

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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FROM THE CROWN

We have traveled far since our last event. The Queen visited the land of Loch Lave' for a most enjoyable visit with tournament and archery, which ended in sadness as we bid farewell to Kurovan and Wolfgar as they left on their quest to the Middle East.

We then traveled to the land of Brandenburg to witness Sir Nigel Seymore vested as the Duke of Brandenburg, the day was filled with tournament, wondrous arts - a shirt with beautiful blackwork (tiny tiny stitches and many hours), wooden benches and more. The evening ended with a feast, music, a children's play and our very own Baron von Lagersuuffer singing for the

new Duke!! Hmmm he has never entertained his very own crowns - but I am sure he will find the right moment to entertain in the court of Esperance. We ended our journey in Sangrael with a visit to the new Duke and Duchess Sir Robert Lamont and Dame Kathleen. We were able to participate in our first Imperial Postal Shoot and it would appear we will need much help from the members in our kingdom if we are to surpass Umbria and Terre Neuve. Our own Sir Connor O'Riordain did very well. Sangrael court ended with a tearful plea from the Lady in Waiting, Lyona D'Vall for her cry for help in the rescue Dame Giuliana. We are most

happy to be back in our own lands though the situation at hand is most troublesome as to how we will retrieve our own Dame Giuliana and keep the Kingdom's wool.

Much is in the planning stages for the next few months as we prepare for the Mardi Gras in March. The March of Anvilania has plans for April as does a certain Sister Mary Maedb Grace or is that Dame Maedb? May Day with ribbons and dancing. June will hold an Elizabethan Prize Tournament. All of these events are in the planning stages - when asked for help - lighten the load and join the fun.

Marion Regina Terrin Rex

IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Conton of Loch Lave event - Feb 22nd. Autocrat - Sir Troiano.*
- *Mardi Gras Feast - March 8th 5:30 - 9:30pm. Autocrat - Dame Lyrica.*
- *Demo - Brothers of St. Patrick - Sunday March 9th 9:30 - 5:00. Autocrat - Sir James of Bloodstone.*
- *Check the Calendar for more events!*
- *Historic Birthdays:*
February 15: Galileo Galilei (1564) Italian Astronomer
February 18: Mary I (1516) First Queen to rule England on her own
February 19: Nicolaus Copernicus (1473) Polish Astronomer

YELLOW RIBBON REMEMBERANCES

While we enjoy our freedom, please keep those on quest in your thoughts and prayers that they will soon return to join us in game safe and unharmed:

From Loch Lava on quest to the Middle East: Joseph Tiffany known as Kurovan; Shane Flewelling known as Wolfgar; Earl Childs known as Squire Conner has been in the Middle East since

September.

From Umbria: Tom Pesta known as Sir Keegan.

From Terre Neuve: Shawn Joseph known as Sir Navar Mc Donnon; Monty Martinez known as Gaylin de Amalurko / Master Galen.

Timothy Allen Penix known as Kalimar Kerr Williamson / Maximus Angeles - Esperance.

* Aaron Schmidt - Terre Neuve.

Joseph H. Stoutimore known as Josph of Stone Dragon - Sangrael

Micheal Gardner known as Sir William Michael De-Gardiner

As well as all the others whose names I did not have.

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IN MEMORY OF...

One of the driving forces of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance was that of exploration. Yet, this exploration did not come without risk and loss of life. We continue this quest for knowledge even today, yet the risks are still the same.

"The cause in which they died will continue. Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey into space will go on." - George W Bush

In Memory of the Crew of the Columbia and their unselfish bravery for mankind:
Pilot William McCoot, Cmdr. Rick Husband, and crewmembers Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla, Lian Ramon, David Brown, Michael Anderson.

"There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." - Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980)

SHROVE TUESDAY

All you ladies of the Kingdom bring your fry pans. Shrove Tuesday, six weeks and five days before Easter, marked the last day before the beginning of the Lenten Season. Because many people gave up meat and other favorite foods, and sex, during Lent as a sign of penance (to be shriven means to be cleansed of all sin). Shrove Tuesday was often marked by feasting and revelry. This tradition continues today in the custom of Mardi Gras, which literally translates from the French as Fat Tuesday. Shrove Monday was often marked by public sport-

ing events in which the entire community took part. While nobles held jousting tournaments, villagers participated in games including tug of war, skipping contests, chasing a greased pig, marbles and climbing a greased pole.

In England at Olney in Buckinghamshire the Pancake Day Race has been held since 1445. The race came about when a woman cooking pancakes heard the shriving bell summoning her to confession. She ran to church wearing her apron and still holding her frying pan, and thus started a tradition that has lasted for

over 500 years. The custom is a race which starts at the market square at 11:55 - the women race a winding 375 meter course (the record is 63 seconds!) carrying a frying pan containing a hot cooking pancake which she must toss three times (the pancake not the pan) during the race. The first one to arrive at the church - serve her pancake to the bellringer and be kissed by him is the winner.

Her Majesty has been told no greased pig - and no greased flag pole - she is still holding out for the pancake race.

"During the Mardi Gras people will throw beads of purple, gold and green. Each of these stones has a meaning. What do the colors represent?"

The answer to the Queen's question of last month. The colors are derived from the gifts of the magi: Gold for wealth; purple for power; green for good health.

MARDI GRAS FEAST

Come to a feast to celebrate and mystify your friends! There will be food, dancing, contests and games for one and all!

When: Saturday, March 8th, 2003

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: Olive Park Building
2841 N. Glassell St.
Orange, CA 92865

Cost: Paid in Advance - we don't guarantee that there will be food if you don't pay!
\$12.00 per adult
\$6.00 for children 6 - 12
Children 5 and under are free

A grand feast is being prepared for one and all. Menu

will be as follows:

Fruit and Cheese plates
Leek Soup (a.k.a. White Poiree)
Beef Burgundy
Medieval Macaroni and Cheese (pasta with white cheddar shaved over the top)
Roasted Chicken
Pears in Wine
Bread and various flavored butters will also be served. Please bring your own drinks. Water will be available and possibly lemon water. This is a DRY site so please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

Come prepared for a MASK contest! The King and Queen will award for best mask,

grossest mask, most period mask and many others.

A Bardic competition will also be held so dust off those voices and come to amaze your friends!

Payments for the feast MUST be made in advance. Make checks payable to:
Adrian Empire, Inc.

Send to:
Adrian Empire

Any questions? Contact the Autocrat, Dame Lyrica at talltunes@aol.com

We hope to see you there!

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR

Unto to the populace,

The month of January held many changes to the combat manual. I would like to highlight some of them here. In Renn the manual now requires a minimum of 1/4" protection to the back of the head, this can be done either by wearing a padded head cover or a chain coif, it may also be done by covering the back of the mask with a non-moveable cover. This does not mean simply hanging something from the back of the mask, as we all know that when you are fighting this will move back and forth and is not proper coverage. There have been minor changes to the requirements for steel armor and you should review the new manual to verify that your armor meets the requirements. In shinai there have not been any changes that I can see.

The big change is that to sign into the lists you must show the Rolls Minister a valid combat card. These are avail-

able by taking a test which is in the Marshal's Manual online or by seeing me at a event, as I bring copies with me. Once the test has been taken and turned into me I will issue you a card. This rule will come completely into play no later than the April event. If you do not have a card in April you will not be allowed to sign into the lists, so please see me no later than the March event to have this taken care of.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the January event. In Steel was Sir Conall, In Renn Sir Morgan Blackthorn, and in Shinai Tygster. All did well and I hope everyone had a good time on the list field. Also the Marshals did a great job and deserve to be acknowledged, Sir Cewolf and Sir Mongo did an outstanding job during the Steel tourney and Sir Troiano did a great job as well during the Renn and Shinai tourneys.

I wish to thank all that helped out and made the

combat a success in January.

For this month the Steel tourney will be a standard double elimination tourney, the Renn tourney will be a random matched weapons tourney, and Shinai tourney will be a standard double elimination tourney. There will also be a war scenario in both shinai and renn to begin as soon as the tourney fighting is completed.

This brings up another issue as far as tournament fighting. As a combatant you are responsible to be ready when you are called to the list field. If you can not be ready when you are called you need to make arrangements in advance with the Marshal's, your opponent and minister of Joust and War, or you could face being disqualified. It is not fair to your opponent to leave him standing there on the field waiting for you to ready yourself.

In Service,
Sir Conall



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HAVE A CARD IN
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IMPERIAL ARCHERY POSTAL SHOOT

The Imperial Postal Shoot is upon us once again, and once again the fair Kingdom of Umbria is showing their prowess to the rest of the Empire. Their Royal Majesties King Terrin and Queen Marion have challenged the populace of Esperance to step up and take the lead away from Umbria.

Their Royal Majesties have also challenged the populace to step up and show the Empire their archery prowess.

Last week, Their Royal Majesties stepped up to the plate to help lead their Kingdom to victory by participating in the Imperial Postal Shoot at the monthly event of the fair Duchy of Sangrael.

In Service,
Sir Connor O'Riordain
Deputy Imperial Minister of
Archery West



FROM THE PHYSICKER

Ed. - There was no report from the Physicker this month. I consider this to be a good thing - no injuries.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Unto the Fair and Noble Kingdom of Esperance does the Minister of Arts & Sciences send greetings:

I can not express enough how encouraged and excited I am about the arts this year! We had an exceptional turn out in January, both in submissions and judges!

I wish to thank each and every person who both entered their arts projects and sat as judges. It was a grand day! Even though we were not able to award any tourney wins this time, every entry was wonderful.

One of the most notable items entered was by Sir Robert (Jestar), who entered a nautical quadrant. To my knowledge, we have not had an entry such as this in

the past, and it was very exciting to see. We judges learned quite a bit!

In the coming months we have many things planned for events in general, but especially in the arts and sciences. I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in the arts, especially if you have never been involved before. If you are interested in being a part of the action, but do not yet feel comfortable submitting an entry, please feel free to sit in on the judging process, or scribe for one of the judges to gain experience as a judge yourself. As you might have noticed, we at the arts table had a lot of fun at the last event!

In February you will notice that the arts table will be moving out from

“AGAIN, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE ARTS IN JANUARY. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT!”

under our beloved tree and into a space of our very own, that will be clearly marked as the arts and sciences area. So, if you are feeling a bit shy about getting involved, this might ease your nerves a bit.

Again, thank you to everyone involved in the arts in January. It was a wonderful event!

With Respect and Service to Esperance-

Dame Elspeth O'Neill

FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

Good Populace,

The January event was very well attended with over 50 paying participants. Unfortunately, there were no knightings, squirings, or other awards reported for the event.

The Cantons of Loch Lava and Aquitaine have turned in their paperwork for the past months. I am trying to get all of the data entered now.

We are using new forms developed by the Imperium (and have been). If you are having trouble getting signed in or are confused about the number and purpose of the forms, please ask me.

We have many people who are not filling in all of the forms and they may be

missing points as a result. Make sure you sign in on both the Steward's form and the Rolls forms. These forms go home with different people at the end of the day, so if you are not signed up on both, you may not get the points you earn.

Also, for those seeking knighthoods, make sure you get and fill out a Steps to Knighthood form. Doing so is the first step in verifying your points. Once you have everything you know about listed, bring the form to me and we'll see what needs to be filled in or verified. Thank you.

In Service,

Sir Jamie the Red



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Fighter Practice	6	7	8 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
9	10	11	12 Fighter Practice	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Fighter Practice	20	10	22 Canton of Loch Lave Event
23	24	25	26 Fighter Practice	27	28	

March 25 - Middle Age New Year until the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar that began in 1582 when the New Year was observed the first day of January. England did not adopt the Gregorian Calendar until September 14, 1752.

March 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Fighter Practice	6	7	8 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event / Mardi Gras Feast
9 Demo - Brothers of St. Patrick	10	11	12 Fighter Practice	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Fighter Practice	20	21	22 Canton of Loch Lave Event / Demo - Palm Springs Faire
23 Demo - Palm Springs Faire	24	25	26 Fighter Practice	27	28	29
30	31					

MARDI GRAS
FEAST ON
MARCH 8TH

APRIL EVENTS:

Demo - Wayzeoose Festival at UCI April 19th - Autocrat: Sir Jamie the Red (see article for additional details).

What is the ideal knight? Lull and de Charney wrote treatises, but an unknown poet wrote an epic. Sir Jehan will present a class on "The Poem of The Cid" at the April 12th event. We will look at Rodrigo de

Bivar's presentation as the ideal Spanish knight and his enemies' treatment as examples of the vices to avoid. Join us for "Knightly Virtues and Vices in "The Poem of The Cid."

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Minutes for the January 12th, 2003 Meeting of the Estates of the Kingdom of Esperance:

Esperance Law:

At a meeting of the Estates General of Esperance on 12 January 2003, the following law was enacted. "In order to ensure the safety of our populace on the battlefield, no one is to enter the combat tournaments if they have imbibed alcohol previously in the day."

Comments: A number of Estate holders remembered having passed this law in April 1998. However, no written record of the law or its publication could

be located. The Estates deemed it best to pass the law on record. During discussion, the Estates also agreed that their intent and interpretation is that the stroke of midnight constitutes the beginning of the day in question. Thus, if anyone imbibes alcohol at 12:01:01 a.m. or after, that person may not enter combat tournaments in Esperance on that same day.

Retirement Titles:

The Estates of Esperance voted overwhelmingly to approve the reign of Their Majesties Sir Conall and Dame Aifa and to award them the retirement titles of Count Royal and Countess Royal.

Minutes of the January 12, 2003, Meeting of the Estates of the Kingdom of Esperance:

- I. Meeting was called to order
- II. Roll Call
A Quorum was established and alignment of some Estates was clarified.
- III. Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2002, were approved.
- IV. Ministry Reports
 - a. The Warden's Report was received
 - b. The Rolls Report was received
 - c. The Kingdom finances from the previous reign were reviewed

- d. The Proposed Budget was approved as amended. The amendment retained the current site fee with the assurance of the Crowns that they would be reporting to the Estates any subsequent shortfall between revenue and operating expenses.

- e. The Estates received and expressed thanks for a donation of fighting area poles from Sir William de Mild.

V. Chancellor's Business

- a. The Estates voted to approve the reigns of Sir Conall and Dame Aifa and to award them retirement titles.

- b. The Chancellor reported that there is currently one unresolved case of litigation before the Chancery.

VI. The Estates reviewed and passed the following Estates writ as Law:

- a. "In order to ensure the safety of our populace on the battlefield, no one is to enter the combat tournaments if they have imbibed alcohol previously in the day."

The Estates wished to clarify that "previously in the day" is defined as any time after midnight (i.e. 12:01:01 or later).

VII. New Business

- a. The Brandenburg Coronation on January 25 was announced.

- b. The Jeweler's Guild announced its intention to create new rings for the Crowns, the old rings having served long and being in need of retirement.

- c. The next meeting of the Estates was set for March 8, 2003, following the event, for the purpose of advising the Crowns on the will of the populace and Estates of Esperance concerning matters to be considered at the Imperial Estates Meeting.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sir Jehan



FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

Greetings, Good Populace, from your Minister of Archery, Sq. Wuner!

First, let me thank everyone that participated in the archery lists this month. The turnout was quite impressive! Over 20 arrow flingers took the field. That is a most impressive number, and I look forward to more such events! It is with great pride I announce that Squire Falcon Gruesbane won the bowman's list, allowing him to move up next month to the huntsman's. I also meekly submit that I, Squire Wuner Gruesbane, took the hunts-

man's list. I humbly refuse credit, as many of our fine huntsman archers were probably tired from steel and ren fighting!

Which brings up a point I'd like to make. The archery field is open during events from 15 after opening court until 3:00 pm. It will close during lunch, at whichever time lunch is announced. Archers are welcome to come and shoot at their convenience. In the case of the other lists running long, an announcement will be made, usually during lunch, if the archery field will be open

longer. Archers are welcome to practice any time a contestant is not shooting for score. Lessons are also available for the asking.

I'm pleased to say that the response to our new "Wooden Frenchman" target has been very positive and enthusiastic! Now that we've used him for a few months, I'm also noticing a definite improvement in our average scores! I believe this is due as much to the varied scoring areas as it is to the fact that he never flinches! If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve him, especially in

the way his legs are done, please come talk to me!

Finally, a bow was left on the archery field last event. If it's yours please come identify it so it can be returned!

That's all for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on the line in February!

In Service,
Sq. Wuner

FROM THE WARDEN

Greetings from the Warden's office!

Wow! It's been an incredibly busy month for me with trying to tie down a site for our Mardi Gras feast to be held on March 8th and looking for a new park for us to play in.

I have selected a site for the Mardi Gras feast here in Orange. It will be held at the Olive Recreation center. Please read the Mardi Gras report in the newsletter for more details!

Park searching has been a very exhausting and time-consuming job. I have looked at parks in Yorba Linda, Brea, Placentia, Tustin, Santa Ana and Mile Square Park. Here's the report on each.

The Santa Ana site that I looked at was not feasible as the area for us to park in and use are far from the bathrooms. The archery range that was once there has been turned into a lawn bowling park. I will not consider this park again.

Yorba Linda has 22 parks and I have found one that may very well suit our needs. I will be in further contact with the City government but so far they seem happy to have us. Watch this spot for more details.

Brea has some very nice "pocket" (ie. Small neighborhood parks) parks but they are not large enough for us to consider.

Placentia has a couple of

parks that are promising but have parking issues and possibly issues with organized sports groups.

Tustin has three parks that are promising but I'm still trying to contact them to find out EXACTLY what they want.

Many people from Esperance have suggested moving back to Mile Square Park. There are major problems with the park from history past with the rangers who did not want us at the edge of the park. Additionally, we have had member's personal vehicles broken into and one member of our populace was attacked. Mile Square Park is a regional park and has an entrance fee to park inside

the park. I will be contacting them to see if we can get a break in parking so keep an eye on this spot for details.

I am also looking into possible target archery sites in Orange County and I'll be talking to Squire Wuner to see what we can do.

Please, if ANYONE has any suggestions of parks or archery sites that might suit our needs, please contact me at damelenora@greyphis.net to give me the particulars.

In service,
Dame Lenora

PS. There is a calendar on the Esperance Website if you ever want to see when everyone has their events!

UNTO THE BARON VON LAGERSUUFER

Unto the Baron von Lagersuufer do the Crowns of Esperance send greetings.

Per your request we have reviewed the history of deeds regarding the Island of Balboa which lies along Our western coast. We do indeed find record that during troubled times within your barony and your company, that these lands were put into the care of those of the HMS Hedgehog until such time as the Crowns of Esperance became satisfied that the Lagersuufers can adequately staff the gun emplacements located thereupon and make sure that said defenses are

used against our enemies and not Ourselves or our loyal citizens.

We do find that the Lagersuufers have once again established their barony and thus have adequate numbers to tend to these lands and that yourself as baron have personally sworn fealty to Ourselves as one of our tenants in chief. We also see that the Lagersuufer Mercenary Company is under new leadership.

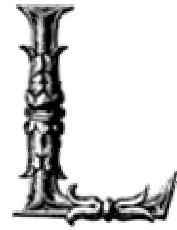
We do hereby thank those of the HMS Hedgehog for tending to your lands and release them from this service. We

do hereby return to the Lagersuufers any lands taken from them and given unto the care of those of the HMS Hedgehog.

Furthermore, any goods taken that remain in the possession or control of those of the HMS Hedgehog shall also be returned.

So say we upon the second day of the second month of the year known as two thousand and three.

Terrin Rex Marion Regina



UNTO THE HMS HEDGEHOG

Unto the admiralty, captains, and crew of the HMS Hedgehog do the Crowns of Esperance send greetings.

In the year known as two thousand, the Island of Balboa which lies along Our western coast was given into your care until such time when the Lagersuufers could once again properly man it and make sure that the gun emplacements were not used against Ourselves or our loyal citizens.

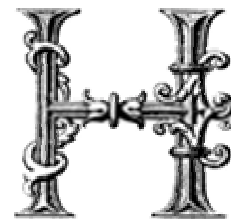
We find that the Lagersuufer field marshal during these troubled times is no longer among the Lagersuufer Mercenary Company, that the Lagersuufers have once again have a full barony upon which to draw staffing needs, and that the Baron, as one of

our tenants in chief, has personally sworn fealty to Us.

We thank you for the defense of our lands and while we wish you to continue to serve Us in that capacity, We release you from the duties of holding and maintaining the Island of Balboa and ask you to return all lands taken from the Lagersuufers and given into your care back unto the Lagersuufers. Furthermore, any goods taken that remain in your possession or control shall also to be returned.

So say we upon the second day of the second month of the year known as two thousand and three.

Terrin Rex Marion Regina



FROM THE STEWARD

Greetings from the Steward's office!

Here's the expirations for January, February and March:

January

01/12 Hillenburg, John Phil

February

02/06 Coffman, Christopher

02/09 Jackson, Paul

02/10 Lanning, Heidi

02/17 Gobert, Tianay

March

03/02 Darden, Heather

03/06 Nahodil, Kamie

03/06 Roberts, Dean

03/06 Smith, Kathleen

03/08 Wormer, Justin

03/09 Coon, Molly

03/13 Padelli, James R.

03/23 Jones, Laurence D.

03/23 Wycoff-Jones, Laura

03/24 Flewelling, Shane

03/27 Tockey, Steffanie

WAYZEGOOSE FESTIVAL

Once again, the University of California, Irvine has asked us to participate in their Wayze goose Festival. Last year we had little time to prepare. However, fifteen members of the populace attended and we woke up the whole campus. A few highlights for those who missed it:

The artisans (Dame Katherine Marshal and Dame Maedb Hawkins) were walled in so thoroughly that we had to call Moses to part the sea of onlookers just to verify that the ladies were still there.

We had several members of the audience ask to participate in the combat. We dressed up quite a few and had a good time challenging the members of the fencing team, among others.

We had a huge area, under the trees, and we anchored one end of the faire.

A bit on the Wayze goose Festival itself: it is a medieval festival, held in spring and originally was from northern Britain. UCI has traditionally held it in April, like they are this year. The SCA has been their re-creation group for thirty years until we took over last year. (Last year we allowed the few SCA members who participated to camp beside us and use our list field.)

Unfortunately, most of the people on campus have forgotten that it is supposed to be a medieval festival and last year the fraternities and sororities represented everything except medieval Europe. For example, they were selling pizza, coconut drinks, and every kind of food imaginable. But none of them even attempted medieval costume and most were curious why we were dressed funny.

The coordinator of the event has asked us to help restore the medieval feel to the event. We need artisans most. Combatants are, of course, welcome. Archers, bring your gear and get ready to talk yourselves hoarse. There is no where to shoot, but you'll be asked a million questions. Ministers, bring your forms and expect to sign some people up. Last year we got one new member and lots of interest. Lets see how much better we can do this year.

Vital stats:

When: April 19th

Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Setup: Starts at 6:00am, teardown doesn't start until 5:00pm (Yes, it's gonna be a long day.)

Where: Aldritch Park, in the center of the UCI campus. Directions will be available closer to the event.

We will be able to drive on to the site for loading and unloading. There will be free parking for participants on campus (right across the street). We will have an awesome good time!

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