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March Feast Days

March 15

The Festival of Anna Perenna, the Roman goddess of the circle of the year. Her festival was celebrated on the full moon of the first month of the Roman year (the Ides of March).

March 16 - 17

The festival of Bacchus, the Roman god of wine (also known as Dionysus to the Greeks).

March 17

The Liberalia, the festival of Liber and Libera, a Roman fertility god and goddess.

Saint Patrick's Day.

March 19 - 23

The Mivervalia and Quinquatria, main festivals of Minerva, the Roman goddess of war, but also of wisdom arts and trades.

March 30

The Festival of Salus, the Roman goddess of public safety and welfare.

March 31

The Festival of Luna, the Roman goddess of the moon.

From Their Majesties

Much is happening in our fair kingdom and We wish to keep our beloved populace up to date on all of it.

During the time of great troubles, many imperial documents disappeared, never to be replaced. We have been able to recreate some of these documents, including Our own Charter, which changed significantly when Sangrael was formed. Now that the borders have been confirmed (and reconfirmed six ways from Sunday!), We are in the process of having Our Charter re-issued.

This Charter will also include new territories to the north. The Shire of Avernus is joining Our Kingdom of Esperance as a Canton until they are able to stand on their own.

We are also experiencing a surge of activity in Twenty-nine Palms. It is with much excitement that We are creating a Canton there also. As soon as all of the paperwork for these Cantons (as well as Our existing Cantons of Tara and Aquitaine) is complete, expect to see formal announcements and introductions of the Veceroys.

An update on the By-Laws: They should be complete by the end of the month. We were going gung-ho and are very close to completion. The final edit was laid on a particular desk for a final proofread before release. It stalled there, but once His Imperial Majesty realized it, they decided to plunge forward without that final once-over. So, . . . soon! The By-Laws will be released at first with strike-outs over the deleted text and underlining of added text so that everyone can clearly see the changes that have been made. This copy will only be available for a short time and will be replaced with the clean final copy shortly.

SCA associate memberships have been "finalized." His Imperial Highness, Sir Stefan, set the policy and Her Imperial Majesty, Dame Elizabeth, has continued it. The annual dues are \$10.00 for SCA members who provide a current membership card or mailing label.

And finally a personal note from your Queen:

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From Their Majesties

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We are through with physicians. We have been bled, dosed, and physicked half to death. We are told We will feel better soon and we are looking forward to it. In the meantime, there are two things. First; yes, We realize that We are walking funny, and second, We are very grateful (*very grateful*) for all of the good thoughts and well wishes that have been sent to Us.

In service to Our populace,

Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, Gottesknecht
King of Esperance

Maedb Hawkins Drakonja
Queen of Esperance

Something I Should Have Said

By Connor O'Riordan, crossposted from the Tavern

To the Populace of Esperance:

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for crowning me the king of chivalry. Something I am very proud of, among my other achievements that day.

Unfortunately, something I should have done, that I did not do after I was crowned (probably because I was so surprised and humbled at it, and mundane matters forced me to leave before the end of court) was that I am not really deserving of this crown.

I wish to hand this crown off to a person that I believe is more deserving of this crown than I am: Squire Little. His act of allowing me the time to recover during our bout, in my opinion, was more chivalrous and noble than the amount of favors that I received that day.

Therefore, I wish to give my crown as king

of chivalry to you, Squire Little, and if you will not accept, please accept it as a shared honor, as the title belongs more appropriately in your hands than in mine. This is something that I should have done while I was there, instead of doing it here.

In honor and service,

Connor

Note Added by Angelique Sofie

There was a bit of confusion in names. There is a Squire Little, as in Justin Little's game name, Squire Argyle Little, squire to Sir James of Bloodstone. However, Sir Otto's friend and likely future squire is named Jeff Small. Last Saturday was his first ever attendance at an event and he fought on a waiver. This is the person Connor is speaking of.

Medieval Jest

A certain jealous husband followed his wife to confession; whom when the priest should lead behind the alter to be displied [disciplined by beating], the husband, perceiving it, and doubting the worst, cried unto him, saying, "hear ye, master parson, I pray you let me be displied for her." And kneeling down before the priest, "I pray you," quod the wife to the priest, "strike him hard, for I am a great sinner."

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Ministers' Reports

Minister of Joust and War

No news from the Minister of War and Joust this month.

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,

February was absolutely astounding! We had many great presentations from the populace, not to mention the Estates. Just to take care of some small “house-keeping” matters; as many of you know, the Imperium was requesting petitions from the Estates members who's Estate was presenting arms. This precedent has been over ruled by the Imperial Chancery. From now on, please just present the required forms to the local College of Arms.

To all of those who were at the Countess War, you looked great! The heraldry was wonderful, the sumptuaries were fabulous, and that Tudor warship . . . WOW! Also, congratulations to Her Excellency, Lady Rosellen on her elevation to Countess Bastone! I'm sure she'll be an excellent Countess, not to mention a wonderful advocate of heraldry (wink, wink). Please keep up the great work.

To the rest of the populace, your presence and heraldry was deeply missed. I look forward to seeing everyone displaying their heraldry very soon. Don't be afraid to fly it, it attracts new members and positive publicity!

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

House HMS Hedgehog (device)
House Dragon's Talon (device)
Esperance College of Arms (badge)
Earl Edward de la Pole (device)
Earl Edward de la Pole (badge)

Queen Maedb Hawkins Drakonja I (badge)
Sire Dagr MacGuinness (badge)
Ayla MacGuinness (device)
Jasmine Drakonja (device)
Sire McKinnish (device)
William Trotter (device)

The following people and Estates were given a Grant of Arms in the month of February:

Barony Glendorin (device)
Barony Glendorin (badge)
Gregoire d'Avallon (badge)
Squire Violet Schaffron (device)

Deo Et Patriae,

Lord Davidgnon, Embattled Hope King of Arms

Chancellor

No news from the Chancellor's Office this month.

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 April! It's the easiest way to get into print!

Minister of Archery

No news from the Minister of Archery this month.

Hospitaler

No new members to report about this month. However, we have two new Cantons that are starting up that could use a bit of help from the rest of the Kingdom.

Specifically, the new Canton located in Barstow is looking for fighting gear (namely masks for shinai and ren) so that their new members can participate in combat. Currently they have 2 masks and about 4 shinai, which makes practices and tournaments very arduous. If anyone has an extra mask or shinai that they would be willing to loan or sell (very cheaply), or any other fighting gear, please contact me to

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arrange things.

Also, the Barstow area Canton would like to announce that they have fighter practices every Sunday and hold their regular tournament on the fourth Saturday of every month. For more information about the practices and tournament, please contact Heather. You may also contact me for further information.

Lastly, I would like to mention that I have had a recent move to Apple Valley, and my new contact number is (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

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

No news from the Minister of Rolls and Lists this month.

Steward

No news from the Steward this month.

Warden

No news from the Warden this month.

Royal Order of the Sage

What is it?

For those members of the Adrian Empire and Esperance who have reached a milestone of age that they can now be considered old and wise.

Requirements

You must:

- live in Esperance
- be old
- be wise

At least 5 people must get together and nominate you, or the Crown must nominate you.

The Heraldry

Or, a sprig of sage vert, laced. (A yellow background, a sprig of green sage, with a bow on the bottom)

Privileges

You may be recognized as a respected elder of the community

- Young children will not understand you
- Half-grown children will ignore you
- Full-grown children will look at you in bewilderment

You are exempt from drawing straight lines (as We are aware the shaky hand is a sure sign of sagacity)

History

Sage (sauge or sawge) is a 14th century word (from the Middle English) which means "wise through reflection and experience" (Mirriam Webster).

At a certain point in our lives, if we live long enough, we are considered wise. It doesn't really matter what you know, it only matters that you have known it for a long, long, long time. We can usually tell when this time is upon us when certain words creep into descriptions of us ("doddering" quickly springs to mind).

It is Our wish to recognize members of Our populace who have reached this point (of sagacity, not doddery). Thus, we have created the Royal Order of the Sage. One who is a member of this Order shall immediately be recognized as a respected elder of the community.

So say We, Maedb Hawkins and Vilhelm von Seiken, Crown of Esperance, in February 2000.

Members

Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain-Annecy von Hapsburg (February 2000)

A Letter of Intent

From Lord Davidgnon

Unto the Good and Right Honorable
Populace of Esperance do I send my greetings.

Most of you know me as Lord Davidgnon
or Horatio Merriweather, but there is a very
pious side to myself. I was invested as the
founding Abbot and Superior of La Iglesia De
Solaris (not La Iglesia De Los Soldatos of Sir
Warhammer) and was created Father Ceasar
Del Santiago in April of 1999. I have never
forgotten my humble ways, even after leaving
the Monastery of the Sun in search of the fair
lands of Esperance!

Our current church officials are doing a
wonderful job of looking the part, performing
ceremonies, and addressing mundanities.
Esperance is, by far, the best religious kingdom
in the Empire. The other kingdoms have a lot
of work to do. This is why I want to become
your Bishop; to continue to make us look
better!

I also want to continue to educate the
populace and the mundane public on church
life, and to continue serving the kingdom and
the empire in their ministry needs! One of the
things I would like to accomplish as Bishop, is
to help reform our church to allow more
participation so that everyone can play a part,
be it clergy or laity! I would like to work with
His Holiness, Sir Jehan, on starting a manual

for the Church of Adria to include several
topics including frequently asked questions. I
would like to see more church officials bring
out their church characters at least once every
three or four months. I, for my part, will strive
to do this, Bishop or Not!

In short, all I can say is, I have the
experience, knowledge, and motivation to
make this all happen! I have risen through the
ranks, I try to play the role well, and if made
Bishop for the people, I will whole-heartedly
try to accomplish every one of these tasks,
plus whatever you, the populace, deem
worthy for me to work towards. I look forward
to the Holy War and ask my friends, fellow
Templars, Countrymen, and foe to help
support me. If you have any questions of
myself or you want to know where I stand on
an issue, please don't be shy, let me know.
Ask!

"We are everything and nothing, we are
everyone and no one . . . we are the one, true
church with *many* beliefs, we are the Church
of Adria!"

Deo Et Patriae,

Father Ceasar Giermo Diego Perpetua Del
Santiago
Abbot, La Iglesia De Solaris
Vicar to His Eminence Archbishop Cirus of the
Holy Bishopric of Aragon

The Poetry Corner

Contributed by Sir Jamie the Red

The Dream **By John Donne**

Dear love, for nothing less than thee
Would I have broke this happy dream,
It was a theme
For reason, much too strong for phantasy,
Therefore thou waked'st me wisely; yet
My dream thou brok'st not, but continued'st it;
Thou art so true, that thoughts of thee suffice,
To make dreams truths, and fables histories;
Enter these arms, for since thou thought'st it best,
Not to dream all my dream, let's act the rest.

As lightning, or a taper's light
Thine eyes, and not thy noise waked me;
Yet I thought thee
(For thou lov'st truth) an angel, at first sight,

But when I saw thou saw'st my heart,
And knew my thoughts, beyond an angel's art,
When thou knew'st what I dreamed, when thou
knew'st when
Excess of joy would wake me, and cam'st then,
I must confess, it could not choose but be
Profane, to think thee anything but thee.

Coming and staying showed thee, thee,
But rising makes me doubt, that now,
Thou art not thou.
That love is weak, where fear's as strong as he;
'Tis not all spirit, pure, and brave,
If mixture it of fear, shame, honour, have.
Perchance as torches which must ready be,
Men light and put out, so thou deal'st with me,
Thou cam'st to kindle, goest to come; then I
Will dream that hope again, but else would die.

Calendar of Events

<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	

Special Events for March

Barony Glendorin Event. With an emphasis on combat, bring combat skills and war-related arts entries.

Estates Meeting An estates meeting has been called for today. Her Majesty has suffered an injury to her back and is asking that the meeting be rescheduled for noon. Estates information was frozen as of the February event.

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

Palm Springs Faire This event takes place within the Duchy of Sangrael. It's the first faire of the new millenium and should be fun. It starts on Friday and takes place within the city. (Can we say "Hotels?")

<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 Minister's Meeting
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						

Special Events for April

Aragon Fool's War This date is tentative. I haven't received verification from Aragon, but expect it to happen! This is an event to see! All reports say it is one of the most entertaining events of the year.

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 Their majesties have a plan for the Corona Crossroads faire. However, The estates must agree to support it or it won't happen. If you want Esperance to have a presence at this faire, tell your estates representatives and have them vote in favor. If the faire is more work and more of a burden than you want to support, let your estates representative know! The Corona Faire will last for the entire month of May as well, so put it on your calendars whether we have a site or not.

<i>May</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Canton of Aquitaine Event
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Crown Event
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Canton of Tara Event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Imperial Banner War
28	29	30	31			

Special Events for May

The May calendar is still pretty bare! If there is anyone who wants to do a special event or schedule a demo or something, please get in touch with the Warden.

Imperial Banner War I haven't heard anything specific about the banner war this year. Umbria won it last year and is hosting it this year. Look to Umbria for a site and other details, but now is the time to start planning!

Countess War and Demo

By Sir Jamie the Red

The weather was beautiful despite all of the dire predictions from the weathermen. Saturday dawned bright and clear and remained sunny and beautiful throughout the day. A light wind blew at the sight in the late afternoon. Unfortunately, the dire predictions chased away both participants and the public. There were several vendors present and even pony rides for part of the day Saturday.

The event opened at 10:00 am with a small opening court. Her Majesty Maedb Drakonja declared herself an observer for the day and left the administration of the event to Count Cromar. Everyone was welcomed and the two potential countesses were introduced to the crowd. Sire McKinnish had chosen Sir Ce'Wolf, Earl of Esperance, as her champion and was prepared to do battle, giving him her favor in the

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sight of all. Lady Rosellen chose Sir Coda, a distant relation to His Majesty, King Wilhelm, and gifted him with her favor as well.

The war got underway early, but there were only eight combatants making up both of the armies. Count Cromar tried out a war scenario he had been planning for some time. Unfortunately, there were too few combatants to create the spectacle he had imagined, though it was well-planned. The shinai fighters (all four of them) and the steel combatants (again all four of them) took the field at the same time. The shinai combatants began the hostilities and battled until there was a clear victor.

Then the steel combatants marched into the center of the field. The victorious shinai combatants beat a wise and hasty retreat and left the field to the heavy fighters. The champions of the two potential countesses proved invincible until all other steel combatants had been slain. There was a short break for the champions to get a bit of water and catch their breath after slaying an entire army apiece. Then they faced off against one another.

The final fray was short and sharp. After a brief exchange of blows, Sir Coda ran Sir Ce'Wolf through and drew his sword with a flourish, ripping Sir Ce'Wolf's gauntlet from his hand in the process. A break was declared to clear the bodies from the field and allow the steel combatants to armor down. The break proved quite long and the ren combat, though fierce and varied, made no difference in the end.

In fact, the ren combat turned into a general practice and training session later in the afternoon that showcased the talents of several combatants as they sparred and instructed one another in the fine art of combat.

Closing court was held at three in the afternoon. Lady Rosellen was declared the victor and her elevation to Countess was performed on the spot. All combatants were congratulated. The gentleman who had requested permission to court Lady Rosellen presented her with a gift and several other bits of business were conducted. Then after all business had been concluded, court was closed and the floor was turned over to Sir Ce'Wolf and Uilliam Redfern who each auctioned off a bottle of fine liquour with the proceeds to go to the Ronald MacDonald House of Loma Linda. Sir Ce'Wolf's bottle of butterscotch liquour sold for sixty dollars, while the apple-cinamon seizer provided by Uilliam Redfern sold for seventy dollars. All proceeds were collected immediately and added to the monies collected at the gates.

The vendors who were present did not do a booming business, but they enjoyed the day and at least paid for their trip and their site fees. One booth sold boots to nearly every member of Adria that was present. Knee high boots of the right style for only \$50.00 are hard to find! She had a wide selection of Gypsy Swords as well, though apparently few combatants had the ready cash to purchase. Everyone came and looked though! Black Sheep was there and sold a few things, though they did not brave the rain on Sunday and left in the morning.

Indeed only the ladies selling hats and the booth with the boots and the Gypsy Blades remained to the end. Sunday's demo was no better attended than Saturday's war, but we had a few guests and there was some fighting, including both ren and shinai. The steel suits remained unworn on Sunday as clouds were blowing in and it began to rain lightly in the early afternoon.

Everyone packed up when the rain got going in earnest and Sunday's demo closed early. However, the overall event was a definite success and a fair amount of money was collected for the Ronald MacDonald House. Count Cromar and Marquessa Willow De'Rara made sure the site was paid for and all other accounting was taken care of and presented the money collected to the Ronald MacDonald House on the following Saturday, March 4th.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the presentation, so I will leave it to others to describe that event to you.

Ships Bells and Watches

Contributed by Sir Robert de la Fonteyne

Sir Robert de la Fonteyne sent this to several people in response to questions about how the ships bells were arranged and the confusion of several times being identified by the same number of bells. It is reprinted here (with some minor additions) with his permission.

There was a bit of question as to how the watches were setup on Medieval ships and how the time was marked (which was very important to note for navigational purposes).

The following is how the watches were arranged and how the time was noted. It wasn't until much later that ship's chronometers replaced the bell system, and the watches were setup into 2 or 3 with the same hours for each. The time was based on the sun being at the zenith (or 1200 hours local), with a half-hour hourglass used to keep the time proper.

(This table was constructed from information provided by Sir Robert. His table was abbreviated for space considerations.)

Bell Time 24 hour Time Regular Time

Afternoon Watch (4 hours)

8 Bells	1200	12:00 pm (noon)
1 Bell	1230	12:30 pm
2 Bells	1300	1:00 pm
3 Bells	1330	1:30 pm
4 Bells	1400	2:00 pm
5 Bells	1430	2:30 pm
6 Bells	1500	3:00 pm
7 Bells	1530	3:30 pm
8 Bells	1600	4:00 pm

First Dog Watch (2 hours)

1 Bell	1630	4:30 pm
2 Bells	1700	5:00 pm
3 Bells	1730	5:30 pm
4 Bells	1800	6:00 pm

Second Dog Watch (2 hours)

1 Bell	1830	6:30 pm
2 Bells	1900	7:00 pm
3 Bells	1930	7:30 pm
4 Bells	2000	8:00 pm

(then 8 bells)

Bell Time 24 hour Time Regular Time

First (Night) Watch (4 hours)

1 Bell	2030	8:30 pm
2 Bells	2100	9:00 pm
3 Bells	2130	9:30 pm
4 Bells	2200	10:00 pm
5 Bells	2230	10:30 pm
6 Bells	2300	11:00 pm
7 Bells	2330	11:30 pm
8 Bells	0000	12:00 am (midnight)

Middle Watch (4 hours)

1 Bell	0030	12:30 am
2 Bells	0100	1:00 am
3 Bells	0130	1:30 am
4 Bells	0200	2:00 am
5 Bells	0230	2:30 am
6 Bells	0300	3:00 am
7 Bells	0330	3:30 am
8 Bells	0400	4:00 am

Morning Watch (4 hours)

1 Bell	0430	4:30 am
2 Bells	0500	5:00 am
3 Bells	0530	5:30 am
4 Bells	0600	6:00 am
5 Bells	0630	6:30 am
6 Bells	0700	7:00 am
7 Bells	0730	7:30 am
8 Bells	0800	8:00 am

Forenoon Watch (4 hours)

1 Bell	0830	8:30 am
2 Bells	0900	9:00 am
3 Bells	0930	9:30 am
4 Bells	1000	10:00 am
5 Bells	1030	10:30 am
6 Bells	1100	11:00 am
7 Bells	1130	11:30 am
8 Bells	1200	12:00 pm (noon)

The Captain would also use various instruments (such as the cross-staff, etc.) to check the position of the sun (thus making the time measurement more accurate). Articles on these instruments may appear in later issues of *Le Chronique*.

Sir Robert de la Fonteyne
H.M.S. Hedgehog

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