Viceroy Lord Sir Cromar, Vicereenie Dame Lady Sara McKinnish and the Queen Mother Dame Lady Willow will be holding and Open-House - get together - meeting to make decisions concerning what we want to do at our canton events and. set up dates for the classes.

To kick start off the cantons involvement in the Inland Empire they are doing a large demo at the City of Riversides Annual Fall Festival , we are getting a 20' x 30' area to set up and we hope that will be enough for us and all our stuff. The canton has also contacted every high school in the Corona, Norco and Riverside School districts, about us being back and ready to do bigger and better demos at there schools. There are also plans to contact the local college's history, arts and drama departments and letting them know we are ready and willing to put on demos for them.



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From the Kingdom of Albion

The Age of Chivalry Renaissance Fair National Invitational Steel Tourney was a success. Despite late approval by parks to participate and the worst storm I remember locally we made a go of it.

Encampment, demos of arts and combat, children's activities, were held.

Prizes were donated by Z-castle, Desert Dog Archery, Fireblood Armory, and members of the populace.

Tournament Winners:

Steel--Sir Gwyllum ap du Drane
Rapier--Sir Sivax Wartougue
Shinai--Lord Yew
Knight's Arts--Dame Ezabet
Journeyman's Arts--Garreth McCrae
Huntsman's Archery--Sir Gareth Grae
Bowman's Archery--Squire Andrew

We have been invited back for next year.

Sir William Baine,
Event Autocrat,



Riverside Fall Festival

Canton of Aquitaine

Kingdom of Esperance

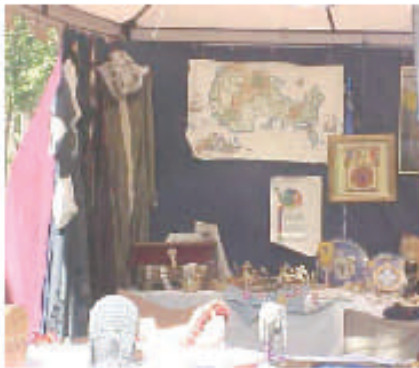
On the 21st of October the Canton of Aquitaine hosted a demo at the Riverside Fall Festival. Although the festival was lightly attended there was a great deal of interest sparked by a brief steel bout in the morning and plenty of light combat throughout the day. Live bands performed on a nearby stage (although towards the end of the day some Adrians had to be disarmed on their way out to discuss the wisdom of singing the same song too many times) and our encampment was abutted by a pair of friendly pirates hawking their wares (they assured us that said articles had been acquired "properly" but we never divined whose standards they were using).



Sir Coda and the Viceroy of Aquitaine, Sir Cromar, valiantly distracted the Riverside police department when they came by to discuss the copious amounts of weaponry wandering about in our encampment.



The officers liked the axes, the polaxe, the swords... and everything else. They left with smiles and business cards.



The Canton of Aquitaine has a solid core of Artisans and they did not disappoint. Artistic endeavors covered two large tables, the walls of two tents and spilled out into the surrounding area on stands or under their own power. Even the ropes of the list field were adorned with hand painted heraldry.

Steel combat was confined to the early morning as temperatures rose quickly. Sir Cromar returned to steel for the first time after taking a break of several years. We had a number of good rapier bouts and included plenty of shinai fighting. The crowds were usually small but we had a consistent group of people watching.



In addition to the demo fighting Master Rainor and Master Sasha were both qualified for Renaissance combat. Multiple squires were properly bruised. The Queen Consort of Esperance was even kind enough to armor up and perforate several opponents. Her preferred choice of target was questioned by her opponents but proved effective in most cases. Many of us were left wishing we had Sir Jamie the Red's "special" armor (pictures available upon request).



The Isle of Kincora

Relic War



I sit here truly proud and awed to be among such noble countrymen. The shortage of many of our senior knights did concern me greatly. But on Saturday, newly knighted Sir Christopher presented an aspect to his ever increasing skills, Archery. I truly wished Lady Q could capture the magnificence of him posed with bow drawn; it was a sight to see! Dame Kayla, Dame Cassiopia and I put forth our best to fly our arrows true. Yet it was a young corsair, seeing the earnest of our efforts who stepped forward and in gracious manner won us a war point! To Sterling, the Crown of Kincora is thankful.

Sunday, the morning poured down upon us. Yet the sun broke through and Kincora gather to challenge the day. Sir Christopher arrived giving praise and support, yet he was called away to attend to his estate. In the distance I heard the jovial laugh of Sir Bjorn. Straight from the hospital he came, giving service and council. Then on the horizon Sir Hansaurd arrived, having traveled through the night along hundreds of miles he arrived to give his aid. To these two Knights, your Crown bows in thanks, having displayed such commitment and love towards Kincora and your brothers, speaks to the true quality of knighthood that flows through your veins.

As we armed for the first battle Lady Ruby approached and grabbing her bow declared "I will fight for Kincora". For her first time in battle she displayed skill and maturity in the ways of war, and I for one felt pride with her by my side. The first battle of Shinai, we built a fortification to defend our flag from the two approaching Armies. Squire Jaroslav, rained volley after volley upon our enemies, , and as the main Castilles Contingent moved to engage the Corsairs Lady Ruby had her fill of targets. In an attempt to secure the corsairs flag I was wounded and in Proper fashion Sir Hansaurd took control of the Army. Eager for engagement Lord Edward the Brute, taunted the opposing armies, drawing them near. With the calculated precision Sir Hansaurd is known for, he held the ranks and at the right moment let loose the left flank with Squire Devon, Lord Guy and Squire Jaroslav firing from the flanks. They destroyed what remained of the standing army of Castilles. The field lay empty when Sir Hansaurd and Sir Leofwine moved upon the Castillian fortification. Mordecai Bloodletter defended the flag with extreme valor and courage, yet was overrun in the end by the Kincoran forces. Kincora captured the flags! 8 against 30! My pointy hat is off to all of you.

You all displayed teamwork, and were extremely effective in every battle we engaged. Lord Guy, Also lead the army, job well done Lord Guy! Another fighter amongst us named Bleyz from the opposing armies, joined us and fought in the true spirit of Kincora to aid us. To Bleyz, the Crown of Kincora is thankful

Though, the combat army fought valiantly, it is well known that combat doesn't win a war alone. This is not the first time in a war that these two have tipped the scales. Their commitment to the Kincoran Cause is always of the utmost quality, and they exceed were few attempt to go. Dame Cassiopia brought forward two intricate hair styles with the historical fashion of Italian Taping. Those who are educated truly recognize their worth! Squire Jaroslav, presented a masterful steel helmet, and sculpted by hand. The blood sweat and tears that must have went into creating such a piece, makes it a very valuable helm indeed.

I almost forgot to mention Dame Cassiopia's extreme talent of being an excellent negotiator. With her smile and "Rum" many a Corsair ally was gained. To all who allied with us in fun and sport, the Crown of Kincora is thankful.

One last accounting; Squire Devon partook in the Champion Renn Battle. If I were fifteen again I could only hope to portray half the maturity and skill with which he displayed. He fought two opponents with endurance and patience and as his Crown I know he fulfilled every bit of faith I had in him. Thank you Lord Edward for all the help in dismantling our camp, and to your fine young lady's who help in so many ways.

On a personal note, this was one of the best wars I have been involved with. No matter which corner I turned to, people were contributing, friendly and willing to rise above and be the true noble they are at heart. To expect an event of this magnitude to go on with out issue, is not realistic, but I have to say this is one of the most honorable wars I have been party to, and to that end Sir L'Bet'e Thanks you all.

As I reach this point, I realize I could truly go one for many more pages; I will spare you all, this time! I would love though to hear of any other noble deeds or kind acts witnessed buy any member of the populace during this war. It is the recognizing of such things which lights the path toward true Honor and Chivalry.

Archduke L'Bet'e deAcmd

P.S. This may not be a perfect accounting, so please excuse me if I left out any information deemed by anyone as important



Greetings from the Duchy of Sangrael

From the Crown of Sangrael---

We had an uncontested Fun War in October. We are happy to announce that Sir Logan Du Draconis is our Heir. The Coronation will be on December 3, 2006 in conjunction with our annual Yule Feast. Further details will be announced next month.

Our November event will be on the 5th (Sunday) at Summerlake Park, Lake Elsinore at 11 am.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Demos in September, especially the Esperancians who made the drive to help us out. We showed our "stuff" as part of a pre-show for a local production of "A Midsummer's Nights Dream." This may become a recurring Demo.

We have one new member this month(thanks to the above demos), Robin McKee joined at our October event. Welcome to the Duchy!!

yours in Service,

Dame Gwenllian Derwen

Duchess of Sangrael

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The Duchy of Alhambra announces the results of the Battle of the Witches

Greetings Everyone,

Wow, we had a great time at the Battle! But, before we get to the results, I'd like to add to Vincenzo's Lost and Found.

We have possession of a Seattle Seahawks Jacket and a hat. I believe these items might belong to Lady Anne and her family.

Now for the results:

Witches Battle Shanai Field Battle: Won by Alexandria del Monaco.

Shanai Battles for Fun: Lord Elric

Rapier Knights List: Sir Mikcos

Steel List: Please forgive me.....if Lord Elric or Temple can contact me, I will be able to state the winner of this list.

Archery Bowman's List: Kaori Katsura

Archery Huntsman's List: Collum Monaehan

Arts and Sciences Journeyman's List: Kaori Katsura got a Win

Arts and Sciences Journeyman's List: Anne Yeoman's got a Masterwork

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We thank Gloucester and the EMP for traveling to Willowmoor to join in the Battles. If it were not for them, we would not have enjoyed a steel battle. Huzzah!

Congratulations to all the winners. Rani Lily and I look forward to having similar such battles in the future, so all you witches out there, watch out, you're next. The revelry at the del Monaco Estate afterward was well enjoyed by us. Thank you Lord Elric for the fantastic mead! We hope all of you enjoyed your stay with us.

To all the people who were not able to attend, you were sorely missed and it saddened us that you were unavailable. We eagerly look forward to seeing you in the future.

Grazie to all who made this a wonderful day,
Mistress Alexandria del Monaco
Vicereine of Willowmoor

Shire of New Exeter

Greetings and Well Met,

Our Shire has had some restructuring in the recent months. We have changed our name from Neu Eisenwold to New Exeter. Our device has been updated to reflect our ties to the Empire and has been submitted to the Imperial Herald for approval. New officers have accepted appointments to thier offices and are beginning their work.

On October 7th, we held a Newcomer's Event in the Pine Ridge campground located in Guthrie, Missouri. Attendance was very good with alot of potential new members present to get an idea of what the Adrian Empire is all about. Activities included: thrown weapons, archery, rapier fighting, and several arts & sciences demonstrations (armoring, weaving, cooking, and tailoring). A reporter and photographer from the Jefferson City News Tribune were also present and will be printing an article about the event and our group later this month.

In November, our shire will be sponsoring a Crusades for Kids toy drive. We will be marching 20 miles from Mokane, MO to Jefferson City, MO along the Katy trail in full armor and gear. Our goal is to have toys donated for our efforts which will be given to the Central Missouri Marine Corps League Toys for Tots drive.

In Service,

Christopher Blackthorne

Viceroy of the Shire of New Exeter

Personally I would like to publicly thank the Viceroy of this fine shire for all of his help and dedication to the new Adrian Herald website. He is responsible for all of the Adrian graphics that appear on the site. His help and patience with my nit-picking has helped to make that site as wonderful as it is

Thanks so much!!!!

Gloucester sends forth greetings unto all...

Greetings unto the Empire,

It seems that the winter here in Gloucester is about as busy if not more so than the summer. But alas the liquid sunshine will allow us time to work on our arts & our equipment so that we are ready for next summers fun.

Until next time

Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause

Viceroy of Gloucester



From the Shire of Galloway

Greetings unto Adria,

Once again, I would like to thank their IM's for this opportunity. It is with a joyous heart that I announce that our October event was a wonderful success. With both old and new members, several came out to meet the new crown and plan for the future. We met with many like minded people who are interested in the wonderful family atmosphere that Adria offers. Our next event is planned for November 18th, the location is The Sundance Ranch, Smithfield, NC and we hope that everyone will come out and join us. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions (renwoman6869@yahoo.com).



In Service,

Dame Tara Callahan
Vicereine of Galloway
Knight Civil
Lady of the Imperial Court
Recipient of the Royal Star



Demonstrations in the Shire of Cashel

The Shire of Cashel always has a busy month during October and this year was no exception. On October 6-8 we planned to participate in History Alive at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. This event attracts thousands of visitors each year, many of them children from the surrounding school districts. Each year we plan an encampment and demonstrate combat, archery and arts. This year, House Dragon's Bane also planned to debut their new encampment, two French Bell Wedge Pavilions with a sun shade. Unfortunately, our grand plans for this camping demo were battered by a vigorous Nor'easter. Our three day camping demo turned into a much smaller one day demonstration on Sunday. Due to the weather, our arts activities were much curtailed but Mistress Karen Martin demonstrated embroidery throughout the day. Sir Karl von Lagerstein also enjoyed showing off his miniature trebuchet.



The weekend of October 20-22 is our second major demo, Harvest Faire. This event is held at the Maritime Museum in Newport News. We usually set up our encampment on Thursday night and are open to the public Friday through Sunday. This year, we are pleased to welcome Dame Marion Leal Durius to our Shire and to this demo. We will be debuting the new Dragon's Bane encampment here and are also pleased to offer a period inspired food plan. This demonstration will double as our monthly event, a "Marble War" with the Duchy of Chesapeake.

This year, we were also invited to do a demo for a local Boy Scout troop but had to decline due to our already full schedule. We hope to be able to be able to reschedule this demo and bring the educational side of Adria to a new group of younglings.

See some of our pictures on the next
page!!!



The shire of Cashel puts forth a good showing at the History Alive and Harvest Festivals.



Shire of Valencia calls for demo HELP!!!

This is Valencia's first attempt of doing a public demo and will be held at the Renaissance Artisan Market and Holiday Faire in Pittsburgh, PA on November 25-26 from 10am-6pm on both days.

This is the first event of this type held in the area and it is unknown how well it will draw people in but it is being advertised in the local area heavily including posters, flyers, newspaper and college newsletter ads, and radio spots. If we can have a few steel fighters present they will even mention

Adria in these advertisements including photos. While this all sounds good, Valencia does not have much to present to the public. Currently we do not have any arts to display, we have no steel fighters, and we really do not even have the man power to support a demo table. So we need help!

I know this is a holiday weekend, but what is better than helping our friends and "family" who are in need during a holiday when we are suppose to be giving thanks for what we have. Please consider helping us out and let us know ASAP if you can. We are under a deadline to submit promotional materials should we be able to arrange to participate in the event.

Your humble neighbor, Sir Rhydderch ap Eirwyn, Viceroy of Valencia

Shire of Burgandy

Report from the Shire of Burgandy

Members of the Shire of Burgandy spent the evening of Thursday, October 12th at the Bloomsburg Town Library. We've become involved with the reading group there named "Castle Van Tassle." Interesting enough, their group is based on striving to become a knight. You read a book and receive so many points towards the goal. There are three levels to the goal: Page, Squire and Knight. This is a great group that we've become very fond of visiting with. We watched as several children and one adult were knighted and we must give them kudos for being quite accurate with their ceremony! Sir Antoine provided a brief overview and explanation of his armor. Then the kids were given the opportunity to play "Whack Sir Antoine" (with a soft boffer). The enthusiasm and applause were astounding! Lady Jeanne' gave a brief overview of heraldry charges and how heraldry is used. Heraldry coloring pages that she created were distributed to the children. Jolivette provided some delicious homemade Scottish Eggs for the "feast" afterwards.

From this demonstration, we have contact with four (4) potential new members. Other publicity opportunities are being researched such as parades and other library demonstrations in the area.

Until Next Month We Remain,

Sir Antoine de Burgandy
 Founding Viscount of the Adrian Empire
 Viceroy of the Shire of Burgandy



and
 Lady Jeanne' le bleu de Burgandy
 Vicerine of the Shire of Burgandy

Product Spotlight — Odyssey Toys

Upon entering a local "mom and pop" shopping store, our then three year old's eyes set upon an end-rack assortment that he insisted he must have. It was a pirate on a pirate boat. As we were planning a pirate-themed party for his 4th birthday, I immediately went back in the next day and purchased the gift. I was well pleased with the buy. The ship was made of wood, not plastic and it was decorated and painted rather correctly for a children's toy. The durable figure was dressed in clothing that was rather correct and actually made from fabric, not just painted on. The figures have hands that grasp and the cutlery (or other props) included are very accurate to the time period of the figure. I saw the website on the bottom of the box and decided to check out the distributor.

<http://www.odysseytoys.com>

I came to find that these are not just wonderful toys for children (4 ages and up) but also collectible figures. The figures include Pirates, Renaissance & Medieval, Ocean Explorers, Warriors, etc. They even have figures deemed "World Stars" (which include some US Presidents and Queen Elizabeth) which are based on real historic people. These specific figures come complete with biography cards. They come boxed in sets of three (3) or individually, all based on different themes or time periods.

The website offers specials for teachers, including free posters.

Play sets entitled "Scapes" are available as well.

Our 4-year old loves these toys. They have withstood his torture and we've become fond of the fact that they are fully posable and very durable toys that he can play with and also learn from.

You can order these toys on-line at the website listed above. I have also recently discovered that www.target.com also carries some of them in stock.

Lady Jeanne' le bleu de Burgandy, Vicerine of the Shire of Burgandy



Our son Carter
 loves these toys!!!

**Last Month
We Asked**

**Can
You
Guess
The
Name
Of
The
Game
This
Picture
Was
Captured
In
?????**



OK this was a trick question...

This image is from Medieval II Total War a soon to be released title from SEGA.

Empire of Adria

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