



# Le Chronique d'Esperance



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## **Our Crowns Speak**

Unto Our populace, We send greetings!

These past few months have seen much excitement and change, the most obvious being the location of Our Court and Tourney. We are pleased to announce that at the new site at Eisenhower Park we have been given blessing and more importantly permission to use this site. Again thanks to Our Warden, Sq. Michel du Gard who searched hi and low and did all the leg work associated with securing the site!!

In the past few months We have also been very lax in establishing a "starting" time for Our events. To this We say "No More!!" and are enacting the following writ:

Our events will start at 10AM, sign ins begin 30 minutes before and will stop during court. At the end of Court sign-ins will start again and will run for 45 minutes. After that 45 minute period is over, lists will be closed and those not in line will not be recorded as having participated and will not be allowed to participate in the combat or arts lists.

We are aware that on rare occasions mundania strikes and emergencies can prevent one from being at an event on time. For these special emergency cases, it will be necessary for you to approach the Steward and the keeper of the arts or combat lists for special permission to sign in and enter the lists. This permission is to be granted at the sole discretion of the Steward and the list keeper. This applies to all including the Sovereigns.

[The main purpose of this writ is to minimize the disruption to the list keeper and steward and allow them to participate in the fun portion of Our events without distraction. They work very hard so we can all have fun, they should get some enjoyment too.]

So say We,

Reilly  
Esperance Rex



Elsbeth  
Royal Consort

## **Kingdom Monthly Event**

by Lady Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis

Our March monthly event was held at Eisenhower Park in the city of Orange. We set up a perimeter for our event as per the rules laid down by the city of Orange and had a separate erik for fighting. The sight was a bit hilly but there were plenty of trees, a babbling stream nearby and immaculate restroom facilities very close by. It was hoped by all that this would become our new home. The event was largely captured on videotape and on camera and was a very well attended event.

Opening court began and passed with only the introduction of the park by His highness, King Reilly and admonitions for all to be on their best behavior for the day. HRH King Reilly also decreed that there would be an emergency estates meeting held at the lunch recess. Also, he announced the opening of our new Archery Knighthood and advertised for a new Minister of Archery. Any who are interested are to see his Majesty to apply. Dame Aileen O'Kelly came before the court and summoned Knight candidate Morgan MacCanna before the throne and released him from is duty of Man-at-Arms with the payment of a rather large cooked chicken. Our good Steward, Lord Terrin, then came before the throne and presented his new deputy, Caitlin Rose Muldoon and with that, opening court closed.

At the lunch break, the estates of Esperance met and gave HRM King Reilly permission to select a permanent site for all events due to the fact that Mile Square Park had made it very difficult for us to return. It was hoped that this new site here in Orange would work well but the King was given sole responsibility to select a permanent site. The last order of business was to give the Steward the go ahead to print membership cards for all members of Esperance. With that the emergency meeting of the Estates was broken and we returned to our lunches.

The lists were rather large this month so the combatants really had to work for their win! The shanai list was won by Squire Fox, the Ren list was won by Sir Morgan Blackthorne and the steel list was once again won by our Premier third level Knight, Earl, Sir Galadon Pendragon. The Arts list was also well attended and the winner was Princess, Dame Katherine Marshall of London for a well done bardic. Congratulations to all the winners!

Closing court was also quite a short affair but an amusing one at least. All of the winners were summoned before the throne and were pinned with favors by our beloved Queen Consort, Elspeth. Everyone made appropriate noises at being stuck by Herself, some of which were quite amusing. (Thank you Sir Morgan!) Dauphine, Dame Roselyn Pendragon took two new vassals, Master Yung Sun DuGard as Man-at-Arms and Mistress Emilia Scrappenhopper as Lady-in-Waiting. Also, Squire Fox, Sir Coda's Squire, took over for Sir Coda as the Dauphine's champion. The King then announced that the next event would most likely be held at Eisenhower Park but if it was not to be held there, that the populous would receive a postcard with the new information upon it. With that, closing court was announced and the event was officially over!

## **A Poem by Taliesin**

by Dame Aileen O'Kelly

This poem was submitted by Dame Aileen. The subject of Taliesin has always intrigued me and this bardic is a great example of even greater research!

## Song of the Wind

unriddle me this, if you can  
I was before God's flood  
without flesh or vein or bone  
headless, footlessly I stride  
nothing's child, never born  
when my breath stills, I am not dead  
no older now, nor ever young  
I have no need of beast or man

Sea-whitener, forest -piercer  
handless I touch a whole field  
Time's partner, Youth's partaker  
wide as the wide earth is wide  
unequalled, masterless, never prisoner  
landless, invisible and blind  
solitary and brash of manner  
gentle, murderous, and without sin  
I am no repairer of disorder  
I am wet and dry and weak and strong  
what am I? that the cold moon fosters  
and the ardour of the sun

Taliesin was one of five poets renowned among the Welsh in the latter part of the 6th century, according to the *Historia Brittonum* attributed to Nennius. The Book of Taliesin, the oldest surviving copy of his works (written about 700 years after his time), contains a variety of poems, some on religious themes, some arcane religious verses that belong to Celtic mythological traditions and that are very difficult to decipher, and some that refer to known historical figures.<sup>1</sup> Taliesin spent much of time during the last third of the sixth century as a guest of various chiefs and princes to whom he wrote complementary poems as form of repayment for their hospitality.<sup>2</sup> His best known poems are of his lord, King Urien of Rheged.<sup>3</sup>

Bardic poetry appears to have flourished during the 6th century.<sup>4</sup> Most of the Welsh literature that we find today, are from manuscripts from the 12th and 13th centuries.<sup>5</sup> The early period was preeminently the age of professional bards, who trained in a teacher-pupil relation and practiced a poetic art so complex as to exclude the untrained altogether. Prior to the late 13 century, the independent Welsh princes had patronized the bards; henceforth the Welsh nobility that served the English crown.<sup>6</sup> patronized them

In the poems of Taliesin, we find the Christianized, distanced stance of Classical cosmology, but the old Celtic otherworld is also present with all its intensity of image, color and symbol.<sup>7</sup>

Nature, a source of similes in the heroic poetry and of symbolism in verse fragments of the sagas was sometimes a subject of song in its own right. Generally, treatment of the subject was remarkable for its sensitive objectivity, its awareness of form, color and sound, and its concise, often epigrammatic, expression.<sup>8</sup>

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## Faire News

By Squire Terrin Greyphis

Crossroads 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual European Renaissance Festival  
Weekends and Memorial Day April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>  
10am – 6pm rain or shine  
Crossroads Riverview Park, Corona

Thank you to the huge number of people that have pledged their support towards this year's big Crossroads festival.

As last year, gate passes (badges) will include a photo ID so everyone must pick up their own at the festival site. Badges will be issued Thursday through Sunday from 11am to 4pm until April 18<sup>th</sup>. After April 18<sup>th</sup>, they are available only on Fridays from 2pm to 9pm and Saturdays from 9am to 11am.

Camping passes **purchased by April 18<sup>th</sup>** are \$20 per person for run-of-festival and \$5 per person for a single weekend. After April 18<sup>th</sup>, the prices increase to \$35 for run-of-festival and \$10 for a single weekend. The autocrats will not be collecting your camping money. Please purchase any necessary camping passes when you pick up your badge.

The festival is set in 1600 Germany where participants are celebrating the past 150 years. This means that your costume should be period for 1450 through 1600. All non-German personas will be seen as visiting from other lands. If you have any questions regarding costuming, please see Sir Galadon.

Preliminary site cleanup (raking the tree droppings... yes we have SHADE this year!) and setup will be **TODAY**. Everyone that can make it is invited to come out and help us. Remember that the time that we will really need as many people as possible is for tear down at the end of festival on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

There is no potable water on the site so please bring your own drinking water. Pets are not allowed without prior approval.

The alcohol policy is: Absolutely *no alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the site at any time. Beer and wine will be available for purchase from the festival.*

See attachment for additional rules.

If you have any questions contact Sir Galadon /  
SirGaladon@aol.com or Squire Terrin / Terrin@home.com

## Important Announcement

By King Reilly

Their Imperial Majesties have decreed through Their Minister of War and Joust that they are actively seeking an Imperial

Minister of Archery. Please contact the IMJW at ecboyd@home.com, or send it to me and I will forward it.

Also, We are looking for a Royal Archery Minister, if you are interested please contact me ASAP!

### **Recipe of the Month**

by Squire Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis



We've had some great recipes submitted over the past few months but this month I am left to my own devices yet again. I'm always looking for those award-winning recipes! (HINT! HINT!) Even if you don't have an award winning recipe, submit it and share it with your fellow friends!

The recipe I've chosen for you this month comes from **The Medieval Cookbook** by Maggie Black. I came across this cookbook at a Scottish Heritage Festival and just couldn't pass it up. For those that remember, the custard recipe I published in December came from here as well. Enough about this, here is the recipe of the month!

### **Rose Pudding**

#### **Original recipe:**

Rosee. Take thyk milke; sethe it. Cast therto sugur, agode porcioun; pynes, dates ymynced, canel, & powdour gynger; and seeth it, and alye it with flours of white rosis, and flour of rys. Cole it; salt it & Messe it forth. If thou wilt in stede of almounde mylke, take swete crem of kyne.

#### **Ingredients:**

Petals of one full-blown but unshrivelled white rose  
4 level tablespoons rice flour or corn flour  
275 ml/10 fl oz/1 ¼ cups milk  
50 g/2 oz caster sugar  
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¾ teaspoon ground ginger  
57 ml/20 fl oz/2 ½ cups single cream  
Pinch of salt  
10 dessert dates, stoned and finely chopped  
1 tablespoon chopped pine nut kernels

#### **Translation:**

'Thyk milke' in the old recipe looks suspiciously like sour milk or curd cheese, but in fact it means rich almond 'milk' for a 'fasting' meal. Hastily cream is offered as an alternative for other diners.

Take the petals off the rose one by one, and snip off the end that was attached to the seed-case. Blanch the petals in boiling water for 2 minutes, then press them between several sheets of soft kitchen paper and put a heavy flat weight on top to squeeze them dry. (They may look depressingly greyish but blending will cure the dish's complexion.) Put the rice flour or corn flour in a saucepan, and blend into it enough of the milk to make a smooth cream. Stir in the remaining milk. Place the pan over low heat, and stir until the mixture starts to

thicken. Turn it into the goblet of an electric blender, add the sugar, spices and rose-petals. Processes until fully blended, then add and blend in the cream and salt.

Turn the mixture into a heavy saucepan, and stir over very low heat, below the boil, until it is the consistency of softly whipped cream. Stir in most of the chopped dates and pine nut kernels, and stir for 2 minutes more. Turn into a glass or decorative bowl and cool. Stir occasionally while cooling to prevent a skin forming. Chill. Just before serving decorate with the remaining dates and nuts.

Rumor has it that Mistress Eslin makes a delightful Rose pudding! I hope you all enjoy this recipe in your home!

### **Squire's Corner**

by Squire Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis



Even though I am still so very far away from even considering taking my knighthood, I am always thinking about it and if I will be worthy enough to take it. The knighthood is symbolized by a blue belt but it's more than just that. Way more. But I personally think, as I've said many times before, that Knighthood is a personal thing because it's the things that you yourself are agreeing to uphold. No one should force their beliefs or values onto you. It's YOUR decision what knighthood means to you.

Sir Karl posted something on The Tavern, which is on the Shadowlands BBS that made a lot of sense to me. He took this information from a link on the ROC web site, which I'm still waiting to get the link to. I have placed a copy of his message in my file of things to think about and ideas for my ceremony when I become knighted. It was a rather long article so I'm only going to reproduce part of it here. I hope to give the rest of it to you in a later newsletter. It is my sincere hope that you too will enjoy this.

### **The Ten Commandments of the Code of Chivalry From Chivalry by Leon Gautier**

Thou shalt believe all that the Church teaches, and shalt observe all its directions.

Thou shalt defend the Church.

Thou shalt respect all weaknesses, and shalt constitute thyself the defender of them.

Thou shalt love the country in which thou wast born.

Thou shalt not recoil before thine enemy.

Thou shalt make war against the Infidel without cessation, and without mercy.

Thou shalt perform scrupulously thy feudal duties, if they be not contrary to the laws of God.

Thou shalt never lie, and shall remain faithful to thy pledged word.

Thou shalt be generous, and give largess to everyone.

Thou shalt be everywhere and always the champion of the Right and the Good against Injustice and Evil.

I know that as some of you read this you got a little upset at the fact it looks like I'm preaching. I'm not. I'm copying straight from a book. The fact of the matter is folks, the church played a HUGE role in our time period. Unfortunately for some of our non-Christian minded members, you get

squashed by it every time you turn around because it was such a huge influence in our time period. There are some very basic values listed in these commandments that meant a lot to me. That's why I included this excerpt. I want to be generous, non-lying, country loving, respectful and a champion of the right and the good against injustice and evil. That's what I took out of this so please don't be offended.

Please take a look at this as something to strive towards like I did and take out of it that which you like and discard the rest. Or even discard the whole thing. It's your choice. I hope you have enjoyed this and also hope that you will find the excerpt as meaningful as I did! On to Knighthood!

### ***A Knight and His Lady, Part V***

*by Sir Kirigi Durshavin*

"You idiot!" Shouted Lord Robert as he viciously backhanded the man kneeling before him, sending him sprawling to the ground. "I give you one simple task-that you and those hooligans you called friends dispatch the caravan and bring Nicole to me, and you can't even do that right!"

The man, who had been the sole bandit to escape the failed attack, got up, wiping away the blood that the Lord's slap had brought. "As I said, your lordship, we weren't counting on Sir Coda and that new knight, Sir Donal to be there."

Lord Robert got up and paced in front of his chair for a bit. "Nicole is out of my reach now unless I go to her." He mused. "No one, however, is going to keep us apart for long." He threw a handful of gold at the man. "This is for your silence. Now get out of my sight." He sat back down in his chair, and began to plan.

The other man shook his head, collected his gold, and left.

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The day came for the canton of Aquitaine's monthly tournament. As they came to the grounds where the tournament was held, Nicole marveled at the scenery.

She was very excited. Today it would be official, although Dame Willow had already shown her squire-to-be her library, kitchens, and a number of other things in the keep. She knew she would enjoy this.

As they stopped the wagon and got out, she was surprised to see a number of people already there and setting up. She recognized the Viceroy, Count Sir Cromar, and Sir Talon and Dame Heather, who had once ruled as king and queen. Also, she saw her rescuers-Sir Donal mac Tiege and Sir Coda, with a number of people she assumed were his squires.

Sir Donal finished tying the side of the arming tent down, and reached for another peg to secure the tent pole. As he got up, he saw her. He just stood there, drinking in the sight of her. She looked positively beautiful.

"Yo, Sir Donal," said Squire Vino as he jostled the knight's arm. "Come back to us."

Sir Donal jerked, then finally said, "Oh...yes. Sorry." He took the proffered hammer and began to pound the stake in.

Sir Coda chuckled. "You'll have to excuse him, Squire Vino. He's in love."

The other man chuckled. Sir Donal said nothing, but felt his face grow red.

Just then, there was the approach of a carriage. As it came to a stop, Lord Robert Halliwell peered out the window. He smiled. The directions were correct.

Sir Talon and Sir Cromar were quite surprised with this. Lord Robert rarely came to tournaments. They realized this day would prove very interesting.

When the hour came, after everyone had set up, the herald called for everyone to come forward. Sir Cromar and Dame Willow sat in chairs under the royal pavilion, while the rest of the populace was gathered around them.

Dame Willow stood up. "This day, I have the privilege of taking a new squire. But, before that happens, I am indebted to two knights for her safe arrival." She turned to the herald, "Would you please call forth Sir Donal and Sir Coda?"

The herald called for them and the two knights came forward, dropping to one knee before her. "Sir Coda, Sir Donal, I wish to thank you for your timely rescue of Nicole du Corwyn, my future squire. This is a token of my gratitude." She produced two bottles. "Here is a sample of Sir Talon's infamous chocolate death." She gave the bottles to the two knights. Both accepted the bottles.

There was vigorous applause for the pair as they went back to their places. After the applause had died down, Dame Willow had the herald summon Nicole.

Nicole came forward, wearing her best gown. She curtsied and went to her knees before Dame Willow.

"Nicole du Corwyn, is it still your desire to become my squire?"

"Yes, your grace." She said eagerly.

Sir Cromar came forward with a blade, putting it between them. "Then place your hands on the blade, and repeat after me. Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, to come and go, to do as I say, to be a good squire, to make your causes my causes, and to uphold the laws of Adria. All this do I swear 'til dearth take me, the world ends, I come to my own estate, or we mutually agree to break this bond, so say I, and your name."

Nicole dutifully repeated the oath.

"For my part," responded Dame Willow, "I promise to cherish you, protect you, to train you, to make your causes my causes, to be a lamp of chivalry to you, and to uphold the laws of Adria. All this do I swear, 'til death take me, the world ends, you come to your own estate, or we mutually agree to break this bond. So say I, Dame Willow de Rara." She then took a red belt and put it around Nicole's waist. Then taking Nicole's hand, she brought her to her feet and had her face the populace. "Good gentles," she announced, "I give you my newest squire, Nicole du Corwyn."

### **To Be Continued**

***Please note: The name of the villain is Lord Robert Halliwell, not Howell.***

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**Note:** A Knight and His Lady is a work of fiction. This is a work in progress and nothing in this story should be considered as actual either in mundane reality or in any game context - - Ed.

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Well lets see we had our event on the third saturday of march and the gods smiled upon me as I arrived it stopped raining and I held opening court at 10am sharp, Informed the local plants and animals that showed up for the event about the kingdom event the week before and how well it went then went on to thank those who showed up for coming.

We then closed court and waited for more arrivals, We waited 30 min. then held closing court and again thanked the plants and animals for coming and the gods for stopping the rain for this event.

We announced we would be hosting a demo in Aug. on the 22 at dragonsvail in northridge, CA and would be holding the canton event in Aug. at the dragonsvail fair on the 21st. and then instructed all those interested in attending this demo to contact me at home or by email at lordroyal@netscape.net, We then informed everyone that the april event would be cancelled because of the rival canton had to move their event to that weekend then closed court and then the rain started up and went home.

Sir Royal MacBreaheny  
Royal Chancellor of Esperance  
Viceroy of Tara

### ***Event Calendar***

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999, The Canton of Aquataine** has their monthly event at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside located at the 60 freeway and Market Street. For more information, see

**Dame Willow or Lord Cromar.**

Their E-mail address is LordCromar@aol.com.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999, The Kingdom of Esperance** has their monthly crown event. The event will take place at Eisenhower Park in the city of Orange. The park is located off the 55 fwy just south of the 91 fwy. To schedule to be the autocrat for the event, please see Michel DuGard or e-mail him at dugard32@yahoo.com.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999, The Canton of Tara** has their monthly event at Cresenta Valley Park at the corner of Honolulu and New York, west of where the 2 meets the 210. For more information, please see **Sir Royal MacBreaheny, Viceroy of Tara.** Sir Royal's e-mail is royalmac@hotmail.com.

**Barony of Vineland** announces baronial fighter practice Tuesday nights at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside located at the 60 freeway and Market Street. They will be at the same spot as the monthly event for the canton of Aquataine.

**Mile Square Fighter Practice** For those who are not aware of it there is an unofficial Combat Practice every Wednesday evening at Mile Square Park. Come on down and hit your friends! Practice usually starts around 7:00pm and goes 'till we're all tired. It is located on the Brookhurst side of Mile Square Park, near the Heil entrance. More information can be found on the Internet at

<http://www.webworldinc.com/mystic/adria2.html> or feel free to contact the Royal Hospitaler for more information.

Also, Adrian safety requirements are followed.

Sir Robet Pryderi

***The sheep are running the fences and would love for you to chase them and catch them! Watch this spot for more details . . .***

# ***The Crowns and Ministers for the Kingdom of Esperance***

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Your article or advertisement could appear here if submitted by the Saturday before the monthly event!  
Wouldn't that be lovely?

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**And our Kingdom Website at [www.kingdomofesperance.org](http://www.kingdomofesperance.org)**