



# Le Chronique d'Esperance



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## ***Our Crowns Speak***

Greetings Unto Our Populace,

This month have brought a first for Esperance and for Adria. We had a wonderful weekend event involving two very distinct types of period tournament.

On Saturday, June 26 the Barony Glendorren held a William Marshall type Ransom tourney. This involved the distribution of coins based on rank and station to all participants who then took the field. If you incapacitated an opponent you would capture them and take them off of the field so that they may pay an appropriate "ransom" to be released. This follows with early period style tournament where Knights of great skill and little means became knights of great means. Sir Rashalak of Umbria was found to have been the winner by virtue of the most coins in possession. This is a rather interesting trick as he spent most of the tourney at the local Emergency Room having his elbow looked at (and yes it is broken). We hope he will be good and healed by Imperial War.

On Sunday the March MacCabra hosted the first ever Passage of Arms (or Pas d'Armes) where combatants fighting for the Honor of the King or Queen took the field. Combat happened both over a tilt (or barrier) for both counted blows or to the first clean blow. There was also melee combat and a rather unusual battle where Sir Frederick, Knight Champion of Umbria, did partake in honorable combat against the entire field from Esperance and did rather well (not too well though :-). No victor was determined as all combatants were considered winners by virtue of demonstrating their honor and combat prowess on the field for the entertainment of the Gallery.

The evening of the 26th The H.M.S. Hedgehog held a rather unusual renn tourney that involved very little combat. It was held in a tavern involving barwenches, barkeeps, constables and of course the church selling, er giving for a donation, absolution and resurrections. The main crux of the Tavern was gambling!!! Gambling on dice, duels and rumor has it there was even a gambling on a William Tell competition. An award was presented to Dieter of the Lagersuuffer contingent for remaining in persona the entire time (a very scary persona, ask Coda :-). The winner for having the most coins at the end of the Tavern was the Bar Wench (who's name escapes me at this time).

While the turnout we had was little in numbers it was grand in spirit!! A great time was had by all and this is definitely going down in history as the event that everybody will be sorry they missed.

Thanks to all who came and made the event a success, We hope to have another soon!

In Servitude to Our Wonderful Populace

Reilly Rex                      Elspeth Regina  
King and Queen of Esperance

## ***Kingdom Monthly Event***

*by Lord Terrin Greyphis*

Our chronicler was otherwise detained for the June event (she went to visit the lands known as Disneyland to make sure that the land was still in good condition for the King and Queen) and asked that I report on happenings for the populous. Here's my account of what happened.

Opening court:

Dame Roselyn and Sir Galadon announced their bid for Imperial Crown.

Sir Jehan is the Imperial representative for Imperial War West and is asking for volunteers to help. He wants to form a committee to make sure that everything gets done.

Dame Roselyn received a bouquet of flowers from her Man at Arms, Erick DuGard.

The "Adventures of Sir Theobold" are complete. Sir Kirigi gave a copy to Dame Roselyn and agreed to send an electronic copy for web publication.

Estates meeting followed opening court:

The Estates approved up to \$1000 for Pas d'Armes expenses.

The Estates gave official support for King Reilly to collect the money (\$1,367.99) due the kingdom from the imperial coffers.

Closing court:

The Minister of War & Joust is in the process of creating a procedure for fighter authorizations and fight cards.

Winners were announced:

Arts:	Lord Sir Robert de la Fonteyne
Combat:	Shinai: Dinnis of the Dell
	Renn: Sir James of Bloodstone
	Steel: Sir James of Bloodstone

Dame Roselyn will do a French hood demo at the July event.

Sir Jehan issued a challenge for knights to become more well rounded. Specifically, to strive for knighthoods in more than one discipline. Towards that end, he will be taking up combat.

That's all for now. See you at the next event!

## ***Archery Tourney***

The first Archery Tourney was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. The event was held at the archery range at Mile Square Park.

The people in attendance were:

Queen Elsepth  
King Reilly

Baron Sir Morgan Blackthorne  
Squire Michael DuGard  
Baron Squire Gregor mac Domnaill  
Sire Rebecca Hamilton O Horan  
Ray the Red  
Man-at-arms Erick DuGard

Since this was the first archery tourney for the Kingdom of Esperance, there was only one list. The winner of the list was Squire Michel DuGard. The Archery Master, Baron Sir Morgan Blackthorne, looks forward to seeing more people in attendance at the next tourney which will be announced at the July event.

***On Courtesy, a Grande Tournament, and a couple of Writs***  
*by Lord Gerhard Lagersuifer, Royal Minister of War & Joust*

I would like to take a moment of your time to discuss a couple of things going on within the Empire and our beloved Kingdom.

First of all, I wish to thank everyone who showed up for our Kingdom's 1st (hopefully) Annual Grande Tournament. I had a great time and pity those who didn't attend. I believe the Kingdom of Esperance has set a new level of excellence at this tourney, and I am unsure of how we can top it next year; but know we will.

Secondly, the promised collegium on the new Kingdom Marshal's Handbook, and Authorization Procedure has been postponed to August. Due to mundane factors I haven't had the time to work out all of the kinks with the King and Queen.

Thirdly, I wish to comment on the Emperor's latest writs, SIW-6 and SIW-7. SIW-6 is an exciting new writ that opens up the exotic weapons classes to non-knights. In a nutshell, if a knight has an exotic weapon that has been in safe use for six months, they can petition their Minister of War & Joust to allow non-knights to use it as well. All of these petitions will be then forwarded to the Imperial Minister of War & Joust for final approval. I hope that every single knight using exotic weapons meeting the six-month requirement sends their petitions in to me at their earliest possible convenience. However, be prepared to have documentation ready for really "exotic" weapons per writ SIW-7 that I am about to explain.

SIW-7 has the potential of drastically changing our combat system. I personally feel it is a terrible writ, but shall fairly enforce it nonetheless. I don't want to take up the space in this forum to detail my opinion, but will be more than happy to discuss it with you whenever we meet.

Basically, what it states is that any combatant can challenge any other combatant's weapons and/or styles for historical accuracy. Once challenged, that weapon or style is to be considered banned until proper documentation can be given to prove its' historical accuracy. The local Minister of War & Joust will decide if the documentation is credible enough for proof and will then forward the documentation on to the Imperial Minister so that he can build a library. Banned weapons and styles will also be forwarded to the Imperial Minister so that the ban can be implemented on an Imperial level. Of course, if anyone feels unfairly treated they may petition the Imperial Minister for another decision.

The writ also stipulates that the Royal Minister of War & Joust can determine if a given challenge is frivolous, which I will now define.

A challenge will be considered frivolous by me if:

- 1) It is issued during a tournament or war. I will only consider challenges issued before the day's combat activities begin or after they have been concluded.
- 2) The challenger cannot provide a reason on why they feel the given weapon or style is not period.

If a Royal Minister feels that a challenge is frivolous, then the challenger can petition the Imperial Minister for another decision.

That being said, I wish to discuss one last point, courtesy on the field. Overall, I would have to state that I think the Kingdom of Esperance has some of the most honorable and courteous combatants in the Empire, however, there is one pet-peeve I have regarding courtesy, I call it blow-stating.

As you know, combat in the Adrian Empire is based on an "honor" system. Each combatant is on their own honor to acknowledge all blows fairly given and received. Normally, most combatants are very good at calling the blows they have received; it is the confusion surrounding the acknowledgement of blows given that disturbs me. How many times have you seen or heard a combatant emphatically state, "I hit you! You're dead!" It seems harmless enough when written on paper, yet I feel this simple statement affects our game on a deeper level. When you loudly declare that you have struck your opponent, you are questioning their honor and their ability to compete fairly.

Our combat is often fast, furious, imperfect, and due to this everyone makes mistakes once in awhile. If the person you are fighting is capable of making a mistake, so are you. It is entirely plausible that you didn't hit them where you feel you did. When you emphatically declare that you have struck them, you place your opponent in a difficult situation, do they accept a blow they feel they shouldn't just to appear honorable, or do they continue to refuse the alleged blow and appear to be a rhino.

Why would you wish to place your honorable opponent on the spot like that? Why force them into a position that will only further complicate the situation? I hope that instead of hearing cries of "You're so dead, dude!" I will soon be hearing, "My Lord, did I strike you?" Give your opponent the benefit of the doubt. If they have made a mistake in their blow acknowledgement, most of the time they will gladly admit it. If they don't feel that the blow was good, either give them the benefit of the doubt and continue or ask for a Marshal to make a decision.

Remember, nobody likes to be called dishonorable and nobody likes to be called a cheater. Give your opponent the same courtesy and respect that you expect to receive, and your renown will grow!

### ***Letter from the Queen's Personal Protector***

Your Majesties,

I was delighted to hear that her majesty, Queen Elspeth, has been crowned! She is truly worthy. I thank God that Esperance has such a wise and goodly woman upon its throne!

We have yet to depart. England has denied the O'Neill his loan request, but demanded his presence.

The Taoiseach\* will not be moved by threats. Is not the Lord of Ulster entitled to more courtesy than has been extended? He has explained away our postponement in departure as his wardrobe not ready. A reply has been dispatched that he will leave without delay once the loan has been received.

My employer is most well. Perhaps wisdom and generosity run within the O'Neill blood? As of late I have noticed his extreme charity. At each meal before he puts one morsel in his mouth, he slices a portion above the measure that is called for by Our Lord. This is sent to some beggar at his gate. He has stated time and again, "It is meet to serve Christ first."

Your servant,  
Aodhgan O'Sionnaigh

\* Chieftain

### ***Important Announcement***

Due to a bureaucratic snafu, the collegium I did on Bardics last year was not recorded. If you attended the collegium, please see me and let me get your name on a list, so I can deliver it to the Minister of Rolls and everyone can get the proper credit for it.

Thank you

Sir Kirigi Durshavin Belsky

### ***Recipe of the Month***



The recipe this month comes from a friend of mine in the SCA who lives in what is known in Adria as the Shire of Snohomish. This recipe for Frumenty, or barley in broth with saffron, is part of a huge feast that he prepared for a Barony Boon Day Meal (special event in their area) that got rave reviews. The recipe came from a book by Contance Hieatt & Sharon Butler entitled, *Curve on Inglysch* by Oxford University Press, 1985. I hope you'll enjoy this!

#### **Frumenty**

For to make furmenty. Nym clene wete & bray it in a mortar wel, that the holys on al of, & seyt yt til yt breste; & nym yt up and lat it kele. And nym fayre fresch broth & swete mylk of almandys or swete mylk of kyne and temper yt al. & nym the yolks of evryn & saffron & do thereto. Boyle it a lityl & set yt adoun, & messe yt for the wyth fat venysoun & fresch motoun.

1 cup pearl barley  
2 ¾ cups vegetable broth  
¼ cup whole milk (or sweetened almond milk if you can find)  
pinch of saffron  
2 egg yolks

Stir the barley into the boiling broth, along with the saffron. Cover the pan with a tight fitting lid and cook over very low heat 30-50 minutes, until grain is tender. Stir in beaten egg yolks. Stir over very low heat for a few minutes until the eggs set. Serve hot. Serves 6 (1/2 cup barley per person)

### ***Dragonvale Faire***

The Canton of Tara will be hosting the Dragonvale Faire, which is held in LA County every August at the Equestrian Center. The dates for the Faire are August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lord Sir Royal will be taking names for the gate list at today's event and can answer any questions you may have. This faire has NO ONSITE CAMPING. For more information, please see Lord Sir Royal or e-mail him at LordRoyal@netscape.net.

### ***Squire's Corner***

by Squire Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis



I attended the Aquataine event the first weekend of the month and was quite pleasantly surprised at how well attended the event was and how gracious our little Canton was. Earl Sir Talon Marcus was in attendance and really gave me something to think about.

I was quite happy to see that one of the older members in our game is still active and still fighting. The Renn list that he fought in was done in a round robin style and I really got to see how a finesse Renn style was very effective. Earl Sir Talon was very agile and scored well against all of the combatants on the list, (he won the list in fact) but it wasn't just this that impressed me. He was very jovial throughout the entire day and was very complimentary to all of the combatants on the list. After he faced one in the list, win or lose, he'd always go up to them afterwards and compliment them on something they had done in the bout. He didn't offer advice. He offered a compliment. This rather intrigued me as I haven't seen much of this thus far in my observances of tourneys.

It was Earl Sir Talon Marcus' congeniality to the other fighters that reminded me that a Knight's first duty is to be honorable. Through this small act, Earl Sir Talon reminds us that pleasantries on the field and off is a knightly virtue. Thank you, Sir Talon, for reminding this lowly squire of something that I will need to remember in my journey. I hope some day to be able to face you myself and learn what you have to teach.

### ***Costume College***

As many of our members know, at the end of July is the annual Costume College. Even though it is too late to sign up for any of the classes, you may be interested in the vendor's portion of the event. The Dealers room will be open during the following times:

July 23rd 8pm-10 pm  
July 24th 8am-5pm  
July 25th 8:45am-6pm

The Dealers room is open to the public. This is a fantastic place to get that trim you've been looking for or that pattern that you can never seem to find. You never know!

Costume College is located at:

Airtel Plaza Hotel  
7277 Valjean Ave  
Van Nuys

Two miles west of the 405 freeway exit at Sherman Way. It's at the corner of Sherman Way and Valjean. Parking is free. If you get a chance, stop by and take a look!

***A Knight and His Lady, Part VIII***  
*by Sir Kirigi Durshavin*

Dame Elspeth O'Niell, Queen of Esperance, looked with a skeptical eye at the document before her.

Lord Robert Halliwell bent over the table, looking hard at the Queen. "As you can see your majesty, any marriage like this shouldn't take place. The precedent could be disastrous.

Dame Elspeth stared up at him. "Lord Robert," she began, "It's admirable that you have such an interest in a member of the populace's well-being, and in the political ramifications of marriage, but you don't have a point here."

"First of all, she has already changed where she lives. She's moved into Aquitaine and squired to Dame Willow. Secondly, there's no evidence that she's in any danger. To arbitrarily say that a squire is innately vulnerable simply because her paramour is a knight makes no sense. It also casts a slur on the Chivalry."

Lord Robert straightened up. "Then the motion.....?"

"Is dismissed." She finished the statement. "Now, if that's all, good day." She handed the parchment back to him.

Lord Robert sighed. He saluted the Queen, collected his rapier from the chatelaine, and left the royal palace without saying a word. He got into his carriage and had the driver take him home.

When he got to his keep, he noticed the spy he had sent to Aquitaine had arrived back. He greeted the man and had him come into his audience room. He sat in a chair and had the spy give his report.

"Your lordship," he began, checking over his notes, "as you requested, I have been checking up on Nicole du Corwyn and the knight who, it seems, was attracted to her."

"And, it seems, they are in love. Over the last two weeks, since the tournament, she has seen him three times. At first, he came at night, and whisked her off for several hours. Then, he came by during the day. She greeted him, and they spent several hours together. He left after dinner."

Lord Robert closed his eyes. "Is that all?" he asked.

"Yes, your lordship."

Lord Robert put his face in his hands for a minute. Something inside him, quietly and without struggle, died then. "That will be all." He finally said. "Your work is done." He

reached into his belt pouch and pulled forth two gold pieces. "Here. Your payment." He dropped the coins in the other man's hand.

The man bowed and then left.

Lord Robert scratched his chin and thought. Finally, he made a decision. He summoned his maid. "Kat!"

Kat arrived quickly and curtsied. "Yes, milord?"

"Attend me in my chambers. And bring your scissors."

Kat frowned, but curtsied and left.

Lord Robert went into his chamber and sat at the vanity. The mirror reflected a changed man. His eyes were dark and sunken, his cheeks had hollowed out, and his brow had additional furrows. Truly, he looked very different since the tournament.

"Very well, Nicole. You've cut out my heart. I won't have one now." He said to his reflection, his tone dead.

Kat arrived in the chamber. "I've got the scissors, your lordship."

"Good. I want you to cut my hair off."

Kat was truly puzzled now. "Your hair? I...I don't understand. Do you have lice or something?"

"No. Just cut my hair. All of it."

Bewildered and dismayed, Kat obeyed. She began cutting, hesitantly, trying not to cry.

As the strands fell, and Kat turned his head for a better angle, he idly caught some. He thought about it, and with a quiet sigh, he let them go.

When Kat finished, she was barely controlling her weeping. All that was left on Lord Robert's head was some fine stubble.

He caressed his nearly-bald head. He was faintly surprised at her skill. So short, and yet he had not been nicked. "Good job, Kat. I think it suits me."

He looked at her. She sniffled and wiped her nose. "Kat, you have family, don't you?"

She nodded.

"And when was the last time you saw them?"

"A-about a month ago, milord."

Lord Robert exhaled. "Well, I think it's about time you saw them. I'm putting you on vacation. For three weeks." He pulled off his belt pouch and handed it to her. "Here's your pay."

Kat was puzzled. "But, what about things here?" She asked hesitantly.

He gave a half-hearted smile. "It's all right. I'll barely be here, anyway." He made a shooing motion. "Now go."

Kat took the pouch and left.

"Well, Nicole," he said as he began to unbutton his doublet, "You've sowed a bitter wind. Be ready to reap a terrible whirlwind."

### **To Be Continued**

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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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### ***Canton of Tara Open Library and Fighter Practice***

The Canton of Tara would like to welcome the populace to their home on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1999 for an open library/fighter practice. I have it on good authority that they have an extensive library to do all kinds of research in and that their back yard is large enough to accommodate many combatants. This open library/fighter practice is a monthly event that happens on the last Sunday of every month excluding the month of June. For more information and directions to the MacBreheny-O'Kelly house, please e-mail Lord Sir Royal at LordRoyal@netscape.net or his lovely wife, Dame Aileen O'Kelly at ejackson@linkonline.net.

### ***Minister's Reminders***



**The Steward's** office has submitted the following information on renewals for the members of Esperance: (the date supplied is the date you expire):

The following members have lapsed in their renewals for the month of June:

06/06	Dyer, Marsha
06/06	Stires, Shawna
06/12	Storlee, Dana M.
06/13	Curtis, Claire M.
06/13	Stolba, Rick
06/15	Campos, Lisa M.
06/15	Thibodeau, David
06/15	Thibodeau, Jacob
06/15	Thibodeau, William
06/19	Williams, Morgan
06/20	Elbert, Michelle
06/29	Cominolo, David
06/29	Cominolo, Jean

The following members will have a lapse in membership if their dues are not paid in the month of July:

07/11	Pineda, Mike
07/11	Pineda, Mikele (Jensen)
07/12	Hecksel, Janice
07/12	Mellor, Ray
07/19	Harvey, Justin M.
07/19	Hein, Jennifer
07/25	Boswell, Matthew
07/25	Gilmore, Dennis
07/25	Whelchel, Jolynn

The following members are due for renewal in the month of August:

08/08	Roberts, Mark Earl
08/08	Roberts, Sean-Michael Edward
08/08	Vela, Bryan
08/09	Huizenga, Sara
08/09	Huizenga, Steve
08/10	Eldredge, Steven Lee
08/10	Eldredge, Vicki Strassburg
08/10	Strassburg, Jessicah

08/10	Timms, Kevin
08/30	Kirk, Gregory
08/30	Kirk, Morgan

My apologies to His Imperial Highness Sir Francois De'Coucey for listing him as being able to expire. He was incorrectly listed in last months newsletter as expiring in July. There was a minor glitch in a report that has since been corrected.

**The Minister or Rolls** has submitted the following:

In May (at the Crossroads Faire), Lord Sir Jamie the Red took Talis as his squire.

Lord Sir Cromar Volksblot was knighted as Knight Civil (2nd levelministry) by Sir Talon Marcus on 4/16/99.

Lord Baronet Sir Coda a.k.a. Sir Roy William MacCoda von Seiken was elevated to Knight Bannerette (2<sup>nd</sup> level Combat) by Sir Dave Just Dave on 6/27/99 at the Pas d' Armes Tournament.

**The Art's and Sciences** minister has submitted the following:

His Imperial Highness Sir Jehan coordinated the June tournament.

Judges were Dame Roselyn, Dame Aileen, and Sir Kirigi. Scribes were Mistress Amelia and Joaquin.

There were enough entrants for a combined list. Entrants in the tournament were:

Sir Robert "Jestar" -- Lace (Tournament win)  
Squire Ayla -- Cordial carrier  
Squire Michel -- "Butt pins"  
Eva --Quilt.

The documentation field trip was a mixed event. Two people (other than me) showed up, but those two said that it was a great experience. I would like to try another field trip sometime in September or October.

Yours in Service to the Good,  
Princess Dame Katherine Marshall

**The Hospitlar's** office has reported the following new member:

Della Lake

Welcome to our new member! We're happy to have you! If you have any questions, please let us know and we'll be happy to assist you and introduce you around!

**The Chronicler** is yet again saddened to see minimal submissions. Please submit your articles, announcements, recipes and stories by the Saturday before the monthly event to Sq. Lenora. You may e-mail me your articles and such to DomLScott@home.com or see me at an event.

### ***Event Calendar***

**August 7th, 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 Sir Cromar**. Their E-mail address is temporarily unavailable.

**August 14th, 1999, The Kingdom of Esperance** has their monthly crown event. The event will take place at Eisenhower Park in the city of Orange. To schedule to be the autocrat for the event, please see Michel DuGard or e-mail him at dugard32@yahoo.com.

**August 21st, 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 LordRoyal@netscape.net.

**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. For more information, see **Lord Sir Cromar**.

**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.

*Oh where, oh where have my little sheepies gone,  
Oh where, oh where can they be?*

*The Site is under negotiation. The details are no longer pending. Wanna try to catch a few sheep and win the honor of one of the two maidens who will be heading up the two sields? Keep watching this spot for more detailed information!*

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

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***You may also e-mail any of the ministers by putting their job title in front of @kingdomofesperance.org (Except for Their Majesties who are reached as Crown@kingdomofesperance.org)***

Your article or advertisement could appear herein if submitted by the Saturday before the monthly event!

**And don't forget to visit The Shadowlands, [www.schemel.com/adria](http://www.schemel.com/adria)**

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