

# LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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## ***Our Crown Speaks***

Greetings,

We have been most pleased with the turn out at events and would like to thank all and sundry for your participation. It is you, the people, who make these things happen.

Congratulations to all our winners. We hope you enjoy the variety that War and Joust is offering. We have found it quite enjoyable to see something a little different happening at Our events.

Our thanks to Sir Gregoire for his interesting collegia on Chivalry. We're certain that it gave many a new insight into the concepts of Chivalry as it was known in our period of study.

Please remember that we are in the summer months now and must take precautions against the heat. Be sure you provide yourself with adequate water, shade and sun screen. If you begin to feel unwell please seek the advice of Our most excellent Physiker.

Don't forget the Arts drawing to be held in November. The prizes are wonderful. Get those entries in so you can have lots of tickets for the drawing.

We look forward to seeing All and Sundry at upcoming events.

In Service to the Kingdom of Esperance,

Conall  
Rex Esperance



Aifa  
Regina Esperance

## ***Demo Announcement***

Air Force Demo  
Tuesday, Aug. 22

We have an opportunity to demonstrate our hand to hand combat for one unit of the U.S. Air Force as part of a Fund raiser they are running for their own Christmas party. This is an opportunity for us to have fun, be fed, show off and RECRUIT new members.

Shinia, Renn, Steel. All are needed. A tavern brawl in the round.

They are having their picnic from 11am to aprox. 2. We only have to work about 30 - 45 min. Longer if we wish, can or they would like.

Please join me, and Show your skills with a blade. Can you make them want to join the Kingdom?

El Segundo Park, El Segundo. Further details upon request.

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## ***Tournament Announcement***

We will be holding a tournament in the VALLEY OF THE KINGS on the 20th of July, this is the Saturday after the Crown tournament in Esperance.

\* LIST WILL OPEN AT 7:00

\* OPENING COURT WILL BE AT 8:00

\* SITE FEE IS \$1.00

**\*\*our opening court times are in the early morning due to our weather conditions this time of year\*\* Extreme Heat!!!**

We would greatly appreciate all that could attend!

Driving directions from the south:

Take I-5 north to highway 99 north, proceed on the highway 99 north until you reach highway 198.

Take highway 198 west until you reach Lemoore.

Take the 18th ave / Lemoore ave Exit. Turn right at the stop sign at the top of the ramp. Proceed north on 18th ave/ Lemoore ave until you reach the 1st stop light.

Turn left at stoplight, onto west Bush street. Continue on west Bush street for 3 blocks, the city park will be on the right hand side of the street.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!!

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**\*\*crash space maybe available, please contact me for more information.**



### **News from Abroad**

*Editor's note: The following is a letter from Sir Jehan while on his travels to Spain. I hope you enjoy!*

Well, here it is . . . the first installment of "Spain Travels 2002." For those of you just joining us, last year I decided to torment some of my friends and acquaintances with tales of my stay in Spain while working toward a Master's Degree in Spanish at the University of St. Louis, Madrid Campus. Either everyone was being kind, or I know a lot of masochists. At any rate, there was enough positive reaction from last year for me not only to repeat the torture, but

also to expand the circle of those who receive the e-mailings. Especially for those of you who are receiving this through a user group, if you don't want to read my dispatches, just hit delete. For the rest of you . . .

Just getting to Spain this year was an experience. On Tuesday morning my mother took me to LAX. We arrived at 7:00 a.m. for a 9:33 flight to Chicago. First, we had to find the right line, which, of course, was the longest one and out the door. I really wanted to suggest that American Airlines have a talk with Disney about crowd control. While waiting in line, I saw another student in the same program and wished him luck getting on the flight. As it turned out, he was the last person to board. After getting my boarding pass and checking luggage, I headed for the gate. When I went through the security check they pulled me aside and had me take everything out of one of my bags for inspection. They even had me take off my shoes so they could swab them. The inspector told me that with all of the batteries and charges I had (I was carrying a computer, a digital still camera and a camcorder, each with rechargeable batteries.), the scanner couldn't tell what was what, so they had to do a visual inspection. At least I know to expect this when I return home.

Our plain pulled away from the gate on time, and the flight to Chicago was pretty uneventful. (Just the way I like for them to be.) I managed to fall asleep before they turned off the seatbelt sign. (Yes, I sleep well on airplanes. Just ask anyone who's traveled with me.) In Chicago we met some more students from St. Louis. Getting out of O'Hare was another matter. We boarded late and pulled away from the gate about 20 minutes late. Then we took a tour of the taxiways for about 15 minutes before joining a line of aircraft waiting to take off. There was a storm nearby, and only one runway was operational, so we waited almost two hours before we could take off. During that time the crew finally brought water to everyone, but the cabin was hot, and it wasn't the most pleasant

experience in the world. Remind me to avoid O'Hare!

We arrived in Madrid about 9:30 Wednesday morning and met representatives from the university who brought us to campus. The campus is located in the northwest part of Madrid, close to the Universidad Complutense. The rest of the day was spent with getting settled, orientation and a reception with the faculty.

Thursday and Friday were class days. I'm taking two poetry classes and a class on methods and technology for instruction in Spanish language classes. The methods class will be quite a contrast to the other two classes. One of the poetry classes is twentieth-century Spanish poetry, and we will read a number of different authors. The other poetry class has us reading only three works: "El Poema del Mio Cid," "El Libro de Buen Amor," and "La Celestina." All three are medieval works, though the teacher has us reading modernized versions. I also have editions in the original version and even have a facsimile copy of "El Cid."

Saturday we went on an excursion to Salamanca. Salamanca is home to the oldest university in Spain (and fourth oldest in Europe). In addition to the university, there are Roman remains, medieval remnants and two cathedrals. The "new cathedral" is late gothic, from the 16th century. (Only in places other than American is something 500 years old still called "new.") The "old cathedral" is Romanesque, from the 12th century. Both are magnificent. While we were in the Romanesque cathedral we saw the start of a wedding but left so as not to turn something special into a tourist event.

From the cathedral we went to see the Roman bridge. There our guide told us the plot of Chapter 1 from "Lazarillo de Tormes." Written in the 16th century, it's Spain's first picaresque novel. Lazarillo (little Lázaro) is an abandoned child who meets a blind beggar and becomes his "apprentice." They have a number of episodes in

which they try to outwit each other. The beggar keeps a jug of wine, from which Lazaro keeps stealing drinks, and the beggar keeps devising ways to prevent him from doing so. The first chapter of the book ends with them parting ways at the bridge over the river Tormes.

Next we went to see the university. The façade of the university is in the plateresque style. Think of gothic gone wild. Every inch is filled with something. On one of the pillars there is a skull, and on the skull there is a frog. (This sounds like the start of a song!) Generations of students have looked to the frog (and climbed up to touch it) for luck. One of the professors at the university during the 16th century (I know, it seems like everything happened in the 16th century.) was Fray Luis de Leon. He is known today for his poetry, part of Spain's Golden Age. During his tenure as a professor, he was known for his lectures and linguistic abilities. He proposed a translation of the Bible into Castilian (Spanish). For the Old Testament he suggested a new translation directly from the original languages and the Hebrew/Aramaic text, rather than from the Latin Vulgate (St. Jerome's version, which is known to have some errors of translation). Sounds like a good idea, right? Unfortunately for Fray Luis, this was 16th-century Spain, and the Inquisition was in full sway. Knowledge of Hebrew subjected you to suspicions of being a Jew, which was not permitted. So, some of Fray Luis' enemies denounced him to the Inquisition, and he was arrested. After five years he was released and returned to the university. His first day back he went to the lecture hall, stepped to the lectern and said, "As we were saying . . ." He continued the lecture from the point he had stopped 5 years earlier. My kind of teacher!

Following the visit to the university we headed toward the Plaza Mayor, stopping along the way at the House of the Shells. The owner of the house was a member of the Order of Santiago (St. James), and the symbol of the Order, like the symbol of the saint, is the scallop shell. So he decorated the outside of his house with lots of scallop shell sculpture. We also saw the

house of Miguel de Unamuno, a 20th-century Spanish poet. (See, not \*everything\* happened in the 16th century!) Then it was off to the Plaza Mayor. Salamanca's main square is supposed to be one of the most impressive in the world, and there is a saying that eventually the whole world comes to the Plaza Mayor. I was trying out my camcorder, so some of you will have an opportunity to see the film and decide for yourselves. Everyone that I've talked to who has studied in Salamanca has said that it is an unforgettable experience.

Once everyone arrived at Plaza Mayor, we split up for lunch. I went to a small restaurant and had gazpacho and pollo asado, with flan for dessert. It was a nice meal for 9 euros.

After lunch we walked back to the cathedral, stopping along the way to look at the last remnant of the medieval wall, a tower that is now a museum/cultural center, and enjoying the ambience. Then we went to the bus and headed back to Madrid.

On the trip back to Madrid, we made a slight detour to see the town of Avila. It was home to Sta. Teresa of Avila and has some of the best-preserved medieval walls in Spain. The walls are intact completely around the old town. We stopped at the church of Sta. Teresa in time to see the end of another wedding (our fourth one that day). A couple of people in the group joined the crowd and threw rice and rose petals as the couple exited the church. Unfortunately, we had to leave for Madrid and didn't have time to see everything I would have liked to see. So, Avila is one place I've put on my list of sites to return to.

This morning (Sunday) I went to the center of town and met Gennan Edge, a fellow Spanish teacher from California. She was passing through and had e-mailed me, so we decided to get together. First we went to the Plaza Mayor (Just about every Spanish city and town has one.) and had churros and hot chocolate for breakfast - a thoroughly madrileño experience. Then we walked around. I showed her the Botín

restaurant, the oldest continuously operated restaurant in the world; the Church of San Andrés, a nice enough Baroque church on the outside, but absolutely spectacular on the inside; the mercado de San Miguel; and the mayor's offices. We ended up at the cathedral just in time to hear the closing organ piece from mass and then looked around. After that we walked back to Gran Vía, where I caught the Metro back to the university. After some studying I had lunch (Spaniards eat lunch about 2:00 p.m.) and decided to write my first installment of Spain Travels 2002.

¡Qué Dios os bendiga mucho



### **Recipe of the Month**

#### Apple and Orange Crumble

1-1/2 lb. cooking apples  
1 orange, grated rind and juice  
1 oz. Light brown sugar  
4 oz. Plain flour  
2 oz. Plain wholemeal flour  
3 oz. Butter  
1-1/2 oz. Icing sugar, sieved (confectioners sugar)  
1/4 tsp. Mixed spices or ginger

Put the apples, orange rind, orange juice and brown sugar into a 2-1/2 pint ovenproof serving dish. Put the flour into a mixing bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the icing sugar and mixed spice or ginger, making sure all the ingredients are thoroughly combined. Sprinkle this crumble topping over the apples and bake at 400 F for 30-40 minutes until the topping is crisp and golden. Serve hot with fresh cream or custard.

Variations: Use any type of fresh fruit such as pears, rhubarb, plums, apricots or gooseberries. Add the grated rind of an orange or lemon to the crumb mixture before sprinkling it over the fruit. Serves 4-6.

## From the Royal Steward of Esperance

Hi everyone, I hope we are all off to a wonderful summer. Here is your list of expiring members...

### June

Allinder, Kristine  
Anderson, Thomas  
Archambault, Bonnie  
Archambault, William  
Cooper, Ciara  
Doyle, Brian  
Fee, Patricia  
Messina, Joley  
Porter, Matt

Prince, Elisabeth  
Salsgiver, Charise  
Saunders, David  
Sciabarrasi, Gab  
Toole, Don  
Toth, Craig  
Toth, Danielle  
Tuminaro, Patrick

### July

Beltran, Shawn  
Bilich, Linda  
Billings, Andrew  
Billings, Delores  
Brookshire, Joseph  
Cominolo, David  
Cominolo, Jean  
DuBose, John  
Durham, Jessica

Gross, Amy  
Little, Justin  
McMahon, Allen  
McMahon, Erin  
Seawright, Nate  
Williams, Morgan  
Winchester, Ella  
Winchester, Lara  
Winchester, Louis

### August

Andron, Angeleec  
Andron, Charlene  
Andron, Michael  
Bennett, Tiffany  
Clayton, William  
Cochran, Frankie Roy  
Cochran, Jessica  
Eldredge, Jessica  
Eldredge, Steven  
Eldredge, Vickie  
Gathright, D. Roger  
Hartness, Sandra  
Horst, Freda  
Whalen, Gary L.

Kirk, Greg  
Kirk, Morgan  
Lake, Della  
Rambo, Deborah  
Rambo, Evelyn  
Rambo, Jim  
Roberts, Mark  
Roberts, Sean  
Rogers, Darren  
Solowynsky, Matt  
Sweet, Shanali  
Timms, Kevin  
Whalen, Gwen

In Service,

Milisent de Lilley  
Esperance Steward

## Chancellor's Report

Another Imperial Estates meeting is just around the corner. It will be held next weekend in Idaho. Last night, Esperance held an estates meeting to advise the Crowns on how they should represent Esperance on the issues. If you have any last minute advice, make sure that you get it to your representative.

Sir Terrin Greyphis  
Chancellor of Esperance

## Minister of Physicks Report

No one was injured at the last event except from a bite from a parrot, which was minor. Just a reminder---WATER-WATER-WATER.

## Minister of Archery Report

At last event the winner of the huntsman list was Sir, Troiano and the winner of bowman list was Sq. Xavier Alexander who shot a perfect six.

## Minister of Arts and Sciences Report

In looking back over the past year and listening to various comments, I must admit to being as guilty as some of you - and you know who you are. "I am going to wait to see how the new Art's Manual and Judging Matrix works before I put another art's entry in Tournament" Are you one of those who has made this comment verbally or just in thought? I will not ask for a raise of hands at the next Event - but if we all sit back to wait and see - how are we going to know if the current process is effective?

The new manual and judging handbook are on line - for those of you who do not have Internet access - I will keep a few packets on hand. Review the manual - while you are doing the project follow the form "Documentation Summary Sheet". The documentation is many times the down fall of

some of our entries. Many of us do the documentation after the project. Try and reverse the process - do the documentation first - then complete the project.

One other thought on documentation: Website bibliography listings should also include the date referenced - the date you pulled the information from the Website.

Internet information can be very volatile - can change frequently as webmasters change their mind (or it is changed for them through a good debate). Or - the website you found could disappear. Website documentation should not be considered a primary source. Primary Source has been defined in the manual as "an untranslated publication from the period, a photograph or photocopy of an actual publication, manuscript, quote, item or picture from the period".

Following the website address - add the same information you would for a book: Author - name of the article - date. Then include the website article as an addendum to the documentation. The addendum of the article would be a good safeguard to the loss of the website. I usually copy the website article because I sometimes forget how I got there in the first place, especially if I have gone through several links.

Another new process - not to be abused - is the ability to judge an entry outside of the tournament if viable. For example - a period meal - to insure the flavors are maintained direct from the fire - it is possible for 4 judges to travel to a kitchen of your choice. A medieval garden, architecture or any item not easily transported. I remember the face of an artisan when a delightful period apple pie was crushed just as it reached the table and another artisan who prepared a full meal so frustrated as to the loss of perfection during transportation and poor facilities at the park.

The Crowns have done their best to promote the arts - how about you?

Dame Lady Marion

## **Office of the Warden's report**

Mark your calendars - the location and date of the Crown War has been determined and all permits secured. November 8 - 10 at Prado Regional Park.

The Coronation is scheduled for December 7 - I had hoped to have that location finalized as well but hopefully will be able to advise in the next issue.

For those of you who are organized and plan your demo's more than 30 days in advance - please take the time to submit a notice to Dame Lenora for the Le Chronique. The Warden is required to maintain the calendar; insure you have the required paperwork to document your demo; assist in obtaining a location if needed.

However, it is up to the Autocrat to promote the demo and secure the participants.

The Le Chronique is a good form of communication for the announcement before and after the demo.

Dame Lady Marion

## **Webmaster's Report**

In an attempt to gain the interest of mundane visitors the Kingdom website has undergone a face lift. The most noticeable being the main page. I'd like to thank Sir Gregoire for his help in designing it. Also if you look at the heraldry page and you don't see yours there and would like to. Please send me the information and I'll put it there.

In Service,  
Sir Connor

## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 July	2	3	4	5	6 Canton of Aquitaine Event
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Tournament in Valley of the Kings / Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Event / Imperial Estates Meeting in Idaho
21 Imperial Estates Meeting in Idaho	22	23	24	25	26	27 Canton of Loch Lave Event / Duchy of Brandenburg Event
28	29	30	31	1 August	2	3 Canton of Aquitane Evnet
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event/ Collegia by Sir Jamie the Red – Pole Weapons
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Event / Demo in Midway City
18 Demo in Midway City	19	20	21	22 Air Force Demo	23	24 Canton of Loch Lave event/ Duchy of Brandenburg Event
25	26	27	28	29	30 Imperial War West at Featherly Park	31 Imperial War West at Featherly Park
1 September Imperial War West at Featherly Park	2 Imperial War West at Featherly Park	3	4	5	6	7

## Event Schedule

### July

**Canton of Aquitaine Event**, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Fairmont Park, Riverside. Contact the Viceroy, Sir Troiano the Strong, for more information.

**Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event**, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Eisenhower Park, Orange. List open at 10:00 and court will be promptly at 10:30.

**Valley of the Kings Tournamnet**, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Lemoore. List open at 7:00am. See details earlier in newsletter.

**Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Event**, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Kingdom of Terre Neuve is located in San Diego county. Please contact the crowns Sir Badger Kelly McDonnon or Dame Kendra Finster

McFadyen de McDonnon for more details and directions at [badgermaybe@cox.net](mailto:badgermaybe@cox.net) or [rdbrees@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdbrees@sbcglobal.net).

**Imperial Estates Meeting, July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**. Moscow, Idaho. 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Imperial Estates.

**Canton of Loch Lave Event**, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Canton of Loch Lave is having their monthly event this day. Remember to contact the Vicereine of Loch Lave for more information.

**Duchy of Brandenburg Event**, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The Duchy of Brandenburg has their event this day. Contact the Duchess, Dame Juliana Hirsch for more details and directions at [savascan@sd.znet.com](mailto:savascan@sd.znet.com).

## August

**Canton of Aquitaine Event**, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fairmont Park, Riverside. Contact the Viceroy, Sir Troiano the Strong, for more information.

**Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event**, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Eisenhower Park, Orange. List open at 10:00 and court will be promptly at 10:30.

**Collegia – Polearm Types**, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Eisenhower Park, Orange. Time TBD at the event. Given by Sir Jamie the Red of Esperance.

**St Patrick Novitae Tournament**, August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Midway City. Please contact Dame Juliana for more information.

**Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Event**, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The Kingdom of Terre Neuve is located in San Diego county. Please contact the crowns Sir Badger Kelly McDonnon or Dame Kendra Finster mcFadyen de McDonnon for more details and directions at badgermaybe@cox.net or [rdbres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdbres@sbcglobal.net).

**Demo at El Segundo Park**, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. See article in earlier part of newsletter.

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**Imperial Western War**, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Septmeber 2<sup>nd</sup>. Featherly Regional Park, Anaheim Hills. This is our Yearly run for the Imperial Crown. Be on the lookout for pre-registration forms coming to a newsletter soon!

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