

the Adrian Herald

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From the Crown

Unto the Empire do we send Our fond well wishes.

We are pleased with the amount of business the Imperial Estates accomplished at the March meeting. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Chancery staff for their organization and to the members of the Estates for their efficiency. We would also like to thank autocrat Sir Valance Prize, Sir Puck Lyttle, and Lady Sylvia Gustavsen of Umbria for all of their work in coordinating the weekend's activities. In addition to finishing all the necessary business on the agenda, we also resolved two civil court issues (results will be published as soon as possible), the Board of Directors met, Sir Nigel met with the College of Arms, and We held several audiences.

In Court, We had the distinct honor of creating the Premier Knight Doctor, Dame Julianna Hirsch of Brandenburg. We also were pleased to create Sir Jamie the Red of Esperance a Knight Champion, Sir Gwyllum ap du Drane of Albion a Knight Premier, and recognize Sir Duncan Wallace of Umbria as a Knight Champion.

We were most pleased to create the first two Knights of Andorra, Dame Isabeau and Sir Auberon dela Reve, both of whom were dubbed Knights Minister, followed immediately with their investiture as Duke and Duchess of the newly-elevated Duchy of Andorra. Congratulations also to the newly-recognized Duchy of Albion, and her Duke and Duchess, Sir William Baine and Dame Ashlenn Tiernan, who were invested the last weekend of March.

Wright and Aislynn, Emperor and Empress of Adria

It's a girl!

Early on the morning of April 4, the Empress gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Mom, Dad, and daughter are healthy. The princess is said to have the nose, toes, and lungs of Her Imperial Majesty.

Imperial Civil/Banner War Info

Online at <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-war-banner.html>

It's a girl!

~the Doctor

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Imperial News

Imperial Estates Meeting: Details

This is a brief overview of the meeting. Official minutes are available on the Imperial website: <http://www.adrianempire.org>

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Roll Call: Final seating: 115 (48 present, 62 by proxy, 12 absent)

CRB1 Charters: Approved. **Elevation of Andorra to duchy:** Approved

CH1 Amend Bylaws to incorporate modifications: Referred to a committee who will provide recommendations no later than July 2004.

CH2: Consider reign of Elizabeth/Karl: Approved

CH3 Amend Article XVI.D.1.a.iii. to add Prado Park as exception: Approved (We can use Prado Park for any Imperial Wars, without having to consider if any contenders live there.)

CH4 Amend Article XVI.B., C., and D., regarding conduct of wars: Failed

CH5 Amend Article VIII.D.1. to clarify membership and shire vote: Option 2 approved: The viceroy of a shire of at least 5 members is an estate minor in its own right, but this doesn't prevent the shire from creating additional estates within the shire.

CH6 Amend Estates Writ VI. Demonstration Initiations, clarify who may receive DIs: Option 2 approved: A DI may only be granted for each 2 months of service as an Imp. Crown, Minister, or Deputy Minister and to non-Crowns for each service as Autocrat of feasts, tournaments, wars, classes, collegia, or equivalents.

OB1 Add Article IX.C.5., create Renaissance Combatant Roll: The resolution that made this item stay on the agenda forever was rescinded. This does not mean that people cannot author proposals for a Ren Combat Roll, just that they must follow the standard procedure to do so.

OB2 Amend Steward's Manual, procedure for receipt of dues: Failed

OB3 Amend Article VII.C. to require that all estates-holders, ministers not be under the guardianship of another: Tabled until corporate authorities in Arizona can be consulted.

OB4 Authorize adoption of rules of procedure: No action (still tabled)

OB5 Amend Article III.B.4. Associate Members holding office: Referred. Portions of the proposals were approved, but then referred to the authors for redraft.

OB6 Amend Arts/Sciences Manual, Judging Guidelines definition of MWs, MP: Approved as amended. Masterpieces have been eliminated altogether. Masterworks are now automatic with a combined score of 30. The author withdrew all mention of not counting bonus points toward the scoring.

OB7 Define min. # of participants for archery, combat list wins: Proposal 3 Approved: Amend the bylaws to say a minimum 4 participants to be able to award a TW.

OB8 Amend Article IV.A. Dues, to delete outdated financial practices: Approved as amended. Outdated practices of pre-1992 subdivisions must follow the same financial practices of all other subdivisions and Imperium.

OB9 Amend Article VI.E. to add Imp. Estates Meetings in March: Approved. The Imperial Estates General shall meet in March of every year. The consideration of a previous Imperial reign was moved from November to this new March meeting.

OB10 Create Writ for rotation of Imp. Estates Mtgs/Coronation: Approved. We now have 3 regions (generally California, central Empire, and Eastern Empire) The Imperial Estates Meetings and Coronations will rotate among these regions. The Imperial Crown will announce where the rotation will begin (they need to look at the last few meetings to see where logically this can begin).

OB11 Amend Article VIII.D.4. to delete "grandfathered" duchies: Approved. Duchies chartered before Feb. 1998 are no longer protected, and must conform to the bylaw requirements of size, etc.

OB12 Amend Article IX.C.2. to change arts roll to be "Arts": Approved. The Robe Roll will now be known as the Arts Roll.

OB13 Amend Article VI.F.3.a.vii., b.xii, c.iii., 4.f., 5.e. to limit authority of co-rulers: Approved. Co-rulers must agree on their decisions, or delegate final say to one or the other co-ruler to be done only when the other co-ruler isn't available (at which time they will review any decisions).

OB14 Amend Article XVI.C. Victory (to determine the conduct of wars in the event of a tie): Proposal 3 (games of chance) was eliminated. Proposals 1 and 2 were tabled and may be dealt with next meeting.

NB4 Petition for Readmission as per XI.B.6.e.: Winfred and Anginette were granted permission to be present at the next meeting and speak on this proposal.

Board of Directors

Grants

We have received inquiries about procedures for obtaining grants for use in our activities. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the BoD is continuing the policy of requiring that all grants be approved and overseen by the Board of Directors.

Member in Good Standing

The definition is "A member whose dues are current is presumed to be in good standing unless declared not to be in good standing due to financial arrearages or judicial act."

Parental Consent Forms

Minors shall not attend Adrian Empire, Inc. events without a legal guardian present. It is the responsibility of the permanent legal guardian to provide a temporary guardian with legally sufficient notarized documents of temporary guardianship and permission to seek medical attention. These documents shall be presented to the Steward at event sign-in or filed with the Steward in the subdivision where the event is to be held. The Adrian Empire, Inc. shall neither provide nor evaluate said documents.

College of Arms

Letter of Registration and Return

This Letter encompasses all presentations received from August 2002 through August 2003. With the exception of new presentations received since the end of January 2004, this list is all-inclusive. The Letter of Return will be following shortly. If your subdivision submitted paperwork between August 2003 and January 2004, it has not been received by this administration. Please re-send. If your subdivision submitted paperwork between August 2002 and August 2003, and the items appear neither here nor on the Letter of Return, please re-send.

Fleur-de-Lis, March 10

Note from the Imperial Publishing Office:

Fleur-de-Lis has recently issued a number of rulings. All rulings will be combined into one document and available on the Imperial website within a month.

Maedb Hawkins

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Chancellor's Office

Unto the Empire,

As per the Bylaws, we are less than 90 days from our next Imperial Estates Meeting.

Summoning Date and Deadline for Agenda Submissions is May 18, 2004 (60 days).

Agenda Publication Deadline is June 17, 2004 (30 days).

Meeting Date is July 17-18, 2004 (3rd weekend).

Location is To Be Announced by Their Imperial Majesties when bids are received from Region 3 (Eastern Subdivisions), and a decision is made.

A working agenda will be posted "asap" to assist those with submissions.

Chancellors of the Chartered Subdivisions should begin assembling rosters of qualified voting members (effective as of May 18) to report, and ALL AGENDA SUBMISSIONS, must be sent to:

warren811@yahoo.com; taltos@mindspring.com; and, Chancellor@adrianempire.org.

Please include subject, either: **Voting Roster of** _____ (subdivision), or *Agenda Submission*.

We accomplished quite a bit in March. The more prepared we are, the more work will get done, quickly, without leaving anyone behind. Let's have another great meeting.

In Service,

Sir William Baine,
Chancellor, Adria

Heraldry Announcement

Heralds and populace,

About a week ago, We stated that We were going to make a big heraldry announcement and thus here it is.

The heraldry backlog has plagued our Empire for years, driving both Sovereigns and assistants mad. The frustration of this flows down to the House Sire and Knights of the Realm causing them anguish.

Some have said, "What difference does it make? Heraldry is not an intrigral part of the Adrian Empire, and not required to be current for its members." We find these sort of statements lacking, both procedurally and intellectually.

First, procedurally: Although Imperial law does not require heraldry (or allows a member to be in a perpetual submission state), the local laws of many subdivisions do not. In several subdivisions, registered heraldry is required.

Second, intellectually: We believe that heraldry is an important part of the Empire. The pageantry of estates and nobles flying their banners make events feel, and look, more accurate. We have attended events where lawn chairs are spread in a circle formation for court, causing a low morale. We have also seen bright courts, with banners flown high, that add to the look and feel of a Royal event. We have seen Knights take refuge under their tents after battles and look victorious regardless of whether they won or lost the tourney. We have seen estates and guilds field fighters all bearing the same heraldry (which makes not only easy recognition on the battlefield, but looks incredible). Anyone who was there cannot forget the look and feel of York's army when they took the field in matching tabards bearing the Kingdoms heraldry. We assure you that besides looking incredible, and being historically accurate, not a single accidental friendly kill took place.

When We talked to members of the Imperial Estates upon Our running for the Throne, We informed them that the backlog would be one of Our priorities. It has been. As mentioned and mumbled, We have traveled a rough road. We are persevering. Known to the prior heralds, but not the populace, we had a plan. Now we are in a position to now announce it.

We find the Heraldry of the Empire has been behind, wither due to the lack of manpower or power struggles within the college. The term "Sovereign" is

confusing misleading. To quote a respected Imperial Peer "Sovereign does not mean Separate."

To his credit, Sir Nigel has respected and worked with the Imperial Crown through these tough areas and does deserve much recognition. He alone has keep us from approaching the Imperial Estates to alter the current laws concerning the college.

However, We still find the Sovereign's office in the hands of one man, which is a problem. At this time, the minister is a good and loyal servant, but no one can predict the future. Currently, if the Sovereign falls ill, or if a future Sovereign goes mad, We would find ourselves in further peril.

Therefore, Adrians have all been working (whether we knew it or not) to create a backup system to our current one. There are now two armorials. One is located on each coast. The nightmare of passing the armorial between Sovereigns is now lessened. This will stop the delay in processing heraldry between sovereigns (which creates a large lag in the approval process). All prior documents will be readily available regardless of the health, availability, or demeanor, of the outgoing Sovereign. This second srmorial is in hardcopy format and has been completed by Squire DeAcmd of York and Ourselves.

Also, Sir Nigel has recovered much of the hard copy information as possible from all the prior Sovereigns. He has done wonders with what was presented to him. It was suggested that for the lost Heraldry, both approved and UN-approved, the populace should resubmit. This was not acceptable to Us. We had members of the populace scour the Internet, with Our direction, and have recovered the electronic copies of all submissions. This could not have been done without the help of those in Terre Neuve. The recovered records were fragmented and had to be cleaned up by Squire DeAcmd and Ourselves. We have sorted these records and are forwarding a 2-inch pile of approved heraldry to Sir Nigel to add to his armorial. These approvals were the lost ones performed by prior Sovereigns, Sir Gregoire and Sir Alaric. This pile shall double the amount of approved heraldry in the Empire.

There may be some confusion with these arms. Recently Sir Nigel posted a list of approved and rejected arms. Unbeknownst to Sir Nigel, some of the

rejected arms were already approved by the prior sovereigns. Adria has a standard: Once approved, rights, titles, and arms shall not be removed. Therefore, if an estate or member has both an approval and a rejection notice of their arms from an Imperial Source the arms shall be valid.

Next, upon adding the missing approvals, We have an even larger pile of submitted (but unprocessed) heraldry from the prior Sovereigns (commonly referred to as the second backlog). These are now being sorted and shall be sent to Sir Nigel for processing.

Upon finishing this last processing, We will check with all local heralds to make sure our lists are complete. It is Our personal goal to make the office so efficient that the concept of locally approved heraldry only becomes a thing of the past.

As for the armorials, We instruct that they be presented at all Imperial Meetings (that the Imperial Sovereign of Arms attends) for those that wish to check their status.

We also have to report of the status of online heraldry. This project unfortunately has been delayed due to mundane constraints. We have seen its current status, and it looks promising. If it is not ready for release soon, We shall seek alternative methods for its completion.

We expect to see more changes in the area of heraldry in the coming months. We ask the populace to bear with us at this time.

As always, even though We do not post that often, We do review the boards to get a feel of the populace. We encourage posting and although sometimes it can be difficult, We encourage honor in those posts.

Lord Wright, Emperor

Imperial Civil/Banner War

Per the bylaws, there is an Imperial War held over the Memorial Day Weekend. This weekend is reserved for Imperial Civil War. If no civil war is declared, then the war may be fought for the amusement of the populace. There has not been an Imperial Civil War since the dawn of time, so the populace is used to thinking of this as Banner War. It is important to remember the difference, though. Until 30 days prior to the war, we must think of it as Imperial Civil War. Only if no one declares against the Imperial Crown, we can adjust our thinking into having a "Banner" War.

When: May 29/30, 2004

Archery: Onsite at all locations

Detailed information available at <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-war-banner.html>

War Sites

EAST: General Coffee State Park

Address: 46 John Coffee Road, Nicholls,

Georgia 31554 (6 miles east of Douglas, GA)

Site Fees: \$2.00 per car per day payable to the park -AND- \$17.00 adults children under 12 free (preregistration) for Adria (\$17.00 adults, \$3.00 children, onsite)

Autocrats: Dame Etaine Llewelyn, Dame Josephine Oakesblood

NORTHEAST: Ordway Farm

Address: 5941 Booker T. Washington Hwy
(also known as Rt. 122) Wirtz, Va, 24184

Site Fees: \$15.00 adults 12 and older

Autocrats: Site: Dame Isabel MacAskill

Site: Sir Murdoch MacAskill

Site Deputy: Dame Kyra Evaine

WEST: Featherly Regional Park (Canyohn RV Park)
(west side of the park)

Address: 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim,
CA 92808 (near the city of Yorba Linda)

Site Fees: \$5.00 per person for Adria (payable at the site) -AND- \$5 per car per day + \$1 per person per day for the park (payable at the gate)

Hosts: Albion, Esperance, Umbria

Autocrats: Site: Sir Terrin Greyphis

Site: Dame Marion Leal

Site: Sir Pavo Rosalio

Site: Dame Ravyn Sofia

Site: Sir William Baine

Site: Dame Ashlinn Tiernan

From the Emperor Unto His Populace

Good Populace,

We have heard some disturbing news about our Empress over the past few days. It seems that while we were recently on holiday, she hath produced another offspring. We are disturbed by the addition of a second Imperial Child and the effect this child shall have on the proper succession to the throne. Also there is some suspicious behavior concerning this second birth. Apparently it has taken place at least two weeks after the first.

We contend that Wright II is the true and rightful heir to the Throne. Wright II has already show his leadership abilities by being so far ahead of his sister, as he was born not only two weeks earlier than she but also on the exact date and time of our calling (11:45 to be precise). He was declared living and in good health by the Imperial Physicker. Wright II has also shown his ability to interact with the Imperial Estates by voting at his first Imperial meeting and has shown his strength by battling with the Imperial Mallet at the close of said meeting.

However, we do not argue the fact that Alexandra also can claim the Imperial Throne, even though she was born 2 weeks later and looks suspiciously like the Empress's bodyguard, Sir Prize.

Therefore, being a proud and biased parent we shall leave the decision of the proper succession of the Throne to the populace. On May 29 & 30, of the mundane year of Our Lord 2004, armies of all the subdivisions shall gather in the Western, South Eastern and North Eastern parts of our Empire. The autocrats of each site have been informed and they are instructed to post more detailed information and directions shortly. Upon the completion of each war the victor shall be presented with a regional Banner and then shall make known which Heir they believe to be the proper one. The Heir with the support of the most Banners shall be the legitimate heir.

May the best child win. Lord Wright, Emperor



Wright II, the child His Imperial Majesty claims is the true heir.



Alexandra, the child Her Imperial Majesty claims is the true heir.

Response from Her Imperial Majesty

Her Imperial Majesty is so flabbergasted at this contention by His Imperial Majesty that She is beyond words. We are sure this condition will not be permanent.



Regions

Chesapeake

Greetings to all! Truly, this past weekend [March 10] I felt blessed by the outpouring of friendship & goodwill exhibited by all those in attendance at our Crown Event last weekend. I had a fabulous time and I hope that you did as well. To my new members, **welcome!** Since some stats changed on Sunday, following are the winners of the various lists:

Combat: Shinai: (1st time player) Phadres (sp?)

Sergeant's list: Lord Donal Ian Mackenzie

Knights list: Captain Vincent Martin

Arts: Lord Donal Ian Mackenzie

Archery: Bowman (1st timer) Alea Strongbow

Huntsman: Lord Donal Ian Mackenzie

Please note – Lord Donal had wins in all 3 tournaments – Huzzah!

I know I thanked everyone as a group, but there were a few people that I should have singled out. I was just so overwhelmed, that they all slipped my mind. Now I understand why people who are receiving awards have a list. To my setup & clean up crews – thank thee – I have spent years in that position and felt much the unsung hero – Please know that I recognize your help and that I sincerely appreciate it. To Dena & Misty – thank you for taking the time to make the beanbags for the children. I know that you had a tight schedule this week and I truly appreciate you coming through for me. To Mistress Patricia Sparr for stepping in as a list mistress unasked. To Dame Kelda for helping me keep my marbles together and for generating lots of activities to keep the children busy. They have a tendency to be overlooked (I guess because they are short) but one unhappy child can make a dozen adults miserable. To Mistress Tisa, you drove all the way up here after working until the AM hours – then you dropped off the food to the feast site, then ran with me to set up the site – then ran out again to pick up some guests you had never met. You were even part of the clean up crew – Thank you doesn't begin to cover it. To Donnell, you stepped in to act as Hobbit Monitor when nearly everyone abandoned their children to fend for themselves – and of course you kept the baby well entertained – And on top of

that, you helped Dame Caitlin with the feast! Thank you so much! To Anna Westmore MacKenzie, Thank you as well for helping Dame Caitlin with the feast & stepping in as a list mistress unasked. Even after I starved you and your family on Saturday morning. To Dame Caitlin, I cannot forget you – I could not have done the feast without your help. I know you like to cook, but it is still a lot to ask of someone who had to drive 5 or so hours to get here. I really appreciate it – you made it wonderful. Also, thank you for being the other Hobbit Monitor. To Dame Isabel, thank you for all your advice & support. Not just this weekend, but since I have been crowned. I consider you a mentor and the best of friends. And to Malhavoc Blackthorne, you have done so much, I cannot begin to express myself. Starting at finding our feast hall, running out with Tisa to drop off the food during the Crown Event, then running out during feast to get more iced tea, general helping out, being my guardsman & occasional herald, and then presenting me with roses at closing court – you almost made me cry, you know. Thank you so much!

I look forward to seeing everyone again over the next month or two.

In Service to the Dream, Lady Kyra Evaine, Duchess of Chesapeake

Aragon

Greeting to our fellow loyal subjects of our illustrious Empire! Our Kingdom of Aragon is enjoying its brief respite from the almighty cruel joke of summer in Las Vegas. We would like to announce the birth of the Duchy of Albion that has formed with our kingdom's full support. We have many talented people that are taking up the duties to bring the knowledge of history to the world. We hope that everyone cheers a Huzzah to all of our brethren. Our Kingdom is flourishing and our arts table has been a fever of activity. Our infamous Lady Knight Serina Isobella de Torsiello entered a piece that won a masterwork at our last event.

Terre Neuve

February

The populace of Terre Neuve enjoyed a variety of activities during the month of February. These included the Hearts and Honors Tourney, the Archery Tourney, various collegiums, and the Royal Estates Meeting. Beautiful flowers and ladies of the realm were but a few of the sites to behold at the Hearts and Honors Tourney. Dame Claire Tønnesdtr was rewarded for all her diligent work for the kingdom by receiving the lands of Clairemont from the Crowns. Both Combat and Archery gave way to some intense competition. The day included an awesome battle involving the Princess in the Tower of Doom. Poetic gestures and gallant manners did not preclude the Princess from making good use of a dagger. The populace was treated to multiple bouts involving icy walls as well as monsters. Lazarus of Mannochemore took the Shenai competition, Sergeants Renn's victor was Mistress Seti of Mannochemore, Hucheon Blackheart of Mannochemore took Knight's Renn and the Steel competition victor was Sir Jason the Civilized of the Black Company. The Archery Tourney had a great attendance at the Balboa Walk Down Range. Juan Ramón of Dragon air Chuthach was the victor of the Huntsmen's list with Horace of the Glen taking the Bowmen's list. The month's collegiums included Persona Development taught by Sir Tailan Bran McNeil of Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel, Arts Documentation taught by Dame Claire of Eagles Roost, Shield Making presented by Baron Eric Svartr of Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel, and Medieval Dance taught by Mistress Anne Bryce of Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel. The month was concluded with a Royal Estates Meeting.

Crown War - and New Heirs

Dame Claire Tønnesdtr with Sir Angus McLean de McDonnon of Eagles Roost and Dame Akria Krastel of Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel with Sir Ivan Mannochemore vied for the Thrones of Terre Neuve in March's Crown War, and Sir Angus & Dame Claire were crowned Prince and Princess on Sunday evening after a full two days of battle. We had many visitors from other lands, Umbria, Esperance, Sangreal and Brandenburg all sent representatives to the war, and we had more than 120 people in attendance. The weather was delightful, and

a far cry from last years Great Windy War!

The arts were INCREDIBLE! MWs included; a young lady of Mannochemore turned in a red chalk drawing in the manner of Leonardo DaVinci! Her documentation was one of the finest Terre Neuve has ever seen. Also from Mannochemore was a musical entry on recorder with detailed theory of medieval music, and both these artisans are under 18! Another entry from Mannochemore was a hand-tooled leather quiver that was marvelously crafted. From Dundalk came a research project on the astrolabe with the sun's position charted over the course of a year and a beautiful handmade book with the book of Jude from the bible illuminated and set down in calligraphy, again both of these entries had excellent documentation.

Receiving TWs; one Dundalk artisan submitted a collection of hand-carved lucets that fascinated all who saw them, as well as a collection of beautifully crafted silver rings with cabochon stones, and another artisan from Dundalk fashioned a lovely linen shirt, all period materials and hand-finishing. From Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel a tourney win was awarded for a delightfully performed Broadside Ballad; an original work she has been working on for the past 8 years. Returning to the House of Mannochemore; tourney wins were awarded to two artisans under 18; one for a beautifully performed song, "Come Again Sweet Love doth now Invite" and another for an original composition of an English Sonnet in the Shakespearian manner, again with excellent docs. There were many other excellent entries; so many that judging was not completed until just before dark on Sunday. All of the Arts judges deserve the highest praise for their many long hours of judging over the two days.

His Royal Majesty King Madoc McDonnon did an excellent job of creating some interesting scenarios to keep the combatants occupied. This ranged all the way from simple resurrection and the taking of a castle to battles fought in a gully. The bridge battles were fascinating to observe. Usually bridge battles involve an area wide enough for two or three shield men to block for the pole arms men. In this bridge battle King Madoc provided a plank just wide enough for one combatant at a time to cross. It was quite challenging for the combatants to engage on such a narrow plank.

Target and Combat Archery also took place. It was quite a sight to see all the different colors of arrow fletches and javelins flying through the air. Shenai, Renn and Steel scenarios all took place in both shade and sun. The marshals, water bearers and Physickers were kept busy with all the combat taking place, our gratitude goes out to all of them for their dedication and assistance.

Saturday Night was filled with frolic and laughter. After a potluck feast to set the tone of the evening, the teens of Terre Neuve set heads turning as the majority of them from the youngest 13 year old to the oldest 19 year old cross-dressed and brought new meaning to the old adage "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"! Then during the Traditional Bunny Hunt, young and old alike found their way through the dark with the assistance of flashlights to locate and capture the elusive creatures.

Plans were made to conduct the March Crown Tournament on the same weekend as the Crown War; however the nine combat scenarios in combination with the multitude of awesome arts entries took up the entirety of the weekend. In fact, portions of closing court took place in the dark with some of the populace waving lit matches in concert like fashion. Sir Gunther the Grey entertained everyone with a rousing filk song dedicated to the contenders. It was sung to the tune of "Happy Together" with lighting assistance from Mistress Christina. By the time this missive reaches the empire, Coronation will have taken place and new Crowns will rule in Terre Neuve. We would like to send our grateful thanks to Dame Kendra and Sir Madoc for their years of dedication and service to our Kingdom.

Coronation

Lords and Ladies, esteemed Crowns, populace of the great empire of Adria, the past and future Crowns of Terre Neuve send you greetings and welcome you to our coronation feast. The feast will be held at the Linda Vista Community Center in San Diego on April 14th. It will begin at 6 pm. As always, there will be much entertainment and merrymaking as well as the Consecration of the stone of destiny and the coronation ritual itself. We invite you come share this glorious night with us. The costs of this great feast are \$13.00 for adults 13+, \$7.00 for 12-6, with 5 under free. You may use the PayPal link in the calendar section of the kingdom website to prepay. We will also be heralding the attendees into the feast, so please RSVP

to herald@kingdomofterreneuve.org. If you're at the kingdom site, there is a list of ministers with contact info., and herald will come to me. Please include both your mundane and game names, with titles for all the members in your party. This will allow us to build the list and Princess Claire to make place settings. Directions to the event site are also at the kingdom web site. Anyone having questions or not able to access the information, please email the yahoo egrouop for Terre Neuve and i will get back to you. I will also send any directions should people request such. In short, if you have any problems, get in touch with me, and I will help.

In service to the Crowns of Terre Neuve, Lord Cledwyn ap Llanrwst, Crown Herald

Prize Tourney

Terre Neuve will be holding a Prize Tourney for the arts during mid day court at our regular monthly event in April (Sat. 4/17). Projects for the prize tournament **do not** need documentation and can even be projects you've turned in previously for judging. Bring out your best work for show and tell. Bring out several. This tournament will be judged by applause-o-meter by the populace. The prize is an authentic period coin kindly donated by Cledwyn. This contest is open to any and all kingdoms/duchies. There are other future prize tournaments planned. Stan the Blacksmith has promised to donate a blade, but that will have to be postponed until he has a shop again. It is my hope that with the onus of documentation removed, we will have more arts participation for this event. Once we identify our paperwork-shy artists out there we can work with them to get some documentation together that can be judged. Please note that the prize tournament is **in addition to** the regular tournament. If you don't bring proper documentation and go through the judging process you can't get an arts participation point.

Information

Plans are being made at this time for a Young Adria War, to be held sometime in the Spring, geared toward the young members of Adria; tentative plans include a Backwards Feast, a Silly Weapons Tourney, and Period Games. Look to the Terre Neuve website for more information on these events as it becomes available. <http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org/>

Brandenburg

Greetings Brandenburg and friends;

War time is upon us again. We have a glorious site on at San Onofre recreational beach on Camp Pendelton. Yes, we will be camping! War will be upon us on the eve of friday, April 23rd. The site may be entered after noon that day. We fight, revel, gamble, etc until sunday, then go home tired but happy.

I will need an idea of who and how many are attending the war. Please send a reply if you plan to go as soon as possible. We need to get passes for our horseless carriages.

I want to do a potluck saturday night, also let me know what you can bring. I will be at Schloss Schutzenhiem tuesday eve if you show up there. If not, send on the list or directly at jaykienle@cox.net . I look forward to a great weekend with you all.

YIS, Karl, Duke of Brandenburg

Kildare

The Duchy of Kildare has undergone many changes in the last six months starting with the name change and ranging into areas of law. For the past nine months we have held an Estates Meeting monthly to reestablish our boundaries, rules and traditions. We studied the lands around us and took heart that we came to the some of the same conclusions they did in how we wanted our sub-division run. We were also surprised by the ingenuity among our members to find ways to deal with difficult situations. You can find the results of our efforts on our web page at <http://www.dragons-mist.org/writs.htm>.

Tournament winners for the past four months:

Archery - Catrianna Celeste O'Druane, Duke Xavier, Duke Xaiver, Malise

A&S - Cathan ni Sonoid, Malise

Somerset

On March 27, Dame Abegail del Oscuro (having fought uncontested in the Crown War) was crowned as Duchess of Somerset. Congratulations, Your Grace.

Dunvegan

Unto the populace of the Northeast and all beyond, I am pleased to announce that on the weekend of May 15-16, 2004, The Duchy of Dunvegan will be hosting a war to decide who our first Baron or Baroness will be. All are invited to come, participate, observe...mercenaries are more than welcome.

The two contenders are Fiona Lawson and Lord Karl Lagerstein. Mistress Lawson is a journeyman armorer and a wonderful addition to our merry band. Lord Karl is the House Sire of Dragon's Bane and also a wonderful addition.

In the coming weeks I will ask each of them to post to this and other forums their positions so to speak. I for one believe that either is a more than worthy choice. Scenarios will be formulated and posted 30 days prior to the event. Location will be announced very soon along with all accompanying necessary information.

To make things VERY interesting, the Duke, Sir Murdoch, has declared that in the event of a tie, the activities that the contenders come up with for the littlest members of our group will be judged (by verbal vote of course) by those very little ones.

Too often we forget that there are members among the under 5 foot category among us. We in Dunvegan are trying in earnest to make events a thing that the children ask to attend and then talk about with enthusiasm afterward. Afterall, we are an educational group are we not and why not begin the education with our children.

Send any and all questions to me. If you wish to post to either (or both) of the contenders, for the time being I will forward them on as appropriate.

Respectfully and always in service, Dame Isabel MacAskill, Duchess of Dunvegan

Umbria

Congratulations to the new Crown of Umbria: Sir Pavo Rosalio and Dame Ravyn.

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Events

April 4: Proposal Deadline

For bids to host Imperial War

April 14: Terre Neuve Coronation

Linda Vista Community Center (San Diego, CA)

April 17/18: Galloway University Day

Location TBA (North Carolina)

April 24: Terre Neuve Coronation

Linda Vista, CA (Southern California)

April 24/25: Brandenburg Annual War

Camp Pendleton (Southern California)

May 1: Proposal Deadline

For bids to host July Imperial Estates Meeting

May 15/16: Dunvegan Crown War

Location TBA

May 29/30: Imperial Civil/Banner War

Location TBA

May 30: Declaration Deadline

For those intending to run for Imperial Crown

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