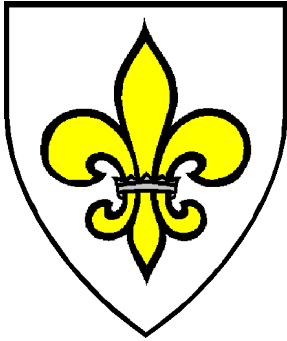


The Adrian Herald

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A word from His Imperial Majesty

Greetings Adrians,

It has been an exciting first quarter for me, Coronation; year-end holidays, trips, and illnesses; and just as the rain stops pouring down locally, its time for an Estates Meeting. Still, a lot has gotten done already and more is to come.

We have resolved the lingering issue of the IRS tax penalty! With Sir William working on the mundane side and me working on the Imperial side, we were able to reach an agreement with HIH Wright. While Lord Wright began fundraising to offset the Empire's loss, Sir William's follow through with the IRS resulted in their refund of the penalty, with interest. HIH Wright is happy to be active with Adrian activities again and has been raising additional funds for the Empire.

A major facelift has been in the works for the Imperial Website with lots of new features planned. With individual logins, we'll be able to let local Crowns and Ministers directly update information for their chapter. Information processing that has previously used separate tools or been on separate websites is also being consolidated. It will thus be easy to find, accessible from different computer types, and all without having to install special local software. This effort has been started with the Rolls Database system and will soon be in testing with a general release to follow. I'll leave it to Sir Rhydderch to go into more details about the website improvements.

I have been reviewing the use of period Crossbows in Adria and speaking to my Ministers of Archery. Sir Blackarrow wants to make sure that we have adequate definitions and safety regulations in place, and once that is done, we will expand play testing and see if we can get some lists going across the Empire. I intend to be able to have a writ in place before the end of March.

The division of Emperor and President is going well; we keep each other informed, but let the other make the calls in their area. I look forward to a future that allows an Emperor and an Empress (this is a BIG job) that are free from the basics of corporate administration because others are doing that job. Not only will a long term division of labor in this direction allow for more people to share the workload, it will allow people to be Imperial Crowns without requiring them to be able to manage a corporation. Likewise it will allow people to contribute their efforts and expertise in business administration without requiring them to take on Imperial burdens.

Minister Updates – I have made some changes among my Ministers. I wish to thank Sir Duncan for his service, but it was obvious to both of us that his mundane life was slowing his performance in the office and so I asked him to take a break from Imperial Service. Effective immediately, Sir Pavo Rosalia is my Imperial Minister of Joust and War. Sir Erik Harbinger and Sir Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim will move from the Crown Marshal's office to become his deputies and focus on rules updates including those for siege engines. Sir Ivan Mannochemore will be the Crown Marshal East and the office of Crown Marshal West is open. Sir Warren Anthony will fill the office of the Imperial Minister of Justice.

Rolls Office – I continue to look for a team of people to do half of the work Dame Marion gets done a daily basis. We must thank her again for all of her efforts. Her careful review of



chapter rolls reports finds missing points and she contacts the local Minister or Crown and to correct the local records and makes sure the correction also gets into the national database. It is always easier to fix recent records than figure out what happened a year or more later. The Imperial Database continues to expedite audits when the local chapters have consistently participated in its use. The number one problem delaying 3rd level audits is still the lack of local paperwork and data not entered into the database. You can to help stop this problem by regularly reviewing your rolls records on the Imperial Website. If a couple of months pass and you still don't see your points for an event, ask your Rolls Minister or Crown why your points weren't awarded or didn't reach the Imperial Database promptly. Dame Marion is not the person preventing your advancement; she is just the person processing things at the end of many chains of many events. She regularly contacts me to review the records and consider approval when records cannot be recovered. If your approval depends on missing documentation, you may contact me to review your records, but please understand that this is a huge job and your request will take time. I expect members to understand that it is Dame Marion's job to question rules violations and bring them to me to review. It is discretion of a Crown to determine if service is acceptable to award points – and the Imperial Crown's discretion that the award is consistent with Imperial rules and practice.

Speaking of following the rules, it has been in the Steward's Manual and Rolls Manual for years and years that these two offices, both crucial to the operation of the Empire, are not allowed to get ministry points if they fail to report (and it can impact their Crowns if it continues for a few months). See the appropriate manual for details. These rules will now be enforced consistently. Get in your reports now if you haven't been reporting, but effective March, points will be affected.

Imperial Policies – As I figure out which things that seem like normal operation to me are really my policies that may differ from how things have been done before, I will make sure that they are collected and published where members can refer to them. This will also include longer standing policies so that people will know what those are. Here is an example. This policy was put into place in November of 2004 (2003?) or perhaps earlier, but that is when I learned of it, and has been continued by each Imperial Crown since including myself. It was made by Their (then) Imperial Majesties Wright and Aislynnne to protect the Empire from suffering additional losses such as they had already seen from those in technical fields (software and website authors). Note that I have not seen a written publication of this policy, so the words are mine.

As the Adrian Empire depends on its bylaws, writs, and manuals, so does it become dependent on software that it uses and its websites. Henceforth [from November 2004], all custom software and websites used officially by the Adrian Empire shall be owned by and copyrighted to the Adrian Empire. Anyone wishing to contribute software or work on websites must be willing to do so under this condition. Anyone not willing to do so is free not to contribute, and we shall not use your work. This protects the Empire from those who contribute work of this type and then refuse to turn it over when requested to do so, e.g. when a reign changes or they are otherwise replaced in a ministerial position.

Any chapter that has a private person's copyright owning the scripts and codes operating their website (it is okay to post content, with their permission, that they hold copyright to – the removal of this content, if demanded in the future, should not impact the operation of your chapter) is directed to immediately take steps to remedy this and not leave it to your successors who may not see eye-to-eye with your webmaster or other contributor. You do not need to immediately shut down your site; putting into place a plan and starting a migration is adequate for those who cannot obtain permission to change the copyright.

I wish to thank the Crowns and Ministers that have continued to send in monthly reports and I pledge to work out ways to increase my responsiveness to your messages and your cousins' messages, and your friends' messages, and your neighbors' messages, etc.

Remember to have fun in your pursuits in Adria, but please also remember to be helpful to or at least cooperative with the Ministers who dedicate so much of their lives to the administration of the Empire so that there is an Empire for you to enjoy.

Terrin Greyphis

Emperor of Adria



Board of Directors

Greetings Members of Adria,

Thank you for the trust and support you've shown and continue to give us to address the corporation's business. While most of it is a lot less fun than armoring up and taking the field, we have achieved some "wins" and are pursuing more.

Thanks to selfless work on the part of our Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Ann Coe, the problems with having various bank accounts in different states and complying with different regulations should be resolved. As of February 7, 2008, all chapter bank accounts are now resident with the corporate account in Orange, California. We can effectively monitor accounts and insure activity stays within our guidelines. Likewise, she is bringing all our financial activity into one database to have a complete picture and simplify our tax filing. With this, we can expect to keep our accounting costs under control and file earlier. Mary Ann and I will be reviewing corporate registration requirements in each of the states we have chapters to insure our compliance.

On advise of our professional accountant, we must make every effort to recover the cost of an unbudgeted contract (\$865.42) from our predecessors' Jubilee Feast. Regardless of the results of pending judicial matters in determining responsibility, I am pleased to announce that volunteers have pledged to donate toward this obligation. \$300 has already been pledged, we appreciate this effort but we still need to raise over \$500. If you can help, please contact the Imperial Steward to arrange to mail your check. In order to avoid such incidents and liabilities in the future, we are reviewing financial procedures autocrats must follow in representing AE, Inc.

Many other matters are under consideration by the Board, the Agenda for the upcoming meeting should be posted.

At this time I am happy to report the successful resolution of the Board's business regarding Chris Bagnall. Despite numerous requests and more than enough time, no compelling evidence has been presented to support allegations that Chris Bagnall committed mundane misconduct regarding the IRS late penalty against Adrian Empire, Inc. In fact, Chris Bagnall assisted this administration in successfully pursuing a full refund from the IRS, as well as offering to raise money to reimburse the Adrian Empire for this penalty. Further, he stipulated that any money raised will be Adrian general funds, regardless of whether the actual penalty was refunded. Since no evidence has been presented of wrongdoing, and he has more than satisfied the requirements set by the Board of Directors as authorized by the Imperial Estates, Chris Bagnall shall no longer be considered "not in good standing."

We are in the process of locating all previous BoD Minutes and other records, to have a complete archive and have them available, past members are encouraged to assist us.

We look forward to seeing members and guests at the Board of Directors Meeting, March 7, in Portland, Maine.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to share your advise, you may reach me at dreye@cox.net or (702) 736-0510.

Thank you.

William Haldeman,
President,
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Farewell Address

Greetings unto the Knight's, Nobles, Estates, and Populace of Adria,

Thank you for giving us the privilege of spending two years as your Imperial Crowns. It was an exciting experience and we learned a lot. It was wonderful to get to work with the various Ministers, Crowns, and members. You made our time on the throne a truly enjoyable experience and you continue to make Adria a truly special place to be. We continue to enjoy our time spent with the Empire and appreciate being granted the opportunity to continue our service as Imperial Ministers.

As you may be aware, the time has come for you to decide if we did a good job as your Imperial Crowns. Last year, we asked that the item to approve our first reign be tabled until the March 2008 Imperial Estates Meeting. We did not feel that it was appropriate to ask for a title when we were not, truly, done. Thank you for your indulgence in granting us the ability to continue our tenure in a way that would encourage continued innovation and dedication to this organization. We would ask, at this time, that you please consider both of our reigns and grant us approval to represent you as Prince and Princess of Adria.

When this question comes up, many people ask what constitutes a successful reign. That has been an elusive question for quite some time and has no real definition, other than: Do you feel that the people did a good job and represented Adria to the best of their abilities? When we ran for Imperial Crown, we listed a series of goals. Below is a list of those goals, how we worked to meet them, and other things we managed to do along the way.

Goal #1: Create Subdivisions in New Areas

We authorized creation of subdivisions in many areas where subdivisions had not existed. In addition, we made sure to show support for smaller subdivisions to help them grow into larger subdivisions. We worked closely with the Crowns of smaller subdivisions to give them assistance in recruiting and management of their area. Also, we assisted subdivisions who were having problems managing large areas to reduce their area to more manageable pieces.

Goal #2: Create and Maintain an Appropriate Budget Based on Real Numbers

We worked with our Steward to create budgets that would be realistic for our needs and eliminated unnecessary expenditures. Both years of our reign, we spent less money than we budgeted and generated more revenue than we anticipated. We filed taxes in a timely manner and moved our accounting to a disinterested third party to ensure unbiased reporting and create a system of checks and balances. In addition, memberships were posted in a timely fashion, with checks being deposited upon receipt. We also created a system of fiscal responsibility that was equivalent and pertained to all subdivisions and individuals throughout the Empire.

Goal #3: Increase Communication

We began by publishing a series of Policies and Procedures. We separated mundane expectations from game expectations and stated each clearly within the first two months of our reign. We reiterated policy and writ consistently throughout our two years on the throne. We welcomed questions and concerns, making sure to make every attempt possible to respond to people in a timely manner. We also made every attempt to communicate with people to resolve problems before pursuing judicial remedies. We began live audio broadcasting of the Imperial Estates Meetings in an effort to give more people the ability to participate in the decision making process of our organization. We traveled throughout the Empire during our two year reign to ensure that we met as many Adrians as possible, making journeys to the West Coast, Southeast, Northeast, Northwest, Midwest, and Central areas for a variety of Events and Ceremonies. During these journeys we had the opportunity to meet face to face with Crowns and populace alike, discussing pertinent issues for their area and Adria as a whole. We encouraged open, professional communication among all members of Adria. This has been our proudest achievement and watching the interactions between members now only confirms the success of this model.

Goal #4: Increased Education

This has been evident in the level of discussions taking place on various Yahoo Groups, as well as personal interactions we have had with others. We have seen people actively researching timelines, historical references, and characterizations. We have seen phenomenal classes and demos occurring all over the Empire. This has enhanced the understanding of what we do for people both in and out of our organization, while helping us step forward toward a deeper comprehension of each others culture and reasoning for enjoyment of Adria.

Goal #5: Higher Level of Accountability amongst Knights

This has been a difficult one to deal with; however, we have made great strides to hold everyone, ourselves included, responsible for their actions. We understand it is not fun to be the one with your head on the chopping block—both of us have been there. We have tried to apologize any time that we have acted in an inappropriate fashion, tried to provide positive models, and accepted criticism by trying to make improvements in the way we do things. We have made great efforts to treat everyone with respect and encourage that same respect from others. We know that no one is perfect---we definitely aren't. It is what you do with those imperfections that define your character and we have seen incredible character among many Adrians in this past two years!

In addition to feeling secure in having met our goals, we have created an online points and combat qualification database. While we know that these are not 100%, they are accessible and available. They provide direct information without having to jump through hoops. We had an excellent Newsletter, thanks to our wonderful minister. We had great Ministers who maintained communication in their area of expertise throughout the Empire. We made it through Imperial Agendas in one day, leaving the second day free for classes and open discussions, and people left saying they had "fun". We had excellent reporting and communication from subdivisions, which helped all of us stay on the same page!!!

Thank you for all of your support throughout our reign/s. We appreciate everything that everyone did to help us further the Adrian Empire and her vision. It is because of you that we had a wonderful time as your Emperor and Empress. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us!!!!

Huzzah to you all!!!!

Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlinn Tiernan





College of Arms



From the Imperial Sovereign of Arms

Greetings unto the Empire of Adria,

The LoRRS are moving forward with out complication. The Regional Deputies are in place and available to all those who have need.

Imperial Sovereign of Arms VS Local Ministers of Arms

I have noticed a trend evolving for some time now and I wish to inform all Crowns, Ministers of Arms and Populace who may be confused or uninformed. Heraldic Arms are generally created locally and submitted to the local Minister of Arms. At times it seems that people try to go straight to the College namely the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to get their arms approved Imperially, often by passing the Local Minister of Arms (in essence the Crown) to get their arms approved. This has also been seen as a way in which people hope to override the local Minister of Arms decision to deny the arms. Though the College is always there to help with heraldic understanding, it is not its purview to overrule or throw its weight around on the Local Level. Our Function is to Register and Protect Heraldic Arms that meet the requirements set forth by the College of Arms. There are Arms that meet this requirement and there are some that do not, even if they are approved locally. But we will not register arms that are not approved locally.

The Minister of Arms of a chartered subdivision has the exclusive right to approve armorial devices submitted by the membership of the chartered subdivision.

Individuals must present their registration forms to their local Minister of Arms or other designated heraldic officer (or Crown). The Imperial Sovereign of Arms will not accept direct presentations except under special circumstances.

The Heraldry proposal form has a space to record approval at the Local Level. If this is not signed we will not accept the proposal.

Reports

After reviewing recent report activity I was concerned about the lack of reports coming in from around the Empire. At first I felt "Here we go again", yet after doing some research I came to the realization that more than half of the Empire's Subdivisions are without Ministers of Arms, leaving the duties to the crowns. This is of concern to the College, for under further scrutiny it has also become apparent that there is an extreme shortage of educated and qualified members in the area of Adrian Heraldry.

Before I go further, let me say first to all Crowns lacking a Minister of Arms, Please feel free to contact me should you need help with your local heraldry, we are here to help you if needed.

The College Opens Rank to All

In times past, one would generally earn rank in the College of Arms by serving as a Minister of Arms or perhaps serving as an Imperial Minister such as a Regional Deputy or the ISOA. There have been Heralds and even Kings of Arms who have held these ranks through the titles bestowed upon the minister of arms office in their chartered subdivision, some having never read the heraldry manual. Alas, in an effort to promote Heraldic education and provide the Empire with skilled and knowledgeable Heralds. The College of Arms will open rank to all members of the Empire, regardless whether they serve as a Minister of Arms. We hope that not only would this promote a better understanding of Heraldic principles in Adria, it will provide a larger pool for our Chartered Subdivisions and our populace to draw upon.

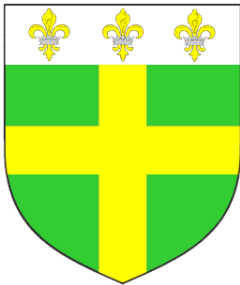
The model for earning this rank is a cross between the Vicar General course and the Steps to Ministry Knighthood. By assisting in the creation of Arms, Serving and fulfilling duties as a Minister of Arms, Teaching Heraldic Class's and filing research to the College of Arms, one would earn participation for each month. The ranking would be **Pursivant, Herald, King/Queen of Arms**. Each rank would have a certain number of required participations plus the passing of a test based on information found in our Heraldic rules and education. Those whose participation has been exceptional may be nominated for a Heraldic Title, Such as "Sword" and would be able to use that title in conjunction with their rank, "Sword Herald".

As such has always been, these ranks are only valid within the College of Arms and hold no precedence within the normal Adrian ranking structure. Also, any who are currently ranked will not lose rank already achieved. Yet further advancement in rank will be based upon this model.

The ranking "Steps" will be available within the month.

We hope this will encourage more to learn about Heraldry and increase understanding of the College of Arms heraldic practices.

In Service to the Empire of Adria and the College of Arms,



Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd



Title : Sesimbra Medieval Castle (PORTUGAL)

Description : About 30 miles to the south of Lisbon, is the fishermen village of Sesimbra, in which we can find this perfect medieval Castle from 12th century.

From the Imperial Minister Chancery

The Chancellor is working hard to both meet the goals of Publishing the Agenda as well as working on the plain language by law. I would like to commend the work of both of my deputies HG Sir Warren and HE Sir Callon for the outstanding work that have done so far this year. I would remind all Chancellors of the Empire that I need their voting rosters no later than

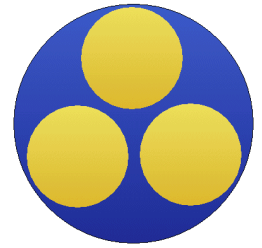
2 weeks before the Estates meeting. We are also looking for self nominations from the region of the West for the additional seats of the Board of Directors if that proposal passes. I would like to thank all the Chancellors and Ministers of Justice who have been sending in their reports.

HG Sir Tailan Bran McNeil
Imperial Chancellor

Financial Report Adrian Empire Corporate Account January 31, 2008

General Fund Account	\$ 33,431.38	
SubAccounts		
Subdivision Accounts	(4,473.47)	
Restricted Funds		
Imperial Travel	(2,319.83)	
	<u>\$ 26,638.08</u>	
Outstanding Checks		
Corporate Platinum Card	(239.69)	
	<u>\$ 26,398.39</u>	
Less Accrual		
Insurance - Liability	\$ (13,500.00)	Due May 2008
Total Available	<u>\$ 12,898.39</u>	
Savings Account	\$ 10,670.23	Interest 0.20 %
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 10,346.65	Interest 4.26 %
	<u>21,016.88</u>	
Paid Deposits / Site Fees		
Site fee for Banner West 2008	300.00	

From the Imperial Steward's Office



The good news is the IRS filing was completed in November but not mailed until December due to questions I had with one of the Schedules and how numbers fit into the filing. We could have mailed the form and worked with the numbers but the one Schedule A was inaccurate so it needed to be addressed. The error started with last year's filing and it was not caught until this year's review. The goal is to file next year before November 1. To meet that goal, we will need the cooperation of all Chapter Stewards with complete and timely reports.

The bad news is - to keep our filing costs at \$ 750.00 which appears to be the Industry Standard; we must use the QuickBooks as intended and load all financials from all Chapters on the software. From the inception of QuickBooks it has been used for Imperial and those Chapters that bank with Imperial only. Even at that only the balances held by Corporate were entered on QB - not the actual spending activity. So we have a whole new process that needs to be incorporated.

The financial guidelines are for 501(c)3 - are not broken down between the big guys and the little guys.

The balance of the bad news is we have not been reporting our income as directed by 501(c)3 status. This is not a major new issue. We have slowly been moving in that direction all year. All income must be reported in categories: Donations, Fund Raising (raffles must be reported separately) and Program Fees. All Expenses must be reported against each category. If donations, fund raising, raffles are set up for a reason - those funds must show as restricted and only be used for the reason stipulated. We must remember we are a Public Charity and must account for all financial activity.

Funds collected must be identified and deposited in the month earned. Expenses must be identified and expended in the month earned. The Check Register is actually more important than the Bank Statement.

Check Requests with two valid signatures must be completed before checks are issued. There are a few exceptions which will be addressed with the Chapter Crowns and Stewards.

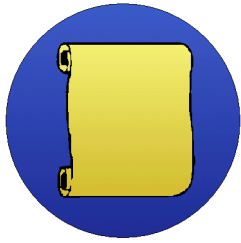
At the IRS Year End Fiscal Period 06/30/2007 - 5 Chapters filed with a combined loss of \$ 3,527. One Chapter alone filed a loss of \$ 1,900. 10 Chapters filed a combined Income of \$ 5601 between \$ 14.00 to \$ 1,600.

The Adrian Empire and its Chapters have 3 separate fiscal periods. IRS (Corporate) July 1, YYYY to June 30, YYYY. The Imperial Fiscal Period November 1, YYYY to October 31, YYYY and last but not least Chapter Fiscal Period which is based on Coronation to Coronation. So who is responsible for the bottom line on June 30, YYYY. We all are. It is possible to show a viable loss on June 30 due to various Fiscal Periods, and as long as we can account for the loss and how it will be recovered - we are good. An Event can take a legitimate loss based on variables - weather - food costs / strikes / mundane life. If the budget was created with previous actuals and all receipts are accounted for and approved - loss is acceptable. What needs to be addressed at that point is how to recover the loss. Do we add an extra dollar to the next event to show an income over expectations? Do we adjust the budget for future expenditures? However, it is addressed, the loss needs to be addressed and the Estates notified.

I will end with good news - the CD we secured March 2007 earned \$ 347. vs the same dollar in the savings which earned \$ 16.

If you noticed the use of the word Chapter vs Subdivision - that is because we have Chapters. Subdivision has a whole other meaning in the banking - CPA - IRS world. In addition, in looking at other groups similar to ours, the word Chapter is used to show separate groups.

I wish to thank all the Chapter Stewards that take the Steward Monthly Report and times reported seriously and look forward to full cooperation from all to the filing on or before November 1, 2008.



From our Imperial Rolls Minister

Greetings:

First and foremost congratulations to Gloucester for being the most complete and up to date on their Rolls Records. Cashel not only complete for their Chapter but for entering all records from the prior DunVegan. Umbria for working extremely hard in entering 1998 through 2003 - sending **boxes** of support documents to the Imperial Rolls Office.

It can be very time consuming to enter older rolls records when members have changed persona's and names not to mention the lack of detail such as who actually won the tournament!

If the Chapter Rolls Minister submits complete support detail using the approved documentation with Crown Approval for Minister and Collegiums - the approval process becomes easier each month. Depending on the size of the Chapter and its activities, Events have been released within 30 to 60 minutes. If the documentation is held for 3 or 4 months or the documentation is not complete and requires clarification, or Crown approval - then it takes more time to release.

How can you - the member help the process? Print your name - sign your name on the Event Sign In. If you name and your signature is not there - you were not at the event. If you are the Lyst Mistress / Lyst Master, insure all marshals and water bearers are listed - confirm the physicker is noted. Insure the Combat Tree is complete or if the tournament is a not structured tournament - so note. If you are the Art Minister insure all judges are listed and identified. I will say at this point the Minister of A&S, through out the Chapters, is the best overall for their support detail. If you are the Archery Minister insure all Range Masters are listed - if the tournament is "different from the standard" so note on the form so it will make sense as to who the TW belongs to. If you are the Rolls Minister insure the person who signed in for Ministry actually performed that function before giving to the Crowns for signature.

January 26th - I received Events for September - October - November 2007 as well as Events for 2003 previously noted as missing. This package from a Kingdom is not going to be released in an hour. The perfect routine is to address current events as received - then work on older events such as the deluge from Umbria.

We have Chapters that have not signed on to the Data Base since September 2007 - we have Chapters that have signed on to the Data Base but not submitted the documents to this office.

We have approved a 3rd Level in 30 minutes and have spot checked some 1st and 2nd level to find all the information on line. The 1st and 2nd levels are not approved at the Imperial Level; it was a spot check to see how the system works. There were 2 that I went back to the Chapter and the missing records were addressed - as well as discussing with the Rolls Ministers that now is the time to correct or adjust entries and not wait until the 3rd level process.

Going forward, only the approved Steps to Knighthood will be accepted for 3rd level review. March 2007 the statement was made at the end of the Estates Meeting - only approved rolls forms will be accepted. In addition, effective March 2008, we will enforce Manual Rolls and Lists Section V.E...

A year ago I said it looked like we had 27 Chapters and 32 Rolls Manuals for advancement. Today, I believe we have deleted that number of Rolls Manuals by 22 plus or minus to 10. We still need to learn and educate ourselves as to the intent of advancement through Knight Premier - service; Knight Champion - combat - skill; Knight Warden - archery - skill; Knight Doctor - diversity and Master Works. Combat, Archery and Arts are how we educate - Ministry is how we get it all accomplished. All disciplines play a part in Adria; all cultures play a part in Adria.

There are some that say we need less rules and more "play - fun time" and I agree. But we do need some basic ground rules and we all need to play within the same basic rules. I firmly believe, with that in mind we have no alternative but to increase our membership, our steel fighters, our archers, our artisans and if we all respect each other and each culture we will increase our ministers.

From our Imperial Hospitaler



Greetings unto the Populace of Adria,

First, I would like to say thank you to the subdivisions that are sending monthly reports. There are currently 4 that have maintained current reporting. That means that it is time for everyone else to step up their game. The Hospitaler's position is one of the most important in the Empire! This person is usually the first contact for new and prospective members, liaison for mundane entities, go-to person for the membership, public relations expert, and cheerleader for their area. This year, we will work on four main goals: 1. Fundraising, 2. Recruitment, 3. Retention, and 4. Building better relations with the mundane world. In your reports each month, I would like to see you use these areas as a heading, and list something your subdivision has done that has helped to further each one. I will be creating report forms to reflect this format. We will be working on a manual that includes all of these things. If you have any suggestions or ideas that should be included, please send them to me. In addition, any member can send in suggestions for these areas and questions they would like to see answered as part of a manual. Let's keep the lines of communication open and flowing!!!

In Service to the Adrian Empire,

Dame Ashlinn Tiernan

Imperial Hospitaler

From the Imperial Minister of Archery

Greetings to the Archers of the Adrain Empire

As a Minister for the Imperial I want to address a few issues that have come to my attention. I am really in dire need of monthly archery reports. If you did not have a tournament just send in a report stating no archery this month. In the report please tell what type of shoot, how many yards, how many arrows were shot, how many archers were there. Describe the tournament, what size targets were used. The score sheets that are being sent in to the Imperial Rolls minister needs to have the sign in sheet attached with the score sheet. This helps the Rolls Minister do her job and will not delay any one's points.

Also, another issue that was brought to my attention, is the tournaments. Tournaments should be at least two rounds of six arrows. This makes a balanced tournament so anyone has the opportunity to win the tournament. Shooting one arrow is not a tournament, an archery win is determined by the score of the arrows, not on luck of a card or etc.

If you have a problem making a list you can move a Bowman to the Huntsman's List, you can not move Huntsman to the Bowman's List. If this is done your score sheets should reflect it.

Any questions regarding archery or a problem with tournaments, Please email me or one of my deputies for assistance

May your arrows fly straight and true
Dame Margarita DuBois
Imperial Minister of Archery

From the Imperial Office of Information

Talk about your busy schedules....

Sometimes it seems like our personal lives are always in flux and that is what it has been for the last few months in mine. It is always a blessing when the time is available for me to come "home" to Adria. At least here things don't seem to change so much; I know that when I sit at my desk determined to work on my department that the works is there and waiting and not much has changed since I left it a few days ago.

So let's talk about what has been going on...

Imperial Estates Broadcasting

The November 2007 IEM was the second ever live audio broadcast for this meeting. Several of the bugs from the previous attempt in July were resolved and the system worked very well. So well in fact that the decision was made to place an expense item on the budget for this year to purchase the needed audio equipment that will allow for a much better quality of broadcast. If all goes well those of you choosing to participate in the IEM via the broadcast will reap the benefits of this decision during the March 2008 IEM in Portland Maine. This has overall project has 3 separate stages to it. The actual conception and testing using what is locally available to us. The purchase of equipment and testing to increase the quality. And the customization of our own software. The purchase of equipment effectively moves us from stage one into stage two and I have already begun to looking towards the final stage. With that in mind, I would like to ask for assistance from anyone in the Empire who has a knowledge of programming streaming audio to please contact me as the final stage will be a huge undertaking for just one person.

The Imperial Website

Where do I even begin to elaborate on this project? Baring anything unforeseen, the new Imperial Website should be accessible to everyone by the opening of the IEM. This project has taken so many twists and turns that I am not even sure where it began nor what it will eventually become in the years ahead. When it does go live it will be an "informational portal" only. This means that everything on the site will be available to anyone that visits it which is similar to what we have now. Shortly thereafter, you will see a login section become available and certain displays will become unavailable to you without a login (such as rolls displays). However at the same time several new features will come online and be available to you. These features are already in place but will be inactive till the login process is completed. I am quite proud of what we have developed for your use and would like to give you a listing of the current features available to you once we go live:

- Online advertising for renaissance merchants
- Interactive online news (interactive newsletter)
- Mobile access (text only display for cell phones)
- Reference book catalog (share info on what books to use for reference)
- Adrian merchandise and online shopping
- Donation system (make a donation directly to the Imperial Travel Fund)
- Organized download area of all Adrian materials including archived historical materials
- Multiple glossaries covering a variety of subjects
- A petition page (want to show support for an idea for change with Adria? Sign a petition)
- Multiple FAQs
- An online feedback form
- Online forums that operate better than the currently used YaHoo groups all centralized in one place
- A memorial page for our fallen members
- Personal blogs
- A persona bio generator (helps you create a bio)
- A persona name generator (for newbies or for fun)
- Online testing abilities (for classes or if approved for combat testing)
- Private messaging system to others on the site
- Our own chatroom
- Online medieval product reviews
- Survey and polling functions
- Medieval links database
- Imperial, local, and a combined calendar
- Member classifieds
- Adrian video streaming
- Imperial, local, and personal photo galleries
- Ability for local ministers to update all local contacts

As you can see there will be a lot of new features. The biggest plus to all of this will be the ability for local ministers to update the contacts and the automation of the site. The site runs by using nearly 200 individual databases and each time you click on a link the information on the page is instantly updated with the proper and most current information. What does this mean to you? Well say your local webmaster is told by your crown that member X has taken over as Rolls Minister. Your local webmaster (or crown) can login to the site and go to the page that shows your chapter's contact info. At the bottom they will see a link to update the page (this link is displayed only to them - you or anyone else will not see it). They click on the link and a new page opens asking them to update the minister list. All the current ministers are listed with a drop down menu next to the titles, clicking on this menu will display a list of all the members in your chapter, they simply select the correct name and click the update button. THAT IS IT. Instantly the site updates ALL pages with the information without further effort from anyone. The Chapter contact page will update and fill in the members correct contact information, the Imperial contact list will be updated, and the persons profile page will now display that they are a Minister of Rolls; all automatically. Now say this member X changes his email address; he simply logs in and changes it on his profile page. Instantly all pages are updated with the new information.

This all boils down to one thing... Every effort has been made to ensure that the Imperial Website will NEVER be in need of updating again. It puts the power to make changes to the chapter contacts where it belongs... with the local ministers!!!!

The Imperial Newsletter (*The Herald*)

We have not had an issue of the Herald for a few months and beginning with this issue the Adrian Herald will become a quarterly publication. Sadly this measure is being taken due only to the fact that it is next to impossible to get enough submissions during one month to create enough usable content to publish an enjoyable newsletter for everyone. I would like to thank those of you who have continued to send in reports and at the same time urge those who have not been doing so to please begin.

The schedule of publication will be as follows:

Quarter	Publication	Submissions Due
1st Quarter	February	January 15th
2nd Quarter	May	April 15th
3rd Quarter	August	July 15th
4th Quarter	November	October 15th

Reporting

I would like to take a moment and talk about reporting requirements for local area Choniclers and WebMinsiters. As you know the Imperium is making a renewed effort to get chapters to report more accurately and on time. With this in mind I want to let you know what is expected.

Webminsters are requested to begin reporting monthly. We would like to see what kind of activity your sites are getting so please include a listing of your statistics including hit counters. Webministers are also advised that we would like to see you begin to merge your websites over to the free hosting which the Imperium has for you. As of last week the final thing blocking this from happening was overcome by us regaining access to a long lost password to our domain registry allowing us to update our DNS servers.

Chroniclers are advised to make a simple email report on any month when a submission is not due; please include copies of any publications produced for your chapter during that month. During the months of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct; you are required to submit an article for the news letter. Please keep in mind that the Herald will come out the first week of the listed publication month so your submission should give details of what has happened since the last issue and what your Chapter plans to do in the following 3 months. It is requested that your submission just be typed within the content of an email with no html or other formatting. Any photos you would like to submit should be attached to the email. Details about the photos and suggested captions can be listed at the end of the email (123.jpg - " Dame Xyz being silly").

Sir Rhydderch

Imperial Minister of Information



Kingdom of Castilles



Earlier this Month The Kingdom of Castilles faced the New Duchy of Pembroke on the battlefield and soundly defeated them. The duke might claim that it is due to the fact that we purchased the help of a few Vikings from

the lands of Kincora but never let it be said that Castillians come unprepared to the battlefield. The Pembrokians acquitted themselves admirably indeed but in the face of such a superior force led by such a mighty king they had no chance. Castilles led the first day winning 6 of the seven battles and sweeping the knights list in arts. The second day was delayed due to the weather but Castilles took three of the four archery points and graciously conceded the journeyman's list in arts. At the end all who participated said they had a good time. We look forward to new adventures with our neighbors now that we have taught them what it is to confront the Kingdom of Castilles in battle.

HRM Sir Derfel





Arch-Duchy of Kincora

This month, the marauders of Kincora did not engage in our typical plundering raid. Instead, we joined with the Kingdom of Castilles and the new Duchy of Pembroke to man the Adrian encampment at the Camelot Days medieval fair. Lady Kendra and Dame Keera set up the Kincora camp, which featured a Viking tent complete with all the Norse amenities – mail, Viking helmets, shields and weapons, plus a table complete with drinking horns! The three realms worked very hard, running demos and lists, handing out flyers, explaining our organization and activities to the fair-goers and recruiting new members. Each realm signed up at least two new members!

The Kingdom of Castilles sponsored the combat lists at the event. Pembroke did quite well, sweeping the lists on Saturday (however, no Kincorans fought that day). Jarl Haunsard broke Pembroke's streak with a victory in steel on Sunday. He took the field with spear in hand, and wielded it with the valor and power of Odin. In the end, all foes stood vanquished. Congratulations on another fine win!

In all, the encampment of the realms of Kincora, Castilles and Pembroke was a rousing success. We look forward to uniting with our brethren at next year's fair. Until then, we shall resume our plundering. Watch out, Gaul!

Being the saga of the warriors of Kincora in their latest excursion, as penned by Rufus the Restless

We sidetracked from our planned excursion to Rome. The King of Castilles purchased our services for an invasion of Pembroke, so we sailed to his lands instead, where we prepared for the coming excursion. While our longships were fitted with new sails, we decided to partake in some entertainment.

First, we donned our armor and engaged in a bear pit. Our employer, King Derfel, proved his mettle with a narrow victory over Jarl Haunsard.

Next, as in Naples, we set off on a boar hunt. We ran across four of the wily and dangerous beasts. As we passed, they rushed from the bracken. We killed two, but the remaining two charged us hunters and we were gored horribly. Squire Devin took the honors for the day.

We then slaked our thirst in a nearby tavern. Once again, things got out of control, insults were shouted (somebody called somebody else a Pembrokian!) and a general melee broke out. In the end, we all collapsed with wounds upon the ale-sodden floor.

So now we nurse our injuries while we await the expedition against the minions of Pembroke. And from there we shall resume our course for Rome.

Constantinople sends Greetings to the Empire of Adria!

We Byzantines wish to thank all those who contributed and made this new Chartered Subdivision in Florida possible.

Since then we've been busy!!!



Sir Ivan Mannochemore

"You looking at me"?



Sir L'Bet'e DeAcmd

"Who's next"?



Lord Geoffrey Maynard
Constantinople Champion
Undefeated in Adria (For now)

Adelric Draco
"Clobbering time"!!



"That's one point"



Looks Like Sir Ivan
Found a friend too!



"BFF" "!!!!"
Drake and Lord
Luke McGowen



"Oh God. Here he comes
again"!!!



Goran & Morgana



Got
Water?



Only you can prevent forest fires!



"....I'll mail these within the week..."

"Fun in the Sun"



10/14/2007



Alasdair Schools L'bet'e



10/14/2007

"Tic, Tac, DOHH"

Flag Ship Titan



11/18/2007



Erc

Alasdair



11/18/2007

There Be No Corsairs Here!
Only Pirates!!!!

Our most popular recruitment flyer



Warm Wishes to you All

Duchy of Alahambra



Amorium - new Deputy Chronicler in Amorium Master Taliesin Notakryst (mka James Radford) to begin reporting Feb.

Gaeth Fionn - Dame Armara won the prize for being able to name the Emperor Correctly. She included His Imperial Majesty

Sir Terrin Gryphis when others simply said Sir Terrin Gryphis. Rani Lily won the prize for correctly identifying the Duch Motto: "Viam Veniam Aut Faciam" I will find a way, or I will make a way. In fact between the two it was a spirited contest which finally to break the tie we made use of some pirate dice. The Bardic Competition was won by His Grace the Duke in which he was awarded a wonderful book of sonnets for his bedtime reading.

Mar Bella had no event in January, however Vincenzo and Lady Cryssida attended 12th Night and had a lovely time. Vincenzo was induction into the Companion of the Legion of Alhambra

Silvervale - Companion of the Legion of Alhambra recipients Adina Silverhand and Reyrketill Silverhand; held monthly event, and had roughly 10 members in attendance, plus one guest.

Urar Tiene - event cancelled

No other reports received.

Mizak Perado m.k.a. Ryan Thrasher

Ducal Hospitaler

Ducal Chronicler

Canton (Silvervale) Steward Archduchy of Alhambra.

Happenings in the Duchy of Cashel



Greetings to our fellow Adrians. We hope that all throughout the Empire are doing well and enjoying the last few months of this year. In Cashel, we have been busy attending demos, faires, tournaments and wars. There has also been a flurry of paperwork activity within our lands. The results of several points audits has given us the wonderful opportunity to announce the newest members of the Chivalry. Please join us in sending a hearty "Huzzah!" to all.



During the month of September, Sir Kaeyron Aramis Maethanos added the rank of Knight Bachelor to his list of honors. It's been a long fight and congratulations are well deserved.

At our annual demo in October, there were three separate knightings. Lord William Russell was elevated to Knight Bachelor, Knight Archer and Knight Minister. He was also recognized as a Lord of the Court of Cashel. He is a talented and hard-working member of our subdivision. Lady Catarina della Torres was elevated to Knight Robe and Knight Minister. She is one of the most generous and caring ladies you will ever meet. Mistress Karen Martin was elevated to Knight Minister. She was also recognized as a Lady of the Court of Cashel. Karen brings grace and elegance to all events. Sir Kaeyron took on one of our newest members as a squire at this event. His name is Sean Dougal.

In November two additional Ladies were added to the Court of Cashel. They are Dame Celestria Martin and Mistress Ani Kiriakis. Their guidance and counsel has been deeply appreciated.

While visiting the Duchy of Chesapeake, Sir Karl von Lagerstein had the honor of being elevated to Knight Master by Sir Aerindane McLorie. Many hours of work, blood, sweat, and maybe a few tears have gone into his pursuit of the arts.

We would also like to announce our upcoming Crown War and Coronation to be held on January 13, 2008. This event will happen in Suffolk, Virginia. It is an uncontested war and should be quite enjoyable. Our incoming Crowns are Sir Kaeyron Aramis Maethanos and Dame Aoibheann O'Domchadha Maethanos. Contact us for more information.

In Service,

Sir Karl von Lagerstein and Dame Patricia Sparr

Duchy of Sangrael

Greetings from the Shire of Sangrael--

Our monthly event was unfortunately rained out. We will be holding makeup lists at our Feb. 9 event at Summerlake Park in Lake Elsinore. Dame Isabeau promises a special archery shoot for this month (last year was shooting at hearts while wearing cupid wings!!!) Come ready to have fun.

We are gearing up for March and for Palm Springs Fair. Please email Dame Gwenllian if you wish to be on the gatelist (wlacmoon@yahoo.com) and for more info. We will be demonstrating wax seals to the younger guests as part of the Quest put on by the Fair.



Please check our "calendar" on www.sangrael.org for more dates of upcoming events and the "contact us" page for our updated ministers list.

YIS,

Dame Gwenllian Derwen

Chronicler for Sangrael



From the Princess Consort of Adria

To be a lamp of Chivalry. . .

I was very privileged recently to be personally invited to a knighting of a lady who I have a deep and great respect for. She, to me, is a bright light in the chivalry and I embrace her entry in not only one, but three levels of knighthood. Congratulations to this wondrous new knight.

The ceremony got me thinking about being a lamp of chivalry. A knight needs to shine brightly, yet not burn so brightly as to make one want to shield their eyes. Our light is just a big a balance as the sword which tempers justice. However the light we shine as knights is always present and is not something that can be sheathed like a sword. It's our thoughts, our actions and our words. It's the sarcastic comments we say in passing, the slap we deliver in jest or the gossip we pass to others that shine more brightly than the quiet words of comfort or assurance, the handshake or hug offered and the praise we bestow for good acts. In my mind, these last items are the light that we should see, like the dim candlelight that can be overshadowed by a giant bonfire.

Let us temper our enthusiasm, our anger and our love by the light of chivalry. Let us burn as candles together against the darkness for where there are many, there is not only safety, but good ideas and fellowship. Let us not be bonfires, burning out of control and overshadowing each other. May my light add to all of yours and may I be a lamp of chivalry and not a bonfire.

In Service,

Lenora Greyphis

Princess Consort of Adria





The Duchy of Vingulf

Vingulf Chronicler: Squire Talliyah Rose Blackhawk



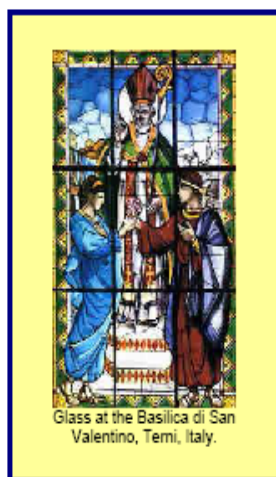
Greetings to Their Imperial Majesties, and to all the subdivisions of the empire.

Greetings to the Empire from Their Graces of Vingulf. We hope that all have enjoyed the festivities of the holiday season and wish to send gracious tidings for a wonderful New Year. As always we invite all who can make it to join us for our events. Please stop by the Duchy of Vingulf boards or contact us if you would like to know our calander. We hope to see you joining us very soon!

Sincerely,

HG Sir Puck Lyttle
Stormdragon Four'now,
Duke

HG Dame Merula
Cornix, Duchess



Glass at the Basilica di San Valentino, Terni, Italy.



St Valentine, patron saint of greetings, lovers and engaged couples. Who was he? The identity of this saint is shrouded with mystery, and complicated by the fact

that three men, named either Valentine or Valentinus, were all sainted. All three men were also martyred for their defiant acts of kindness, compassion, and mercy and all lived in Roman times.

The first I am going to tell you about lived during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. You see Claudius II was a man wishing to further his empire. To do so he needed a steady stream of soldiers. This stream of soldiers came from the pool of young men in his empire. It was told to Claudius that soldiers with no families seemed to perform better in battle. This being said, the emperor decided to keep the young men of his empire from having families before going off to war and outlaw any marriage of young men of those ages. Father Valentine/Valentinus was a priest in service to the Catholic Church in Rome, at this time, and found this new law to be unjust and an outrage. He chose to continue to marry young couples in secret and when his disobedience was discovered, Claudius ordered the priest seized and put to death.

FOCUS ON THE PAST

St. Valentines Day Vs. Lupercalia:

Catholic based holiday or Ancient Roman Ritual

Another of the Valentine's was a man who is believed to have sent the first note every signed "from your Valentine." It is believed that this man was helping prisoners to escape from the horrors of roman prisons. When discovered the man was imprisoned and sentenced to death. During his incarceration, he fell in love with his jailor's daughter, and on the eve of his execution, wrote a note to her expressing his love. As you know, the phrase above is still used on modern valentines.

Many modern traditions are ancient rituals which have been modified over the ages. The current traditions of

feast also took place on this day. The Feast of Juno, which marked the start of the Festival of Lupercalia. This festival started with a feast for the Goddess Juno, but also included celebrations for Lupercus, the god of agriculture, and Faunus, the god of forests and fertility.



Juno and Faunus



trading cards, notes and letters, as well as gifts, on February 14th came from the celebrations of the middle ages. Men and women of those times would exchange notes and gifts, such as flowers, in celebrations of St Valentines Day, and in a mimicking of the birds beginning their search for a mate on the same day.

Where, you ask, did the idea that birds start searching for a mate on February 14th come from? Certainly not from those martyred men saints of roman times!

Over the centuries the Catholic Church has been known to adjust their celebrations to coincide with the rites and ritual days of non-Christian religions. It appears St Valentines' Day is no exception. In 498 A.D. approximately 228 years after the death of the last martyred Valentine, Pope Gelasius declared February 14th to be the Feast of St Valentines' Day. Well, it just so happened that a non-Christian ritual

Another celebration during the festival was for the professed founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, twins nursed by a she-wolf to adulthood. The rituals for Romulus and Remus included a trip to the cave where it was believed the twins were raised. In the cave, sacrifices of a goat symbolizing fertility, and a dog, symbolizing purity, would take place in hopes that all romans would have fertility for their crops, and themselves.

During the festival a lottery would take place. A love lottery. The names of all the women not already committed were placed in a vessel and all available men would take turns pulling a name. This formed couples who were to spend the year together. Many would fall in love and marry by the year's end.

Well, as ages passed many non-Christians converted, and the Festival of Lupercalia was set aside. Today most of the world celebrates St Valentines Day, but you have a choice. Will you follow the majority of the world on February 14th? Or will you, with this knowledge you have gained, decide to celebrate the ideals of the romans and the Festival of Lupercalia? Which ever you decide, please enjoy your celebrations on February 14th!

Duchy of Bisqaia

My report for December and January:

I have been given to understand that I have been sending my report in on the wrong date. Therefore I am sending a combined December/January report in hopes of rectifying that.

December was a month of great pleasure and frivolity. At the Yule Tourney Feast the King and Queen of Misrule were chosen in the ancient fashion and lead the court in mayhem and mischief.

Also December saw the formation of our first estate: House Kynligr Mjoor head by the gracious Lady Rhiannon Roysdotter.

The Bisqaia Collegia Night was "Who is That and What are They Called" taught by Dame Eiliagh d'Aitzarra.

The winner of the Bowman's Archery Tourney was Eric von Stryker.

The winner of the Journeyman's A & S Competition was Alinor D'Arcy du Calais.

January was a time of great rejoicing for our Ducal Heir, Admiral Dyffd McKay, has returned from the lands of the Middle East where the Bisqaian Royal Navy struck many sad and heavy blows against the infidels and rejoined with our fair Duchess to be, Dame Eiliagh d'Aitzarra. Our Twelfth Night Feast was filled with anticipation as the Admiral was due home within the week.

Great was our joy during the Tourney of Return and Deep Winter as our Admiral had returned safely.

For this glad time we had visitors from our neighbor to the North, the Shire of Lowenberg: sir Fredrick von Burg, Squire Joshua and Sean Dheleloa Venombrood.

The winner of the Bowman's Archery Tourney was Eric von Stryker.

The winners of the A & S Competition:

Journeyman's List: Rhiannon Roysdotter

Knights' List: Dame Eiliagh d'Aitzarra

Alinor Darcy du Calais

The winners of the Combat Tourney:

Sergeant's List: Eric von Stryker

Knight's List: Dame Eiliagh d'Aitzarra

In February we will be hosting our first War.

I will be sending you copies of the December and January Newsletters in separate emails.

Yours in Service

Alinor D'Arcy du Calais

Chronicler

Duchy of Bisqaia

Mundanelly Killeen, Copperas Cove, Fort Hood, TX and surrounding areas





Shire of Galloway

There is to be a Collegium in Galloway in June the planning stages have just begun anyone interested in giving a clas on that weekend event please contact Dame Sapphire.

Shire of Valencia

How to Survive and Excel in your First Six Months In Adria.

By Lady Rowan Kestral Bathory de Montreve



Greetings Lords and Ladies, I submit this to you for your edification and amusement. I hope it gives you all a giggle.

I have been a part of the Adrian Empire for about 6 months now and I have to tell you it has been an education. My first event was the Imperial War in September. I will have to say it made me glad to be a part of the Northeast. Everyone was friendly and accepting, of course it helps that I was willing to jump into the deep end with both feet and basically help in anyway I could. My daughter was made Barron Rhydderch Montreve ap Eirwynn's squire at opening court which was a proud moment for me and set the tone for the whole weekend. We definitely shook some people up and I loved it.

The next earth shaking move was the moving of the Shire of Valencia from Pennsylvania to Maine. That was fun in so many ways. We started recruiting and talking to people and we stand on the precipice of actually being a duchy very soon. More movement than was seen in Pennsylvania for most of the shire's history. We seem to never do anything in half measures. We have taken over not just Maine, but New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. We have made great strides in becoming what we should be.

The next event I was privileged to attend was the November Estates meeting in Portland, Oregon. This was an amazing experience for me as I was able to see how the administration of Adria actually works. During this meeting I was allowed to sit in the front of the room and act as Barron Rhydderch's assistant in his on going quest to make the Estates Meetings accessible to those who are unable to attend in person. I learned a lot in these meetings and feel I have a better grasp on things, however, I will say it was a bit overwhelming and made my eyes cross at times. But this was not just a dull and dry series of meetings (though at times the meetings are far from dry and dull), it was also the coronation of our new Emperor and his Consort. I was privileged to also see the stepping down of Emperor Pavo and Empress Ashlinn, this ceremony was beautiful. They both shocked me and honored me with the Royal Star of Adria as one of their last acts and I am still so touched and moved by this that I don't know what to say. I was then privileged to be granted the boon of becoming the Lady in Waiting to our Imperial Consort Dame Leleanor. I am hoping to live up to this honor. Essentially I got to see Adria at its best and meet fabulous new people from across the empire.

Now as my final act of insanity, I have asked and been given the task of co-auto crating the March Estates Meeting in Portland, Maine this coming March. I have been told by many that I am nuts and by the end of it all I may agree with them but I am excited.

So by now you may be asking yourself how this will help you survive and excel in your first six months, or if you have been in Adria for awhile, does this reflect my experience? To the former I say "hit the ground running, take the Adrian "bull by the horns" and do it. Let them know you are here and want to participate, you want to get the most you can out of each experience, meet and get to know as many new people as you can. Most of all HAVE FUN! Now to the latter, those of you who are asking yourselves, was this my experience my first six months in Adria?, if the answer is no, then I ask you why not? After that I say to you, HAVE FUN, it's never too late to have that experience. Just do it. That is how you survive and excel in your first six months in Adria, at least it was mine.

From the Blue Rose Domain

Current Thane: Dame Anginette

Past Thanes:

Dame Aleta, Dame Anginette, Dame Katherine, Dame Maedb, Shelly Grace, Sir Coda, Sir Dave, Sir Jehan, Sir Thomas, Sir Winifred (Founder)

Well, I suppose I'd better explain exactly what the Domain of the Blue Rose is. The Blue Rose began as a single household in 1988, quickly grew into a barony, and in 1994 we were granted Domain status. As an Imperial Domain we have a charter that allows us to extend the rights and powers of our original Barony (minus the estates votes) anywhere in the Empire. The Blue Rose is the means by which our [members](#) show their brother (and sister) hood. It is also a platform for us to spread our philosophies and ideas throughout the Empire.

So what great ideology does the Blue Rose proliferate throughout the land? Most importantly- this is a game! As with all games, Adria is supposed to be fun. Those who don't understand that should not be Blue Rose. Often times, people complain when they lose and don't when they win. Nobody likes sore losers. If you play any game long enough, you are going to lose. We accept this reality and encourage others to do the same. This does not mean that any of us enjoy losing. Only that when things don't go our way, we should react with class and dignity. Being men and women of outstanding character helps make this game more enjoyable for everyone.

That same character means that we are people of honor and honesty, that is, we mean what we say and we say what we mean. Unlike some in Adria, we are not big on oaths of fealty. Not because we don't believe in them but instead because we do believe in them. If a member of the Blue Rose vows to do something it will be done. Our word is our bond. Hence we choose our words carefully. The words in the Blue Rose Initiation Ceremony were carefully chosen to ensure that every word was appropriate because we follow our oaths to the letter.

The Blue Rose is not just a collection of individuals but a family. Most of us have known each other personally for years. This sense of community is the cornerstone of our Domain. When a member of the Blue Rose stumbles the other members catch their fall. We of the Blue Rose are proud of who we are as individuals and of who we are as a unit. We stand for excellence, both personal and as a group. To coin an over used phrase, "We're #1." I honestly believe that we are. When I do anything in the name of the Blue Rose, I give it my very best. To give less not only belittles myself, it belittles all who bear the name Blue Rose. We are a group of [achievers](#), always striving to be the best is part of who we are.

If you would like more information concerning the [Laws](#) of The Blue Rose or if you are interested in joining us or if your just interested, contact our Thane though our contact [form](#).
The Blue Rose is not necessarily affiliated with any one specific organization.

Many thanks

HIG Dame Anginette

Greetings to the goode people of Adria!

Business has been good for the Lagersuuffer Company. Most recently, and with the investiture of their Royal Graces' Arion and Juliana of Brandenburg, our grants of deed have been affirmed and recognized through their generous boon. We applaud their good sense of business.

On a more serious matter, we are continuing the investigation of our Avacato, who appears to be moving forward with his unbridled volunteerism. A letter has already been dispatched to our Offerico Politico and we will advise the membership of the investigation.

We look forward to future endeavors of contact for all occasions.

Be well, be safe

Sir Giachino Morone Lococo de San Filippo, Capitano

Frie Companies von Lagersuuffer

Canton of Aquataine Class Schedule for 2008

The Canton of Aquataine (Riverside CA) made a commitment to support the arts and the betterment of the game by holding a class at each of there monthly event. In 2007 the had fun filled classes taught by wonderfully talented knights and artisans. In **February** we had Dame Rosellen Archamboult give a fantastic class on Paper Quilling a arts done by Nun in 13-15th centuries in France and Italy. Our **March** Class was given by the very knowledgeable Sir Roger Wells class Armor 101... it was a hands on class in making armor and molding the pieces. In **April** Dame Willow de' Rara gave an informative class in Trapunto - Stuffed Quilting from 13th -16th centuries Italy. Viceren, Dame Sara McKinnish gave our **May** class on making 13th-15th century Padded Coronets and Turbans. Our **June** class was given by the Viceroy Sir Cromar Volfsblot it was 10th century Shield Construction it covered: skinning your snake (hose), why you needed it, where and whys in drilling the holds to tie you snake to your blank shield. Attaching your hand and arm holds on the backside, why you need to paint your blank shield. And basic use of a shield in one on one combat and in-group combat as a shield wall. The Viceroy Sir Cromar also gave the **July** class in Light Weapons and Practice Gear Construction. In **August** Dame Rosellen Archamboult gave a fantastic class in Pattern Making 10 how to make a body pattern and make any pattern fit your personal body. AND Sir Roger Wells gave a informative class on tooling leather. We had no event in **September** because of IWW soooooooooo WE organized a snipe hunt and a chocolate tournament at the war. It was great fun. At our **October** event Dame Willow de' Rara gave a class in period Mask making , it was great fun.

In December we set up our schedule for 2008's classes and how to encourage all that can make it to come and join us.

Feb 2nd 'Demo 101+1' by Lord Cromar Viceroy Lord Cromar is giving a calls called: Demo 101+1: How to go about finding a demo site/person, the prep work, what you are going to do/should do at a demo and post work. We feel a lot of the populace had no idea when the sign in at a demo they are expected to do more than set and look pretty.

March 1st 'Chain-Mail' by Sir Ce' Wolf a lot of populace are like me we can show you chain-mail, tell you how it is made, but have never made it. This class is for the beginners and those that just want more hands on, Sir Ce' Wolf is an excellent instructor in chain-mail. We are all looking forward to this class very much.

April 5th 'Aldrevandini Stain Glass Painting' by Dame Willow Aldrevandini is an ancient style of painting on glass museum have samples from the 14th through the 16th centuries. Syrian glassworkers developed the techniques of gilding and enameling glass in the thirteenth to fourteenth centuries. Glassworkers in Europe adopted these techniques, which was developed extensively in Venice in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. We will be doing what is called '*cold work*' painting glass without firing the piece. The populace can bring their own clear glass or we will offer a variety of options for a small price, we will provide the paint.

May 3rd and May 4th Aquataine-Sangrael Livestock War Saturday at Fairmount Park in the city of Riverside Sunday in Lake Ellsinore. Steel and Shinai Saturday and Black work class. Sunday Ren, Archery and Art Tournaments and maybe a class or two.

June 7th We are asking Sir Roger Wells to give another class on '**leather tooling**', but have not got his answer yet.

July 5th "You've got your Heraldry approved now what?" Lord Cromar, Dame Rosellen and myself would like a class on what to do with your heraldry, with samples of items non-knight can put there heraldry on and once your knight then how to go to town and paint, glue and sew it on everything that does not move.

August 2nd "Flag Making" by Dame Rosellen and Dame Willow. How to make a very simple 1st flag (paint and/or glue and very little stitching) and how to upgrade to the big grandiose ones we see being made now. We want to have a couple of sewing machines there for us (the populace) to make their flags on. It will also be our annual pot-luck event.

Sept 6th 'Arrow Construction' (Combat arrows by Sir Connor or target arrows by Sir Roger Wells) We are tying to get Sir Cornnor to help us make combat arrows so we can offer archery at our events.

Oct. 4th 'Sweetmeats' by Dame Willow I will be teaching how to make marzipan roses, crystallized rose petals and mint leaves and hopefully glazed lemon peals and nuts.

Nov 1st 'Sumptuary's who can wear what?' we hope by then the sumptuary laws will be straighten out to

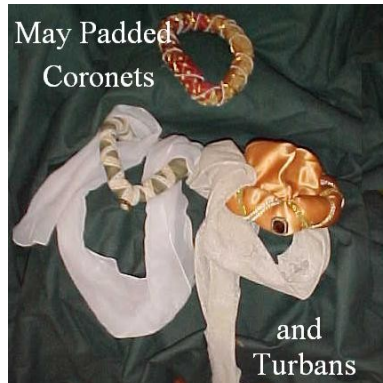
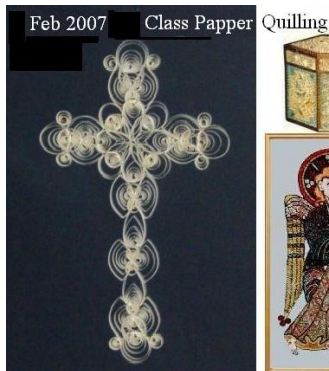
everyone satisfaction and we can show and tell who can wear what.

Dec. 6th will be the Cantons annual Open House/meeting/pot-luck, this is where we discuss what we like about events and what we want to change and to set up what we want to do in the coming year.

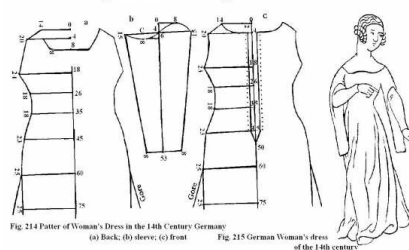
Dame Willow

Canton of Aquataine Scribe

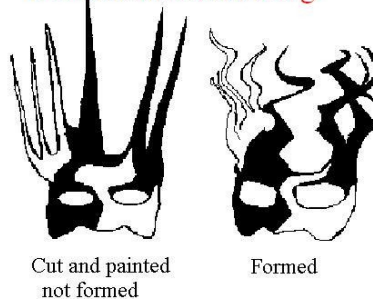
Last year's class photos



August Pattern Making 101



October Mask Making



Join us
for one
of our
classes
this year!

Live, Love, Learn

What a great time had by all at the two demos at Norco Middle School

We of the Canton of Aquataine gave two full days of demos at Norco Middle did one on January 11th for all of the 7th grade students for Mr. Pena's classes and on the 18th we gave demos for Mr. Walker's 7th grade classes. We did demos for five World History classes a day ranging from 25 to 36 students per class. Below is an outline of what we did, it varied from class to class a little, but it was great and we had a wonderful time, BUT WOW ARE WE TIRED.

To help the student get the excited about our demos we started there experience out side by greeting them with flags flying by the library door and then when came in to the library they were greeted with our big poster telling who were and pics of us at event, fairs, wars and demo.

We started each class off with, Lord Cromar giving an opening speech about who we were, what we do and why. The he explained what heraldry was and why and how it was used and pointed who in the class was wearing heraldry (modern logos). We had flags and costumes hanging from most of the bookshelves. Lord Cromar got a portable DVD player for Christmas and we has a slide show going showing picture of us at different Canton and Kingdom and Imperial events along with wars, fairs and other demos. We also include pics of heraldry and a few arts, etc. and it worked so well we will definitely do this again.

We had set up four tables in all in an L setup: two tables displaying armor and weapons. one table of arts with a perfect shelf behind it to place our illuminations, brass rubbings and paintings, etc. And the last table setup as a food-dinning table sectioned off in to 3 parts one for peasants, one for middle class and one section for Noble class, with place cards telling what that class of person ate.

Our Viceren Dame Sara played a peasant and first told about her clothes and how and often she washed them and herself. She told why she wore a plain snood to cover her hair keep her head lice to herself and away from the middle and noble class folks. Then she told about what type of dishware she would have or lack of it and the foods she ate and her general life style of a peasant.

I, Dame Willow played a middle class merchants wife and told about my clothes, what I could wear and why. I wore a plain padded circlet with a courechef and why I covered my hair. I told about why I had nice pewter dishes to eat off, and the larger variety of foods I had compared to the peasant class and the general life style of my class.

Dame Rosellen made a wonderful and elegant Noble lady in her green velvet and gold dress and wore a copy of the gold coif she had made that was a copy of the gold coif Beatrice d' Este wore in her famous painting done my Lennardo da Vinci. She told about her elegant table setting with charger plates, gold eating plates, carved and polished pewter goblet, gold embroidery tablecloth and the large variety of food she ate. She also told about the general life style of the noble class.

The we had three students from each of the 5 classes come up in front of the others and Lord Cromar wit help from his Squire Jon Paul (Sir Hector on the 11th) and (Sir Logan Viceroy of Sangrael on the 18th) dress the volunteers in proper combat attire for each class from our time period. The peasant got a padded gamazons and a long stick, the middle class (professional solders) got chain mail and an axe and the knight go chain mail, breastplate, and a sword. The Lord Cromar show them what that would do with there 'weapons' and why. Sir Logan was a hit in his shinny armor and knowledge.

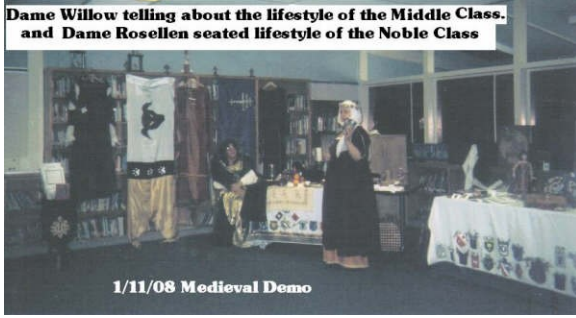
Then we had Q and A time and in the time we had left we had the students come up to each table and see our stuff up close, touch most things and ask any questions they might have. You would be surprised and some of the things they asked. At the end of each day, the teachers would set with us while we ate our "free pizza" and asked so many questions about our time period, they knew the main 'historical' facts and figures but not about general life and lifestyles. They loved us so much they have already asked us back for next year.

I must say I still don't know who had a better time the students, their teachers, the principal, the librarians or Lord Cromar. Moreover, we came away thinking this is what Adria is about, not just combat or arts and points, but seeing the looks and smiles on young people faces as we do our demo thing (and the looks and smiles on the older ones too.) We all came home bone tires but hopped up and ready for next set of demos for other schools in the area. We made 5 promo CD's and came home with none, so we should be getting more school demos soon.

Dame Willow de' Rara

Canton of Aquataine Scribe

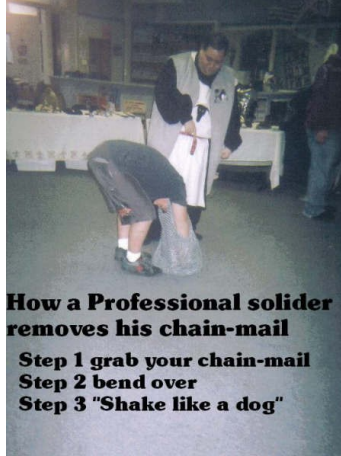
**Dame Willow telling about the lifestyle of the Middle Class.
and Dame Rosellen seated lifestyle of the Noble Class**



1/11/08 Medieval Demo

**How a Professional soldier
removes his chain-mail**

**Step 1 grab your chain-mail
Step 2 bend over
Step 3 "Shake like a dog"**



**Lord Cromar and his Squire Jon Paul
warming up**



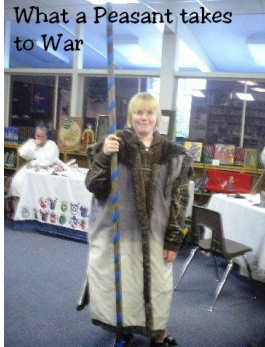
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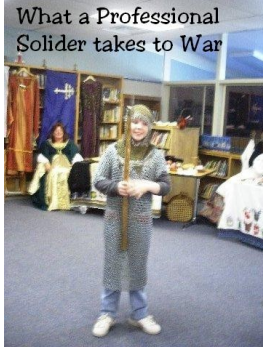
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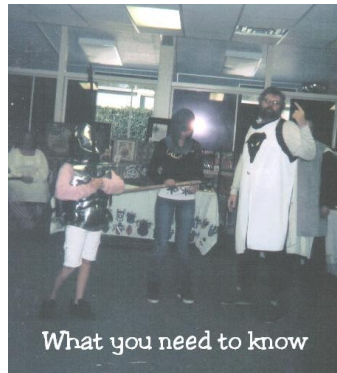
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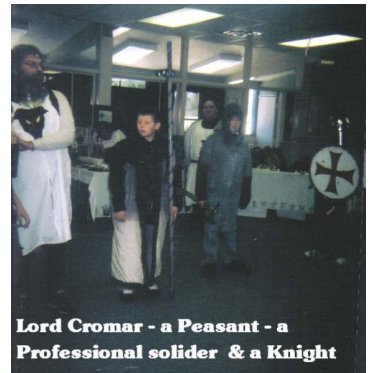
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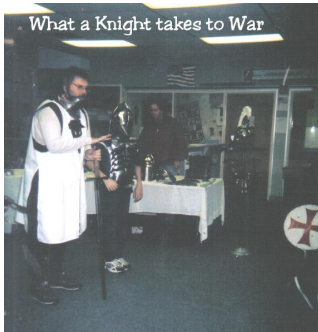
What you need to know



**Lord Cromar - a Peasant - a
Professional soldier & a Knight**



What a Knight takes to War



NOT

your average school day...



From the Church of Adria

Unto Your Imperial Majesties, Imperial Highnesses, Majesties, Highnesses, Royal Graces, Graces, Eminences, Excellencies, Lords, Ladies, et. Gentles of the Adrian Empire, GREETINGS.

In March of 2002, I read an e-mail telling about a new medieval organization (in the New York Area), called "The Adrian Empire." In that e-mail, it told of the organization, it's attributes, & I did my research. A few days later, I responded with my medieval resume; I already have been in several medieval & renaissance recreation and living history organizations, for 17 years and was considered a die-hard medievalist.

On 27 April 2002, I attended their demo at a local library. They put on a nice cross-section of what The Adrian Empire had to offer & how they differ from the societies I was raised with. What I didn't know, until later, was that they prepared for several weeks for my arrival and it was my arrival alone that they received.

After several hours of talking to these fine gentles, I joined. But, I did ask them if I could teach them I could teach them to be better recreationists, to wear better garb than the plastic capes & pleather tunics. They were eager for the opportunity to learn, for it wasn't just my first event with them, but also their first event as the fledgling Shire of the Crescent Moon (and a month later, Shire of Cambridge).

With the recommendation of the Viceroy, The Patriarch of the Church of Adria, was petitioned to install me as the Vicar (and later, Bishop) of Cambridge.

Through the next few years, Cambridge had developed & grown into a Duchy. I had brought several to the other organizations and introduced them to Royals & Nobles from foreign lands. And, still Cambridge continued to mature, taking the best of all worlds, and creating its own traditions.

On 19 November 2005, by the generosity of the Cambridge Estates, they allowed me to ascend to the Throne, to become the 3rd Duke of the Duchy of Cambridge. But, it was suggested to me by both previous Dukes of Cambridge, that being both Bishop (Church) & Duke (State), I should take the title of "Doge," which I not only did, but wore it as a badge of honour.

Over the past 2 years, not only did Cambridge mature, but so did I.

There are two quotes that I always try to remember:

"May the weight of the Crown always be heavy, to remind you of the great burden that you have toward others; and may the weight of the Crown always be light, that you are never burdened by it." — Unknown Author

"The person who takes his time, who considers & reconsiders, who writes & rewrites, is the man who seldom falters. If he leads, the road will be long, the trip slow and steady, & without incidence. But, if he guides, whomever he follows, is remembered. For no great man ever leads alone. Those who choose to guide, though forgotten in time, are recited in history." — General Colin L. Powell, KCB

On 02 September 2007, I held my Final Court as the Doge of Cambridge. During my tenure, I believe I made a difference. I've made many more friends than I know I deserve; friendships that I will always and do treasure.

On 02 September 2007, by the wisdom of the Synod of the Church of Adria, I have been elected Patriarch of the Church of Adria, of which I am most deeply honoured. I pray that the new Crown that I now wear will never & always be a burden.

In the coming months, I will be instituting some changes to the structure & customs in the Church. They won't be anything drastic, just to redefine the Church more historically accurate, and adjusting its structure to be more in-line with what we are used to in Adria.

Thank you Cambridge, for letting me lead you & serve you.

To all the Crowns of the Northeast, it has been a pleasure to be counted amongst Your numbers.

And, unto Your Imperial Majesties, Thank You for Your guidance, tolerance, & friendship. I will always be here if you need me.

To every Royal, Noble, & Gentle, THANK YOU for...everything.

I pray that you all Fare Well.

His Holiness,

Francesco Patriarch IV Adria
Baron-Royal of the Court of Cambridge
Knight Civil of the Adrian Empire
Monsignor of the Church of Adria
Canon of the Church of Adria
Phoenix et. Dragon King of Arms
Imperial Deputy Sovereign of Arms - East

Unto all et. singular these letters writ may come, doth does His Holiness, Francesco I, Patriarch IV Adria sends His greetings.

Let it be known on this day, XXXI October, being MMVII of the Common Era, the Church of Adria does hereby recognize and accept the Abbey of Saint Hershey. We hereby herald their presents with a Symphony from 5th Avenue, so it is heard throughout the Milky Way, & protected by the Church's 3 Musketeers.

In the writings of Bishop Milton Hershey of Derry Church, "It is not a sin when comfort is given freely." It is known that Hershey's sainthood was established on the 14th of February, when he rescued Mr. "Clark" Goodbar & his daughter, Baby Ruth, from the cold hearts of Ben & Jerry; when he pierced their candy hearts with Kitt Katt sticks, while declaring that his sole purpose was to make mouths happy throughout his lands.

While it is unknown how many licks it takes, it is said that there is no wrong way to enjoy the comfort offered by Our brethren of the Abbey of St. Hershey and that is worth more than a single Gold Coin or 100 Grand, but Pots of Gold.

The followers of Saint Hershey, under the direction of the esteemed Reverend Mother Godiva, have set about to spread the goodness of chocolate, like a Dove bringing Kisses to their flock, to bring comfort and solace to the Empire, & to bring more pleasure than guilt, with the Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight they offer. The Sweet Indulgences that are offered by the Abbey melts in your mouth, not in your hand.

Whether you are feeling crispety and crunchety, or just declaring "Gimme a Break", don't Snicker when you make a Fast Break past that Toll House, just remember the brothers and sisters of the Abbey of Saint Hershey have a little something for everyone. In the words of an august member the Abbey, "You will be given something Scrumdiddlyumcious or S'more." You will feel as if you found the last Golden Ticket.

Signed, by Our hand & affixed with my seal of chocolatly goodness,
In nome della Chiesa, del Senato, e della Popolazione di Adria,
Peace be with you.

 Francesco

His Holiness,
Francesco "Candy Man" Patriarcha IV Adria

From the

Abbey of ST. Hershey

Greetings from the Sisters and Brothers of St. Hershey. We are a new order sanctioned by the Church of Adria so that we may bring happiness and joy to all. We are a mixture of Dark, Milk and White chocolate lovers and we honor St. Hershey for he has brought goodness to all. It has been proven that chocolate is good for healing and calming. We pledge not to make war and to only keep peace with in the Empire. So, if you happen to see a Sister or Brother of St. Hershey in their appropriate attire please do not be afraid, we will not preach or scorn. We will gladly bestow upon you a wondrous goodie of our blessed Saint. Please join us in celebrating the great wonders of chocolate.

More shall be sent out about our Abbey and those that dwell with in the chocolate walls in the next newsletter.

In service to the tasty,

Rev. Mother Godiva of the Ever Lasting Sweetness

The Medieval Scoop

Matilda d'Gossip, OSD*

Oh, my Dears, have you heard? It's just too good to keep to myself.

Now just come a little closer while I whisper in your ear.

“William the Conqueror, Part One” The Birth

Before he was William the Conqueror, King of England he was William the Bastard, Duke of Normandy. How did it come about that an acknowledged bastard, in a time when illegitimacy was a bar to inheriting titles and lands, inherited the Duchy of Normandy? In 925 Richard II, Duke of Normandy, died and was succeeded by his eldest son, Richard III. Less than a year later Richard was dead (some said of poison) and his brother, Robert the Devil was Duke. Richard's son, Nicolas, ever so conveniently removed himself to a monastery.

One day Robert was riding through the streets of Falaise when he saw a girl dancing. He promptly fell head over heels for her and made her his Mistress. Herleve was the daughter of a tanner though some sources say he was a burger. She bore Robert an illegitimate son.

There was much trouble in the Duchy, including a civil war with Robert's cousin Alan of Brittany. The war was fierce and Robert forced his uncle Robert, Archbishop of Rouen and Count of Evreux into exile. Eventually though, Robert was recalled because only the forceful prelate could end the war between the two cousins.

Eight years after he ascended to the Duchy, Robert fell prey to the popular craze for going on Pilgrimage. Though it could not have been a worse time, Normans are always a fractious lot and Normandy was never a quiet Duchy, Robert was determined to go to Jerusalem to atone for his sins.

And this is where the story gets really interesting. Before leaving on Pilgrimage, Robert named his son William as his heir. His uncle Robert, the Archbishop supported his nomination and persuaded other male members of the family to accept the boy as the heir to the Duchy. He also persuaded Henry I of France to admit William's claim and recognized his title. Robert never returned from Jerusalem, he died on the Pilgrimage (some say from poison). And none of the other heirs attempted to seize the Duchy, a wealthy prize, from the boy, William. And there were other heirs with superior claims: There was Richard III's son, Nicolas, 2 half brothers of Richard and Robert, 2 more cousins, Guy of Burgundy and Alan of Brittany. Yet Robert the Archbishop remained steadfast in his support of the boy Duke.

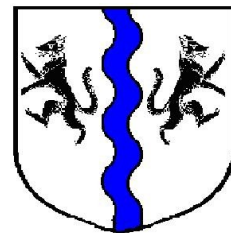
So we must look further a field for a possible answer to this puzzling situation. When he left for the Holy Land, Robert made provision for his mistress, Herleve. The usual means of providing for a cast off mistress, particularly one who had provided you with an heir was to find her a suitable husband; in Herleve's case, someone of a similar background such as a tanner or maybe a steward of a castle. But, Herleve married none of these. She was wedded to Herluin, vicomte of Conteville. She lived the rest of her life accepted by the nobility and her two sons by Herluin became two of the wealthiest barons in William's England.

And here, perhaps, is the heart of the mystery. If Herleve was acceptable to the nobility for marriage, why didn't Robert simply marry her himself and make William legitimate? Who was Herleve? There is one possible clue. Robert the Archbishop, as the Count of Evreux was married and his wife's name was Herleve. Could it be that Robert did not marry his mistress because, like her son, she too was a bastard and was too closely related to him to allow for marriage?

Special correspondent -- Alinor D'Arcy du Calais

Sources: Linklater, Eric, *The Conquest of England*, Dorset Press, NY 1966.

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“William the Conqueror, Part Two Death”

In 1087, the Vexin was vexing William. The Vexin on the Seine, bordered the French royal demesne and was, of course, of great strategic importance. While William was busy subduing trouble in Maine, King Phillip of France seized the county of Mantes in the eastern Vexin. William, not unnaturally was displeased. He demanded Phillip return Mantes and, just to show he wasn't foolin' around, he burned the town of Nantes to back his demand.

Well, while he was riding through the burning streets of Nantes, a firebrand spooked his horse and William was thrown violently forward onto his iron saddlebow. You can just imagine what happened when that paunch hit solid iron. William collapsed.

The king was carried back to Rouen and taken to the priory of Saint Gervais outside of the city. William took the next five weeks dying. Perhaps the only time in his life he wasn't in a hurry to get something done.

William had spent a lifetime burning, looting, pillaging and generally making himself unpleasant. (Certainly, a Viking through and through.) With his past, the King's conscience began to trouble him. (Yours might too, under the circumstances.) He lavishly distributed alms to the poor, he let his brother, Archbishop Odo, out of prison; he was even persuaded not to cut his eldest son, Robert (the one hanging out with King Phillip), out of his estate.

To his son Robert, William left the Duchy of Normandy. After all, it was William's patrimony so it should go to Robert. The question of what to do with England was a little trickier. William hadn't inherited England; he'd taken it by force. There was blood on the crown of England. So, he gave his scepter and crown to William Rufus, his favorite son, and told him, "Boy, if you can hang onto it, it's yours." William Rufus lit off for England quicker than a lightning flash. To his youngest son, Henry, he gave 5000 pounds of silver but no lands to go with it. Henry also took off before dear old dad was dead looking for some place to hang out with all the money.

Now the story really gets juicy. On September 9, 1087, William the Conqueror, King of England, Duke of Normandy, died. He was hardly cold when the great men of his household laid spur to horse and headed home to watch out for what was theirs. The lesser people about the place looted the bedchamber of everything that wasn't nailed down and left the King's half naked body sprawling on the floor.

William's other brother, Roger, archbishop of Rouen, gave orders for William's body to be transported to the monastery of St. Stephen in Caen. But, it seems that in the panic that ensued after his death there was nobody around to prepare the body and carry it there. An obscure Norman gentleman, Herluin, stepped forward and shipped the body by boat to Caen. Mourners waited to escort William to the monastery but a fire broke out in the town so every body scattered to fight its spread.

William's body, with a few remaining monks, finally made it to the church. The bishop of Lisieux preached the funeral service and asked that any who had suffered wrongs at the hands of the king grant forgiveness. (This could have been a problem, if he hadn't left so many dead in his wake.)

To the astonishment of the assembly, a knight named Ascelin, a native of Caen, stood up upon a stone and forbade William's burial. He stated that William stole the land the church was built on from his father; that it was rightfully his inheritance and he refused to allow a thief to be buried on his lands. After a hurried investigation, it was determined that his charges were true. He was summoned to a hasty conference with Prince Henry and the bishops who were present. To make it short, Ascelin agreed to be bought off.

With the matter of the burial settled, the Conqueror's bier was carried to the altar before which stood a stone coffin. The coffin turned out to be too small for the King's bloated corpse. From trying to stuff an over large object into too small a space, his body burst open. As the stench of decaying king filled the church, the service was concluded with unseemingly haste.

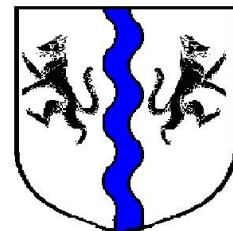
William the Conqueror was not destined for a peaceful life even in death. In the early 16th Century, the tomb was opened, the body removed for examination and then reburied. When France was devastated by savage religious wars between Catholics and Calvinists, the Calvinists destroyed the shrine and scattered the Conqueror's bones; all save one long thighbone. The thighbone was reburied again when the church was rebuilt. Even then, there was no peace for William. Revolutionaries wrecked the new shrine in 1793. In the next century, a plain stone slab with the Conqueror's name engraved upon it marked the thighbone's resting place. Finally, in 1944, much of Caen was destroyed in prolonged and bitter fighting. The abbey church of St. Etienne survived. The British army was involved in the worst of the battles at Caen but this time the King's resting place was left undisturbed by the men of his own Kingdom.

Special correspondent: Mistress Alinor D'Arcy du Calais

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“William the Conqueror, Part Three” The Next Generations

While William was dying in his bed, the nobles had good reason to run home to guard their own. William was a stern ruler but he kept the peace. On his death, his domains were split between his two oldest sons, Robert and William Rufus, leaving his third Henry with money and no lands. Robert was not the man that his father had been. He had Normandy, William's patrimony, but resented that his brother, William Rufus had England, perhaps the richer of the prizes.

William Rufus, William's favorite son, was much more his father's son. He held England with a tight fist and had his eye on Normandy. Robert and William Rufus fought over Normandy. But, it wasn't until Robert was seized by the new fashionable craze, crusading, that William Rufus gained the upper hand. Inspired by Pope Urban II's exhortations at the Council of Clermont in 1095, Robert mortgaged Normandy to William Rufus to pay for going off on the First Crusade. William Rufus became the defacto Duke of Normandy.

Henry, who had no lands of his own, usually hung around at his brother's court in England. William Rufus, in many ways, was even more ruthless than his father. He was not popular with the Barons of England. One fine day, William Rufus was enjoying a hunt when, oh my, he was shot in the back. Honest, it was an accident. He just happened to get in the way when this poor chap released his arrow. You know how it is during the confusion of a hunt. Well, Henry now had the answer to the question he asked his father on his deathbed, "Where am I to lay my head?" Henry dashed off to Winchester, seized the royal treasury, and had himself declared King of England.

Now there are a few who contend that William Rufus's death in that peaceful green glade was not the accident that it seemed, that Henry actually contrived his brother's death or even that William Rufus was sacrificed in an ancient druidic ritual of renewal but, we all know that's silly. Why would Normans be practicing an old Celtic rite?

Robert was still off crusading when William Rufus died but he hurried home as soon as he could. Naturally, he felt he should be King of England; after all he was the eldest. But, there sat Henry, already on the throne, and he disagreed. Robert invaded England in 1101. Henry may have been the youngest brother but he was much better at hanging on to things than Robert. Robert lost the argument and accepted a pension from Henry. Henry, however, was not content. In 1105 he invaded Normandy, defeated his brother and added Duke of Normandy to his titles. Robert spent the rest of his life in prison and died in 1134 at about the age of 80.

The story of William's heirs does not end with the first generation. No! On to The Grandchildren! Henry married Matilda of Scotland (also called Edith) who was descended from the old English Kings. This made the English Nobles happy. They had two children William and Matilda (also called Maud). Henry married Matilda (his daughter, not his wife) off to Henry V, Holy Roman Emperor, who was considerably older than she. The marriage lasted 11 years and when Henry V died, Henry brought Matilda home. It seems that, while she was living in splendor in the German court, her brother William had decided to engage in that still popular sport - drinking and boating. In fact, everybody on the ship did. There was one survivor but it wasn't William.

Henry made his Barons swear they would accept Matilda, who was his only surviving legitimate child, as queen on his death. Mean-time, Matilda was not happy. Henry's court wasn't anywhere near as splendid, so pomp and circumstance, as Henry V's court. So, Henry did what any loving parent would do - he married her off: this time to a man who was 11 years her junior: Geoffrey IV, count of Anjou. To say they didn't like each other is putting it mildly. Matilda spent as much time at home as Henry would let her. Periodically, he would make her return to her husband. Shortly after one such return trip, she gave birth to her first son, Henry.

Shortly before his death, Henry made his Barons renew their oath to support Matilda as his heir and their queen. Among those barons pledging to support Matilda was Henry's nephew, Stephen of Blois, who was a grandson of William the Conqueror through his mother. Henry died while Matilda was in Anjou and the Barons promptly made Stephen their new King. To heck with that oath stuff, whoever heard of a woman sitting on the throne by herself?

Matilda was not about to take this laying down. Or sitting for that matter. She immediately invaded England. Civil War raged in England for years. Matilda gained the upper hand for a short time but, was never formally crowned Queen. Matilda finally gave up her attempts to gain the throne for herself. She was not about to give up her birthright. If she could not have it for herself, she would have it for her son. The years of war had taken a great strain on England. Her husband, Geoffrey, conquered Normandy in 1145 taking that valuable possession from Stephen. Stephen never had the full support of all the Barons so, in the end, he conceded the succession of the throne to Matilda's son, Henry, by passing his own son.

Now, Geoffrey of Anjou had earned the nickname Plantagenet from his habit of sticking a sprig of flowering gorse, the *planta genesta*, in his hat. His and Matilda's son, who became Henry II, founded the magnificent Plantagenet dynasty. But what if Henry II had not a drop of Geoffrey's blood in him? Before her father's death, Matilda made many extended stays in England. Her dislike of her husband was well known. It is not inconceivable that Matilda may have had affairs. It is not inconceivable that her reaction to her cousin Stephen's usurpation of her throne was so violent because he might have been the father of her son, Henry. This might also explain why Stephen was willing to cut his own son out of the line of succession in favor of Henry. Well, DNA testing didn't exist in those days, and I doubt anyone would have submitted to the test even if it were, so I guess we'll never know.

The End

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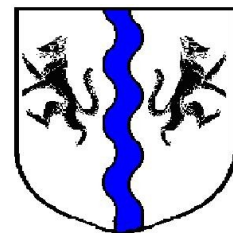
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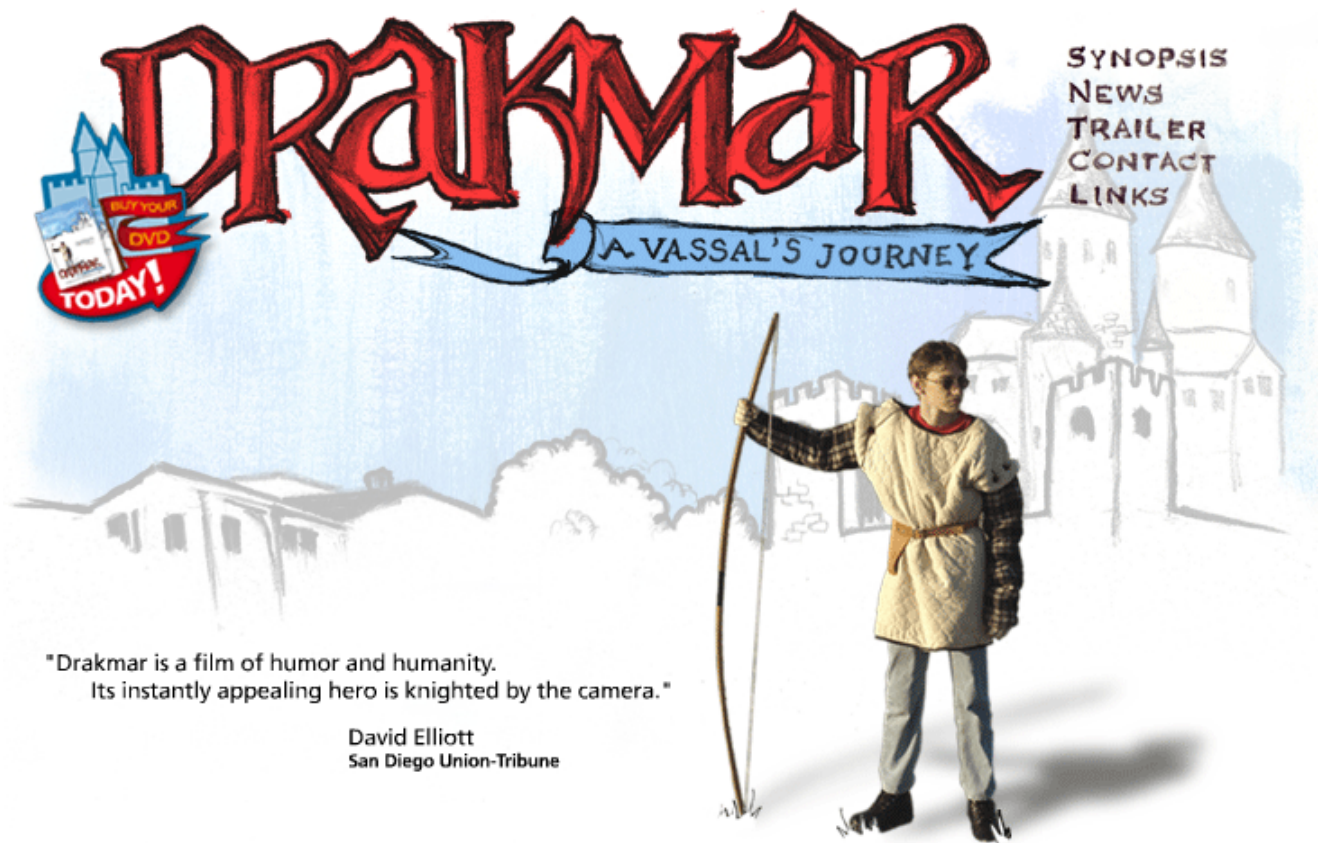
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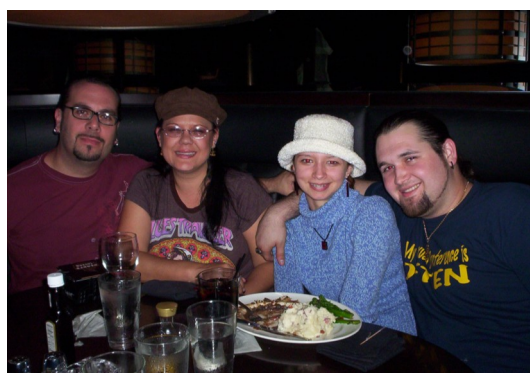
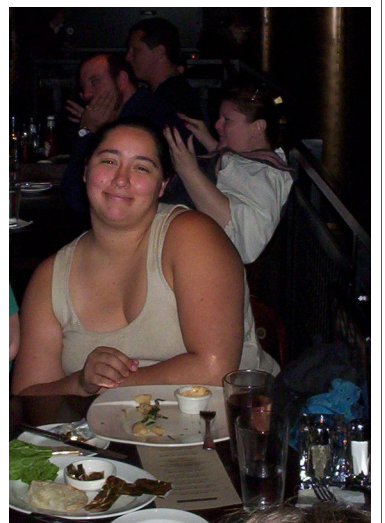
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MARCH 2008 IMPERIAL ESTATES MEETING INFORMATION

March 8, 2008 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feast will begin promptly at 7 p.m. at the meeting location.

March 9, 2008 – 9 a.m. until all agenda items have been addressed

Location

The March 2008 meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Shire of Valencia.

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Centerpieces

Platters of Crusty Breads with Grapes, Gruyere, Gorgonzola & Grana Cheeses
garnished with Roasted Almonds and Honey Coated Walnuts

Main Courses

(Served family style)

Wortes Salad tossed in Oil and Vinegar

Fresh Steamed Asparagus with Garlic and Onions

Mashed Cauliflower with Butter

Rys Lombard Stondyng- Sweet Rice and Egg Pudding

Beef y-Stgywd- Stewed Beef Short Ribs

Congng-Chicken in a Onion Wine Sauce

Kede Rosted-Lamb Rosted with Vinegar and Salt

Pastry Table

Custadlombard on a Fische Daiz-Spiezed Pear and Almond Pie

Ryschewys Close and Fryez-Fig and Date Fritters

Blaunderellys-Baked Apples

Crispels-Round Pastries Basted in Honey

Berry of the Forest Pie

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DETAILS ON THE

FEAST COST AND

THE MEETING'S

PLANNED LUNCHES

WILL BE ANNOUNCED

VIA THE YAHOO GROUP

The hotel will provide a cash bar for those interested. However, they have agreed to allow us to bring in meade for those interested in sharing some.

March 2008 Imperial Estates Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. REPORTS

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters

CRB2. Amend Article VIII. Subdivision of the Empire

CRB3. Amend Article VII.G. Officers of the Corporation

CRB4. Revision of Arts & Sciences Judging Form.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Consider the reign of Dame Ashlinn Tiernan and Sir Pavo Rosalia

CH2. Judicial Decisions

CH3. Replace Rolls and Lists Manual

CH4. Replace IEW 18: Armigerous Rights with new version

CH5. Amend Imperial Estates Writ: Autocrating Events to define procedure for Directed Fundraisers

CH6. Amend Article III.A. to add Imperial Crown as an advisory member to the BoD.

CH7. Amend Article III. Members and Board of Directors and Article VI.F.1.c. Rights of the Imperial Estates General

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Article VIII.D.3.a.iv and VIII.F.1. to remove overlapping border restriction for subdivisions

OB2. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article IV. Conduct of Judicial Courts

OB3. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 1: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries

OB4. Rename the terms "Chartered Subdivisions" and "Subdivisions"

OB5. Amend Article VI.G. Meetings of the Governing Body: Notice

OB6. Amend Article VIII.B.8: Subdivision of the Empire

OB7. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2, 12 Codex Adjudicata to Create an Independent Judiciary

OB8. Amend Article III.A. Number of Directors

OB9. Amend Article XVI.B. Conduct of Imperial Crown War

OB10. Adopt Resolution to move the location of Imperial Crown War West

OB11. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 1: Arts and Science Manual Article IV.B.7. Tournament Entries

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amend Article III. Board of Directors to elect Treasurer, limit terms of Board of Directors members.

NB2. Limit the Imperial Crown to a single year (No consecutive years).

NB3. Retirement Titles: Ducal and Archducal Crowns

NB4. Ladies-in-waiting, Squires, Men-at-arms and Pages

NB5. New Physicker Manual

NB6. Recognition of those who render Lifesaving Aid at an Event.

NB7. Proposal to create a Rapier Knighthood Path.

NB8. Modification the New Rolls Manual

NB9. Abolish all Borders Between the Adrian Subdivisions In the Mundane State of Florida.

NB10. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 21 Rotation of Imperial Estates Meetings to only apply to the November Imperial Estates Meeting.

NB11. Separation of Corporate Bylaws from Lex Adria (Law of the Empire)

X. DISCUSSION

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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