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Announcement

There is an estates meeting directly after the March event. Estate holders, make sure that the Chancellor, Steward, Rolls minister and the Crown have current information for your estate as voting rights freeze at the end of the event today.

From Their Majesties

Greetings unto the populace of Esperance,

We would like to thank all who attended the unofficial feast last month in Aquitaine. It was a grand event and great fun!

We would also like to thank all those who attended the 12th night tournament and feast last month in Terre Neuve. Esperance was well represented in the tournament!

The feast was magnificent and bountiful! The Grandmaster of the Dream, Sir Francois was present as well as the Emperor, Sir Eric the Aweful and many other dignitaries. We spoke of many things, making plans for several upcoming events. Stay tuned for more. We will be publishing a fairly firm schedule of events in the next issue.

You will note that the February event is a bit different than our regular tournaments. We will not only be celebrating the winners of the lists, but will be celebrating the winners of your hearts as well! Give those favors to any who catch your fancy!

Have fun and enjoy the day!

Congratulations to Knight Candidate Dagr. We are certain that he will be a brightly shining example of the Lamp of Chivalry and welcome him with open arms.

We hope that all will join in the celebrations planned for him by his (soon to be ex-) knight and friends.

Congratulations also to His Imperial Highness, Sir Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain-Annecy von Hapsburg. We are happy to be helping him celebrate two major milestones. The first is a celebration of the passage of time. Since he has passed the magic "29" mark, We shall not detail this one any further, other than to say, "Happy Birthday." The second milestone is long, long overdue in Our estimation. HIH Sir Jehan is planning to add Knight Civil to his list of titles and accomplishments. Vivat!

Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, Gottesknecht
King of Esperance

Maedb Hawkins Drakonja
Queen of Esperance

Royal Decree: Legal Blows in Renaissance Combat

So let it be written that by Royal Decree, We do hereby proclaim that until further notice the use of swords approved for light renaissance combat shall be this:

The killing surface of any blade used in light renaissance combat in the greater Kingdom of Esperance shall be the tip of the weapon only. Approved light renaissance weapons which are generally considered to be of a slashing nature such as a scimitar may still be used.

Any slash is to be considered a valid blow only if the tip of the sword comes into contact with the target area.

We further define the tip of the weapon as that portion of the blade which is covered by an approved "Blunt". A "Blunt" should be constructed of a bullet shell casing, which is epoxied to the tip of the blade and is then covered with an archer's rubber arrow tip, known as a "Rabbit" or "Bird" blunt and then wrapped with red tape. Red chem dip paint is an acceptable alternative to red tape. We also encourage the use of a steel gorget when participating in light renaissance combat.

We believe this method of blunting the tip of the light renaissance weapon to be much safer than a bullet shell casing covered with tape alone. We also believe that using the tip of the weapon as the only valid killing surface will, eventually, make better renaissance fighters of us all as it will force us to use more skill in placing the tip on the target.

We understand that the use of this type of weapon and the fighting styles required to use it may well be out of the Adrian time frame. It is however accepted under Adrian law.

We suggest that those who do not wish to participate in the Adrian approximation of "Rapier" type combat not do so, but please allow others to enjoy it without ridicule.

We believe that this decree will help to enhance the experience of those wishing to participate in light renaissance combat in the kingdom of Esperance.

By Our hand so let it be done.

Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, Gottesknecht
King of Esperance

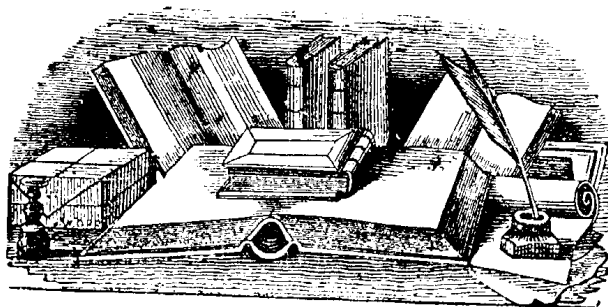
Medieval Jest

A kind wife followed her husband to the gallows; and he requesting her not to trouble herself any further, she answered, "Ah, yes, dear husband, now that I am come thus far, faith, I'll see you hanged too, God willing, before I go."

[pub. 1595]

Wardroper, John; _Jest Upon Jest_, A Selection from the Jestbooks and Collections of Merry Tales published from the Reign of Richard III to George III; London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1970.

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An Apology

I spelled house Veek Bach incorrectly in previous editions of the Chronique. I ask that the members of the house please forgive my error.

Sir Jamie the Red
Chronicler of Esperance

A Stitch in Time Saves Lives

Contributed by Dame Willow De Rara

The next time you fix a torn shirt or darn a sock, you may be mending your psyche as well. A recent study has discovered that people who sew, whether they are skilled or beginners, experience a significant drop in heart rate, blood pressure and perspiration rate compared to those who participate in other leisure activities. So, whenever you're on pins and needles, pick up your sewing kit.

(An article from the Southern California Thimble Collectors July 1999, SCTC Thimble Line newsletter.)

Word Origin

Contributed by Sir Robert de la Fonteyne

This word origin came originally from the SCA-Nautical onelist,

salvage (SAL-vij) noun

1. The rescue of a ship, its crew, or its cargo from fire or shipwreck. The ship, crew, or cargo so rescued. Compensation given to those who voluntarily aid in such a rescue.

[Obsolete French, from Old French *salvaige*, right of salvage, from Late Latin *salvare*, from Latin *salvus*, safe.]

Ministers' Reports

Minister of Joust and War

Results of the January Event:

Steel: Sir Galadon

Shinai: Ash - This was the young fighter's first competition on the battle field of Esperance.

Renn: Squire Dagger - for his steel win point making him the newest knight candidate

Archery: Winner: Sir Terrin
Best Catch: the target himself - HRMCoda
Best Cup Shot: Sir Troanio - but the target moved!
Best Shot: Sir Terrin - 1st shot moving target

During the Estates Meeting, January is was decreed that:

"From now through the May Crown event, Esperance declares that the killing surface of the sword in renaissance combat is to be the 'Tip' of the sword only. An estates meeting will be held in May and at that time this subject will be revisited and reviewed by the Crown and the Estates of Esperance."

We shall further decree that the 'Tip' of the sword is defined as "That portion of the sword which is covered by the 'Blunt'." and that a 'Blunt' is defined as "A bullet shell casing permanently affixed to the end of the sword and covered with a type of rubber arrow tip known as a "Bird blunt" or "Rabbit blunt".

In compliance with existing law, the tip of the sword must still be covered with red electrical tape or red "Chem-dip" type paint. The wording may be slightly different in Our decree, but the facts will be as described in this message. This decree will allow both thrusts and slashes in renaissance combat, but will limit the effectiveness of the draw cut somewhat and completely do away with the chop type strike which uses the body of the sword. The draw cut must include the tip of the sword to be considered a legal blow.

Sir Ttoiano the Strong
Minister of Joust and War

Minister of Physicks

We had no hurts or ouchies. Keep up the good work.

Sire McKinnish

Sovereign of Arms

Unto the populace of Esperance does Lord Davidgnon, Embattled Hope King of Arms, send his greetings and salutations,

January was a fairly busy month for the College of Arms. "Campaign 2000" was kicked off and has been a great success! We look forward to many more presentations from the populace, estates, and sees, not to mention more smily faces at the College's heraldry demos! Our kickoff demo for Campaign 2000 was great! We had ten people show for the class on "How to Present Arms in Adria". There

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was much knowledge to be had and even a rousing game of Heraldic Jeopardy.

The following people presented arms before the College in the month of January:

County De Monet (device)
Dennis of the Dell (device)
William Trotter (device)
Violet Schaffron (device)

There were no grants of arms for the month of January.

Deo Et Patriae,

Lord Davidgnon, Embattled Hope King of Arms

Chancellor

The chancellor's report this month is provided under the title "Estates' Meeting Minutes" on page ???.

Chronicler

You've got my report in your hands! I do want to thank all of those who contributed to this month's Chronique. Your contributions are appreciated.

For those of you who did not submit anything, get it in for the month of March! It's the easiest way to get into print!

Minister of Archery

The winners of the archery tournament at the January event are reported with the report of the Minister of Joust and War.

Hospitaller

Only have one new member to mention this month, though we have had a number of demonstrations going on and will probably see some more interest as the weather says warm. I'd like to welcome Richard W. Cradit AKA Ash to Esperance. Please join me in helping him feel at home.

A change is coming to my web site, specifically to the Manuals page. After running across a number of problems with Word documents and fonts, I have decided to convert all of the manuals and forms to PDF. I will continue to hold the original Word documents, but will not have them as downloads from my site (by request only).

I found this review of an Arthurian reference book that might be interesting to some (reprinted in part from an email newsletter).

Here is a marvelous reference book for those who like King Arthur lore: the expanded third edition (1997) of "The Arthurian Companion" by Phyllis Ann Karr. It's truly marvelous, because Arthurian stories are full of marvels. The book is in alphabetized, dictionary format, but many of the entries are long--Gawaine, for example, takes up eight pages. The text is an easy read, despite the book's scholarly underpinnings. For anyone who loves the tales of Camelot and the Round Table--or for those seeking a new idea for an Arthurian-setting story--it's a treasure trove.

Karr gives small drawings of the coats of arms of every titled character. Since most personae of the stories are knights, this means the book includes a lot of heraldry. The appendices are many and useful. The map of Arthur's Britain shows locations of castles and other important sites. Karr has worked out a chronology that flags the most tentative or controversial dates; it assumes that Arthur's reign took place in the first half of the fifth century AD.

"The Arthurian Companion" by Phyllis Ann Karr ISBN: 1568820968

Sir Robert de la Fonteyne

Minister of Arts and Sciences

No news from the minister of Arts and Sciences this month.

Minister of Rolls and Lists

Our Minister of Rolls and Lists is currently getting the database set up and running. He will begin entering his data and preparing reports next month. He apologizes for the delay.

Steward

No news from the Steward's Office this month.

Warden

No news from the Warden this month.

Estates' Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by the Chancellor, Princess Katherine, at 12:23 PM. The roll was called, 40 Estates were in attendance or represented by proxy, out of 47, and a quorum was established. The following items of business were discussed:

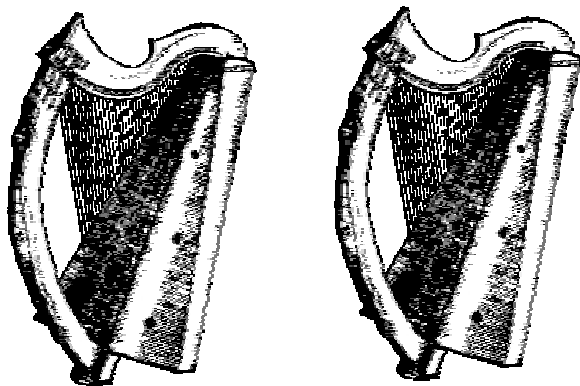
Estates Under Numbers – it appears the houses of Orion and Wild Vines are under numbers. The Chancellery will re-evaluate numbers / votes in February for the March Estates Meeting.

Last Minutes – Minutes from the last Estates meeting have not been provided by the previous Chancellor.

Job Descriptions – Her Majesty handed out job descriptions for the Estates holders. The information has been culled from the by-laws and various addenda thereto. Also, a few of the items are common sense things that each Estate holder needs to do. These guidelines should help everyone in the performance of their respective duties.

Approval of Expenditures – \$50 was approved (unanimously) for expenses relating to the February event. No other past or future expenses were submitted.

Crown Writ Proposals – King Vilhelm has proposed a change to the rules regarding Ren combat within the borders of Esperance. He would have thrusts and tip slashes as the only “kills” in Ren. A slice, or “hack”, with the meat of the blade would not score, unless the blade was then drawn across the opponent. These changes are felt as necessary to make “light”



ren more historically accurate, especially in light of the development in Adria of “heavy” ren (cut & thrust). His Majesty has asked the Estates to communicate his ideas to their people, and report back to him during the next 30 days. At the February event the final version of the writ will be announced, to be effective at the March event.

Retirement Titles – for our departed King, the late Sir Reily, and his widow, Dame Elspeth, who so graciously gave way to their Royal Majesties Vilhelm and Maedb (after determining that Reily’s crown was too big, and there was nothing of value in his pockets), it was decided that the titles of Earl/Comtessa would be bestowed upon them. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – Estates Meetings will be held every other month. The next meeting is March 11th.

Calling for any more business, and seeing or hearing none, the Chancellor closed the Estates meeting at 1:05PM.

These minutes have not yet been approved by the estates of Esperance.

The Poetry Corner

Contributed by Sire McKinnish

Lover's Philosophy

By Percy Bysshe Shelley

The fountain mingle with the river,
And the rivers with the ocean;
The winds of heaven mix forever,
With a sweet emotion;
Nothing in the world is single;
All things by a law divine
In one another's being mingle:-
Why not I with thine?

See! the mountains kiss high heaven,
And the waves clasp one another;
No sister flower would be forgiven
If it disdained its brother;
And the sunlight clasps the earth,
And the moonbeams kiss the sea:-
What are all these kissings worth,
If thou kiss not me?

Calendar of Events

<i>February</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Heraldry Collegium	5 Canton of Aquitaine
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Crown Event Festival of Chivalry!
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Canton of Tara Event Terre Neuve Hearts and Honor Tournament
20	21 President's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Aquitaine Countess War
27 Aquitaine Countess War	28	29				

Special Events for February

February 4th, Castle Chaos Sew & Crow. We're sorry to say that this is over. It was fun; we missed you.

February 12th, Festival of Chivalry! This will be a regular crown event with a special theme and some extra activities and prizes in honor of St Valentine's Day. Special activities and prizes will be awarded for the most chivalrous, most honorable, and most galant members at the event.

Terre Neuve Hearts and Honor Tourney This is a famous tourney that Terre Neuve holds every spring. It is great fun for all attendees and is one of the most popular events of the spring.

February 26th and 27th, Aquitaine's Countess War. This is actually a medieval/Renaissance Faire with the Countess War to take place on Saturday. It promises to be a very special event and all proceeds from the faire go to benefit the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

Special Events for March

Barony Glendorin Event. With an emphasis on combat, the Barony Glendorin will show us all how it's done! Bring your combat skills and your war-related arts entries.

Estates Meeting An estates meeting has been called for Saturday the 11th of March. The meeting will take place after the normal event. Get any census information to the chancellor by the end of the event today as it may affect your voting rights.

Terre Neuve Crown War Well, they're not part of Esperance, but they are our closest neighbors and they could undoubtedly use some support and assistance to help run their war. They showed up to help run ours, its our turn to return the favor.

Palm Springs Faire This event takes place within the borders of the Duchy of Sangreal. However, it is the first faire of the new millenium and should be fun. It starts on Friday and takes place within the city. (Can we say "Hotel accommodations?")

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<i>March</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Canton of Aquitaine
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Crown Event Barony Glendorin event Estates Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Canton of Tara Event Terre Neuve Crown War
19	20 Spring begins	21	22	23	24 Palm Springs Faire	25 Palm Springs Faire
26 Palm Springs Faire	27	28	29	30	31	

<i>April</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Aquitaine Event Aragon Fool's War?
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Crown Event
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Canton of Tara Event Demo, Santa Ana Library
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Easter Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29 Corona Faire Begins
30	31					

Special Events for April

Aragon Fool's War This date is tentative. I haven't received verification from Aragon, but expect it to happen!

Santa Ana Central Library Demo Lord Davidgnon has arranged for Adria to put on a demo to "At-risk" children in central Santa Ana. The demo would be part of their sleep-over program and begins at 9:30 pm. Lord Davidgnon has stated that they might fit us in earlier, hopefully he can convince them to do so. Contact Lord Davidgnon for details.

Corona Renaissance Faire I haven't heard any specific plans for the Corona Crossroads faire. However, Esperance has been there for two years now (and the faire is only two years old!), so we may be there again. Right now, Esperance participation in the Corona Faire is still unverified. The Corona Faire will last for the entire month of May as well, so put it on your calendars.

The Canton of Aquitaine- County of Bastone February Event

By Dame Willow De Rara

The Canton of Aquataine and the County of Bastone held their first official event of the new millennium. In opening court Baroness Dame Lady Willow surprised the populace by stepping down as Baroness, and introducing the Baron's lady friend Bonnie as our new Baroness. All Dame Willow said was "If you want to know why I am doing this, come to the crown event on the 12th and find out."

We had Shinai and Ren lists, with a full slate of fine ladies armouring up. Shinai was won by one of our newest members Bryan Thornton of house Stone Cutters, Ren. was won by our Crown Minister of War and Joust Sir Troiano.

Esperance's Arts & Science Minister Sir Ce'Wolf brought numerous books on Bardics, for the populace to use for research.

Fighter Plus practice: Aquataine will be starting this month to hold Fighter practice the 4th Saturday of each month at 12 noon at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside.
THE PLUS IS: Sir Ce'Wolf will be bringing books to help us document our arts projects (call him and let him know what subject you need help on, as he has 1000's of great books for research) AND bring food to Bar-B-Q, we will be making a day of it. For more information, contact Sir Ce'Wolf or Sire McKinnish.

We started our new Arts & Crafts classes, this month the ladies made padded circlets and then at closing court we had a fashion show. At the March event Sir Ce'Wolf will be giving classes on Chain-mail Be there or miss out on good times with good friends.

April's class may be postponed because the Southern Ren. Fair used clothing sale is the same day. . . . and we ladies cannot pass up a great sale on Ren. clothes. (We will post more information on this great sale when we get ALL of it, like time, place, etc.)

May's class: Sire Rose Ellen, Lady of Adria, will be giving a class on 15th century Quilting. It should be fun.

June's class: this may be the new date for Dame Heathers (April) flat-cap class. We'll keep you posted.

Services and Occupations

Submitted by Sir Jamie the Red

You get . . .

Books

Cloth

Hats

Suit of Clothes

Shirts/Smocks

Ready made clothes

Arrows

Bows

Horseshoes

Other iron work

Armor

From the . . .

Stationer or Bookseller

Mercer

Milliner or Hatter

Tailor

Seamstress

Draper

Fletcher

Bowyer

Farrier

Blacksmith

Armorer

A Portrait

Drugs etc.

Dentistry

Legal Services

Raw wool, silk, linen

Limner

Apothecary

Barber Surgeon

Lawyer

Stapler

Extracted from *A Compendium of Common Knowledge 1558-1603: Elizabethan Commonplaces for Writers, Actors, and Re-enactors*, Written and Edited by Maggie Secara, 5th Edition, Spring 1998

The Countess War

The County of Bastone invites everyone to our "Medieval - Renaissance Fair" a fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House, Loma Linda. The weekend of February 26& 27. This is a camp-out we can set up Friday after noon SITE FEE \$10 a person for the weekend. (\$9.50 goes to Ronald McDonald House 50 cents goes to pay for the site.)

The Faire opens at 10am be ready before then please, fair closes at 5pm Price of tickets to the general public is 6 years and older only \$6 per person, under 6 years old free.

Site: Riverview Park (Crossroads Fair Site) in Corona CA

As we have two contenders for Countess and Count Sir Cromar could not decide on which one he wanted to co-rule with him, he decided to make it a war. The two contenders are the lovely Sire McKinnish and Sire Lady Rose Ellen, come fight for the lady of your choice.

Saturday will be "The Countess War" with war points, so bring your arts and your weapons. There will be a meeting at the front gate at 9am for information and to set down the rules of the weekend.

Sunday will be a demo with demo points. So there will be more combat and bring arts and crafts to show off and to demonstrate.

Bring games to share and entertain the populace.

THOSE NOT SIGNED IN WITH DAME WILLOW WILL NOT GET THEIR POINTS.

Tom will have his food booths and we do have vendors. If you would like, sell your arts and crafts the fee is only 20% of your sales (100% of that will go to Ronald McDonald House).

For more information contact Dame Willow or Count Cromar at lordcromar2@netzero.net or Sire McKinnish, or Sire Lady Rose Ellen at ROSELLEN1999@aol.com

County of Bastone and Barony of Vineland's 12 Night Feast

By Dame Willow De Rara

It was a time of beauty and magic, as guests entered the Spanish style double door of the hall, their eyes were pleasantly assaulted with the site of a sea of flags hanging from the rafters overhead and the smell of scrumptious foods tantalized the senses.

All of the ladies dressed in gorgeous silks, brocades and velvets, the gentlemen looked regal in their finery. There were three tables of sumptuous food. There was Lily Dragonsmithe's beautiful presentation of a sumptuous golden half turkey encircled by oranges and bay-leaves, and Marquis Sir Jamie the Red's homemade applesauce went perfectly with Sir Francois tasty ham with cherries and pineapples spiraling up its sides, it looked like a medieval tower.

Once again we were lucky to have the Baronial Grandmothers famous baked beans. There were numerous delicious vegetable dishes that looked and tasted superb. The populace enjoyed wonderful homemade bread from Squire Violet. Dame Rahja's chicken wings were superb, especially if you added her pomegranate sauce. Then there was the six foot long table of deserts: cakes, pies, cookies, candied fruits, puddings, custards and chocolate in every form, from chocolate dipped fortune cookies and fruits. Dame Heather brought wonderful fruit cobblers. Sir Talon and Sir Ce'Wolf were seen circling the Desert table and capturing Dame Willows poor defenseless peanutbutter balls most of the evening. Speaking of Sir Ce'Wolf his liquors were an indescribably wonderful 12th Night Spectacular. All I can say is yummy yummy.

For those of you who missed it, all I can say is SORRY YOU MISSED IT.

Royal Ministers for Esperance

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