

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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FROM THE CROWN

Good Populace:

What a wonderful day with many new event happenings, all due to the research and planning of Squire Luren de Wisconsin.

We started off with Prayer Tag - Squire Salty was "it" as he chased, Sir Troiano, Sir Jamie the Red and Vassilli. "To be Safe" the combatants had to kneel and hold their hands in prayer. Squire Salty had a rough time as the players knelt quickly even in steel. Well done to the willing players - they had the attention of all.

Thank you to Sir William for providing the Jenga

game. It was slow to start but the activity picked up and the game was won by Lisa Coffman, Lady in Waiting to Dame Lyrica.

Tug of War was tried by Sir Otto, Sir William De Milde, Dame Lyrica, Squire Luren, Sir Jamie the Red and Sir Connal. Sir Jamie and Sir Connal played Tug of War in both steel and garb - two steel fighters on 2 x 4 tugging at each other was a sight to behold.

The game of Boules (lawn bowling) was run by Squire Lothar. Participants included those from Sangreal and others waiting to shoot archery.

While Prayer Tag was of great enjoyment to all, it took second place to the Pancake Race. The Queen challenged Princess Dame Maedb and Princess Dame Katherine Marshall both of which pleading infirmities, did call for Champions to their rescue. What Champions they did choose - Sir Jamie the Red and Sir Otto. Now, Squire Luren did stick to her guns - Sir Otto running for Princess Katherine did wear the required skirt and head piece provided on the spot by Squire Lauren. Sir Jamie was allowed to run in his chain mail hauberk err skirt

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Please join the Crowns as we congratulate Comtessa Aleta O'Barry van Hansard for her (finally) taking the level of Knight Minister and Knight Civil at the Mardi Gras Feast on March 8th. It seem most appropriate that this knighthood be taken at a feast (with her not in the kitchen) in company with her husband Sir Dilvish Van Hansard and daughter, Lady Katherine van Hansard.

Sir Troiano the Strong achieved Knight Huntsman and is most eager to give

competition to the Imperial Postal Shoot.

In addition to the Knight-hoods achieved, Comtessa Aleta O'Barry did present Dame Lenora Greyphis with the "Golden Spoon" for the Culinary Guild. Again, a most appropriate place as we had just completed a fantastic feast. This golden spoon was the only clean one in the castle.

A new Lady in Waiting, Lisa Coffman, gave her oath to Dame Lyrica Angeline.

The Coffman family is new to Esperance and already making their mark. Lisa also won the Jenga Game during the day at the event. The wood blocks were most high and did sound like thunder when the wrong block was pulled.

We would also congratulate Sir Vino Fanucchi as the new Count in March d'Aggravain - we look forward to his guidance and support.

Regards,

Terrin Rex Marion Regina

IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Conton of Loch Lave event – April 26th. Autocrat - Sir Troiano.*
- *Demo - Wayzeoose Festival - April 19th. Autocrat - Sir Jamie the Red.*
- *Class on "The Poem of The Cid" at the April 12th event - Autocrat Sir Jehan.*
- *Renewal of Vows - April 12th at the lunch break - Particiapnts Sir Jamie the Red and Dame Maedb.*

Check the Calendar for more events!

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and a head piece provided by Princess Maedb that would have made the fashion of the day. Rumor has it that Princess Maedb did much persuading the night before. There were several participants flipping pancakes as

they ran the race. Congratulations to Squire Alwyn who did win this race (beating her knight - Sir Jamie the Red).

There were silver box favors provided by Marquessa Rosellen given to Lisa Coffman for Jenga; Squire Alwyn for the Pancake Race; and Sir Jamie the Red for the Best Sport of

the Day for participating in almost every game.

Many thanks to Squire Luren for her research and preparation and to the populace for their participation.

Marion Regina Terrin Rex



NEW MANUALS & FORMS AVAILABLE

The Imperial Publishing Office has been busy the last few months. Besides extensive changes to the Imperial web site, the following Manuals and Forms have also been published:

- ◆ Revised Rolls Manual
- ◆ New and revised Rolls reporting and sign-in forms, as well as revised Steps to Knighthood forms
- ◆ Revised Marshal's Manual
- ◆ Revised Combat Manual
- ◆ Revised Missile Manual (replaces the old

Arrow Manual and now includes Siege Weapons)

- ◆ Revised Missile Construction Manual (replaces the old Arrow Construction Manual and now includes missiles for Siege Weapons)
- ◆ Imperial Estates Meeting Minutes for March 2003, as well as the Minister's Reports and Chancellor's Report

All of these documents can be found on the Imperial web site in the Library Section:

<http://www.adrianempire.org/library.html>

BELTANE - MAY EVENT SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

April 30 - May Eve, Beltane, Walpurgis Nacht

The fairies are out on this magical night. To keep them from spoiling the milk, medieval farmers hung garlic, lavender, dill or rue in the stable and on the horns of their cows. Fill your pockets with wild thyme, marigold, hollyhock and hazel and you may happen to see a fairy. (Try no substitutes - for none will qualify)

May 1 - May Day

The holiday of flowers and greenwood frivolity. The favorite plant on this day was hawthorn, the dew of which was thought to make plain girls beautiful or make pretty girls pretty longer:

The fair maid who the first of May

Goes to the field at the break of day

And washes in the dew from the hawthorn tree

Will ever after handsome be.

May Day originated with the spring fertility festivals of ancient Egypt and India and became popular in England during the Roman occupation (A.D.42) and continues today. May Day, with its Celtic overtones of Beltane, which translates literally to "Bel's fire", is one of two fire festivals in the Celtic year. To the Celts, it marked the beginning of summer. Bringing in the May was a ritual of gathering herbs, flowers and branches to represent the healing and fertile energies of the earth and distributing

BELTANE - MAY EVENT SPECIAL HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED)

them at each house. Especially important was the hawthorn tree, the tree of hope, pleasure and protection. Only on May Eve would the strict taboo of

breaking the hawthorn branches be waived for houses to be decorated to invoke protection and ensure good fortune for the growing season.

Come join us at the May Event for the dance of the May Pole - create your head pieces with flowers and ribbons for the judges to choose the best of the day.

STEWARD'S OFFICE CHANGE

We regret to inform Our populace that our Steward, Brigit Tyndall Savage, has had a shift in employment that interferes with her participation in Adria and has asked to be relieved of her duties as Steward. We thank her for her service and especially for

her willingness to jump in and tackle a difficult job so earlier in her time with Adria and We look forward to seeing her at Our events when her schedule does permit.

We hereby welcome Our new Steward, Angelique

Sauve. Due to a stabilization in employment, she is now able to commit herself to the higher level of responsibilities (a most fortuitous timing for Esperance).

Terrin Rex Marion Regina

FROM THE STEWARD

Greetings from the Steward's office!

These are the Expired Members:

March

- Darden, Heather
- Nahodil, Kamie
- Roberts, Dean
- Smith, Kathleen
- Wormer, Justin
- Coon, Molly
- Padelli, James R.
- Jones, Laurence D.
- Wycoff-Jones, Laura
- Flewelling, Shane
- Tockey, Steffanie

These are the Expiring Members:

April

- Clark, Chastity Ann
- Brasseau, Michael J.
- Brasseau, Sophia
- Hoover, Philip
- Reed, Eric

- Caldwell, John T.
- Caldwell, Nancy
- Abbott, John
- Abbott, Regina Ann
- Cifelli, Edward

- Knutson, James M.
- Knutson, Linda B.
- Gallant, Jack Wesley
- May**
- Fulbright, CJ

- Fulbright, David William
- Fulbright, Tammy
- Skinner, Joshua A.
- Skinner, Robert C.

Description	Income	Expense	Checkbook Balance
Beginning Balance Jan. 2003*			2,857.68
JANUARY 2003			
Dec. 2002 & Jan. 2003 park fees		140.00	2,717.68
Dec. 2002 Event deposit	90.00		2,807.68
Jan. 2003 Event deposit	122.00		2,929.68
Minister's expenses		24.18	2,905.50
FEBRUARY 2003			
February Event deposit	118.00		3,023.50
Feb.2003 & Mar. 2003 park fees		140.00	2,883.50
Mardi Gras banquet room fee		300.00	2,583.50
March 2003			
March Event deposit (site fees)	100.00		2,683.50
Mardi Gras Feast Income	576.00		3,259.50
Bank reversed charges for checks	53.55		3,313.05
Ministers' expenses		25.86	3,287.19
Mardi Gras Feast food		248.62	3,038.57
Esperance annual website fee		184.90	2,853.67

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR

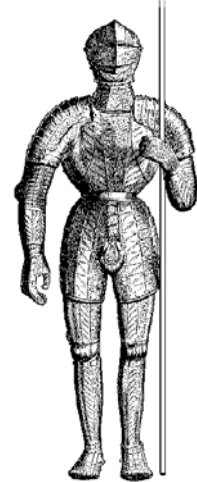
Ed. - For the winners from last month's combat tournaments, please see the report from the Minister of Rolls. The Position of Joust & War is open - interested parties should see the Crowns.

The Marshal's Manual Has Passed.

On March 22nd at the Imperial Estates meeting, the Marshal's Manual was voted

into law (it was previously authorized for play test). As today is within 30 days of publication of the new law, today will be the last Kingdom event that you are allowed to sign up for combat without having a combat card. If you don't have one, see if you can be qualified today or before next event.

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FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Greetings to Esperance!

Once again I would like to say how overjoyed I am at the turn out for the arts this year! We have been seeing some wonderful (and tasty!) entries, as well as being blessed with many fine judges.

Last month we had a wide variety of en-

tries that included needlework, chain-mail, yummy foods, rum and a bardic! In fact, we awarded a Master Work to Sir Jaime the Red for his amazing recitation (and explanation!) of Chaucer. And we awarded a Master Piece to Dame Lenora Greyphis for an outstanding (and

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FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

Ed. - There was no report from the Minister of Archery this month. For the winners from last month's archery tournaments, please see the report from the Minister of Rolls.

Squire Wuner, the Minister of Archery, is recovering from his stay in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as well as his family during this time.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

Good Populace,

The March Kingdom event was attended by 51 participants. There were 24 participants in archery. The huntsman's list was won by Sir Ce'Wolf from a field of 15 participants. The bowman's list was won by Lisa Coffman from a field of 9 participants.

There were seven participants in the arts, all on the knight's list. We had one masterpiece (Dame Lenora Greyphis), one masterwork (Sir Jamie the Red), and a total of 5 wins.

There were three combat lists; sergeant's shinai had only four participants and was won by Dame Katherine Marshal. A win

ten years in the making according to rumor. Congratulations to Dame Katherine! Now we have to convince her to join the Ren list. Knight's ren had nine participants and was won by Sir James of Bloodstone. Knights armored had seven participants and was also won by Sir James of Bloodstone.

There were two knightings that took place at the Mardi Gras feast following the event. Dame Aleta O'Barry was awarded Knight Civil and Sir Troiano was awarded Knight Huntsman. Congratulations to both.

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Fighter Practice	10	11	12 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
13	14	15	16 Fighter Practice	17	18	19 Demo - Wayzegeose Festival / Demo - Koronaburg Faire
20 Demo - Koronaburg Faire	21	22	23 Fighter Practice	24	25	26 Canton of Loch Lave Event / Demo - Koronaburg Faire / Demo - CA Poppy Festival
27 Demo - Koronaburg Faire / Demo - CA Poppy Festival	28	29	30 Fighter Practice			

HISTORIC DATES:

- April 1, 1578 William Harvey English Doctor, discovered blood circulation
- April 1 Began in France – French exchanged New Year’s gifts when March 25th was still New Years Day. When the French adopted January 1st as the New Year – April 1 became April Fool’s those who remembered the switch began to play tricks on those who forgot.
- April 15, 1452 Leonardo da Vinci Italian painter, sculptor and scientist
- April 22, 1451 Isabella I Spanish queen who helped Columbus
- April 23, 1350 George – Roman Soldier died April 23, 303; 1350 he was made patron saint of England. English knights often wore a red cross on white background on their shields or clothing.
- May 1 May Day – A celebration in England.

May 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Fighter Practice	8	9	10 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
11	12	13	14 Fighter Practice	15	16	17 Koronaburg Faire
18 Koronaburg Faire	19	20	21 Fighter Practice	22	23	24 Canton of Loch Lave Event
25	26	27	28 Fighter Practice	29	30	31

ARTS & SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

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large!) desert plate - which included some very amusing stories of how she gathered her ingredients, along with her outstanding documentation.

It is my sincere hope that the arts will flourish this year in

our Kingdom, and for many years to come. My goal is to have everyone in the Kingdom enter the arts at least once this year.

I would like to give very special thanks to my judges, Marquessa Rosellen, Dame Aleta, Princess Katherine, Sister Maedb, Dame Millis-

ent, Dame Marsaili and Sir Jaime - who were so generous with their time. We also had Katie Coffman as scribe to Marquessa Rosellen, who did a fine job indeed.

In Service,
Dame Elspeth O'Neill

WAYZEGOOSE FESTIVAL

Once again, the University of California, Irvine has asked us to participate in their Wayzeoose 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 Wayzeoose 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!

For more information contact: Sir Jamie the Red, jamiethered@hotmail.com, steveeldredge@mindspring.com.



JOUST & WAR (CONTINUED)

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Starting next month, if you do not have a combat card, you may sign in to the event and if you can get qualified prior to the start of the relevant list, you may be added to the list. Please note that there will not always be time for this to happen.

For those that have been previously qualified as either a combatant or a marshal but have never taken the test(s) from the new manual, the Imperial Marshalate has asked that you take the tests anyway. We feel that this is a good idea and also ask this of you. At this time, we are not setting a deadline for updating your qualifications, but may do so later.

There are some who have indicated that tests were completed and "sent in." We have searched and searched for

these tests, but to no avail. Fighter qualification tests have been received and recorded from the following: John T. Caldwell; Philip Cornejo; James Fox; Aaron Kokesch; Cynthia Komm; Justin Little; Dennis O'Dell; Lisa Ogata; David Saunders; John Sparks; Jennifer Tiffany; Craig Toth; Jeffery Coffman; Chris Coffman; Mary Ann Coe; Steve Huizenga.

Marshal tests have been received from Steve Huizenga and Justin Little.

The tests from above will be completed this week, but there are many more combatants in our Kingdom and we will need a minimum of 8 more marshals to function properly.

For those whose tests have fallen into a black hole and been lost, we apologize for the inconvenience and ask that you take the tests again.

This time around (including those tests listed above), we will copy the tests and keep the copy in the Queen's safe as well as sending them on to the Imperial Marshal's office.

For any who have to take the tests (to qualify as a marshal or combatant) or who take the tests to update their qualifications or replace lost records, we will have copies of the tests available as well as manuals for reference during the open book test. Most of you are well knowledgeable about these subjects, but parts of these tests are like a California driving test and there are a few questions that will likely need a second look at the manual.

Sir Terrin Greyphis
Acting Minister of Joust and War
Acting Crown Marshal
Knight Banneret

FROM THE WARDEN

Greetings from the Warden's office!

We've got a really busy month planned for the Kingdom this month!

On April 19th, we have the Waygoose Festival at UCI that Sir Jamie the Red is auto-crating. This is a fantastic event for the Kingdom as it lets us show off Adria to lots of new prospective members and have a good time at the same time! Thousands of people attend this event every

year! Come on out and support this fantastic event!

On April 26th & 27th is a demo at the California Poppy Festival in Lancaster City Park, Lancaster. Be sure to check out the article for information on this demo.

Koronaburg Faire is starting! Our weekends are April 19th & 20th, April 26th & 27th, and May 17th & 18th. Bring out your finished and unfinished arts projects, your chairs and of course your fighting gear!

We're excited to be back after a year hiatus and are looking forward to have a great time! Please see Their Majesties for more information questions. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

MARCH MARDI GRAS EVENT AND FEAST RECAP

Wow! What an incredible day! It was a day full of fun historic games, bright colored streamers waving, and a delicious feast at the end of the day!

This was a day that the Barony of Vineland, the House of Archambault got to shine.. Thanks to our barony and the other members of Esperance that had volunteered their time and talents to make this event, which the crowns asked us to plan, happen.

Many thanks to Squire Luren de Wisconsin for the fantastic games that she researched and got many of the populace involved in playing. She proved to many of us that period games, although a little strange, are incredibly fun! There was a spectacular game of Prayer Tag with some of our steel fighters, a spirited giant Jenga game, lawn bowling, and a fun Pan-

cake Race with the "women," did you see the women???

These games got many people involved and kept us all in stitches! This was an event we won't soon forget!

Later that evening, many had attended the Mardi Gras Feast and was also a smashing success. We the Autocrats would like to thank Sir William de Mild, the Coffman Family, Dame Rosellen, and last but not least, the Earl of Lincoln. The decorations were beautiful, the food plentiful and the Pass the Parcel game was a great end to the evening! Much laughter was heard throughout the night.

Thanks to all who attended the Esperance's Mardi Gras event and the feast that resulted thereafter. As always, we can't do fun things like this without you!

This article was written both by Dame Lenora Greyphis

and me... but, now is the time that I want to thank the other half of my team...

Dame Lenora... SHE IS WONDERFUL! She made the fabulous food and understood the crazy dreams of ideas that I had. Thanks to you Dame Lenora Greyphis. I would work with you anytime.

In Service to the Crown of Esperance,

Dame Lyrica Angeline
Dame Lenora Greyphis

ANNOUNCEMENT - CA POPPY FESTIVAL DEMO

Announcing the California Poppy Festival Demo. Anyone who is interested in attending this demo please contact me by email: Talia.Rhianwynn@verizon.net by March 23rd at the latest.

What: California Poppy Festival

http://www.poppyfestival.com/index_main.htm

When: April 26th and 27th, 2003. Festival hours are 10am to 6pm.

Where: Lancaster City Park

in Lancaster (north of Los Angeles)

I did this festival last year with another group and the SCA. The other group has folded and consequently the SCA has been given most of the demo rights for this year. This festival has an average attendance of 55,000 visitors! I have been told by the women who run the Celtic Corner section of the festival that if we make a good showing this year we will have free reign next year.

So that being said, the only thing we are not permitted to do this year is combat. But we may come in armor and display weaponry. Basically we need to make a big show if we want to come back with top billing next year! This is basically a free demo as well.

Yours in service,
Talia Rhianwynn

ELIZABETHAN TOURNAMENT - JUNE EVENT

The Kingdom of Esperance is pleased to announce its June event – “Elizabethan Tournament - Playing for the Prize!”

Location: Hurless Barton Park, 4601 Casa Loma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2003

Highlights:

Recommended Dress: This is an Elizabethan themed event. All members are encouraged to dress the theme! That means get out your English garb and “Brush up your Shakespeare!”

Combat: will be played based upon the tournament rules during the “late Elizabethan combat list”. More details will be revealed in next month’s newsletter. Rules will be reviewed at the June event, prior to combat. Safety and Armor standards will be per Adrian rules for combat.

Arts: We would like to see your best Elizabethan entries!

Again, we are encouraging everyone to focus on the Elizabethan theme. Prizes will be awarded, by the crowns, for the best and the most unusual “Elizabethan” arts! More details in next month’s newsletter.

For the Kids: Bear Baiting. What’s this!?! Lots of fun for the young ones! We will dress up one of our stout fighters as a bear. It will be the job of the children to defeat the bear. More details next month. Any volunteers for the bear?

Gambling: Yes! You heard it here. Gambling was a big part of late Elizabethan tournaments. We will be issuing tokens to all those who sign in. Do with these tokens as you will. Gambling on the fighting, arts or in “games of chance” is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!!! Prizes will be awarded to those with the largest purse.

Audience Participation: Yes!

You are encouraged to cheer, jeer, heckle and throw things at the combatants. (Rules for this will be strictly enforced!). The audience is encouraged to throw money and flowers (if they like the combatant) or bread crusts and radishes (if you dislike them!). No other items will be allowed. So be sure to bring your, ahem* “favors”.

Schedule of activities:

9AM - Set up / sign-ins

10:00AM - Sign-ins close, Opening Court

10:45AM - Steel/Shanai Tournament rules will be explained

11:30AM - Steel Tournament begins, bookmaker is open for business

12:30PM - Shanai Tournament begins

1:00PM - Lunch

1:30PM - Bear Baiting (for the Kids!)

2:00pm - Rapier rules

2:30PM - Rapier Tournament

4:00PM - Closing Court, Prizes awarded

BUENA PARK MALL DEMO RECAP

On Friday evening, March 21st, a small group participated in a Demo at the Buena Park Mall. We had about 100 kids there, and they were very enthusiastic.

We fought Shinai and Ren, demonstrated steel weapons and armor, as well as discussing general history and showing of the arts.

Thanks to Sir Robert for marshalling and acting as MC

while Squire Alwyn and my lady wife for fighting with me; Sir CeWolf for showing Arms and Armor, and Dame Milisent for showing off the Arts. Thanks also to Squire Alwyn for demonstrating the making of chain mail, and to Mistress Madeline, for letting us abuse her mundane boyfriend for the pleasure of the crowd. It seems he has been dating my daughter without asking for my permission!!! It

was a rough crowd... the kids wanted me to skewer him, but in the end Madeline protected him, and he played along and did the honorable thing (upon bent knee). I'm sure we can use this in the future at an event.....:)

In all, a good demo, and I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few new faces at the next event.

Sir Vino

NOTE FROM THE CROWN ON DEMOS

Demos are the very essence of our structure as a educational medieval reenactment group. March was a full month and as will be April with the UC Irvine Wazgoose demo on April 19th and the Koronaburg Faire. The more in attendance at these demos the easier it will be for all the autocrats and the growth of the Kingdom of Esperance and the Adrian Empire.

Marion Regina

DEMO RECAP - BROTHERS OF ST. PATRICK

On March 9th 2003, a demo was held at the Brothers of St. Patrick facility in Midway City. 18 members participated. There are also two young men who have shown up to the Wednesday night practices showing interest in joining who heard about Adria through that demo. Well done, all who attended.

DEMO RECAP - LA CONTENTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dame Marsaili autocrated a Demo at La Contenta Middle School March 28th, 2003 to an audience of 400 students and faculty. This is a middle school in Yucca Valley, California. It has been requested that we bring a "history alive" approach to assisting the teachers in teaching to the California Content Standards in 7th grade history.

The students were to prepare questions for which we could use as a guide in sharing our love for the time period. The teachers are attempting to increase the time of our presence by working with food services in preparing a "feast" for the students before our demonstration. The students also want to learn to run a "festival" with period

games. This Demo is growing as more members of the staff are becoming interested. A weekday event in Yucca Valley is a great distance for many of our group, however, assistance was given by Sir Troiano and Viselli.

DEMO RECAP - PALM SPRINGS FAIRE

The event in Palm Springs was grand!! We had a large turnout on Saturday which was great. The black company added a definite air to the camp! A lot of new friendships were made and all the combatants got to really have some fun with the demo fighting. We had a lot of people who volunteered their time at the gate and really showed what it was like to be a part of a living group. In

fact, the camp ran so well, that on Sunday we were applauded by the fair committee that we were one of the best run "historical" camps and shows. I believe her name was Mickey and she said that she was impressed with our ability to run the shows, maintain the camp, and to be as willing as we all were to take questions and pictures and really interact with the people of the fair. Mickey

was so impressed that she said she was going to make sure that if we wanted to be at the corona fair she would make sure there was an Adrian site for us all. I think that says a lot. For my part and on behalf of my family, I just want to say thanks to everyone who made the fair a fun place for me and my family!

UNOFFICIAL RECAP - MARCH IMP. ESTATES MEETING

This is an unofficial recap of the voting results from the Imperial Estates Meeting held March 22-23, 2003. The official minutes will be posted online as soon as possible.
~Dame Maedb

Ed. - The Minutes are online now.

There were a total of 97 estates represented (37 in person, 60 by proxy)

CRB1 (Charters):
Expand Andorra's borders, approved

Elevate Somerset to Duchy, approved

Elevate Castilles to Kingdom, approved

CRB2 (remove Imperial Crown) failed

CH1 (clarify points at Imperial Events):

Option 1, Imperial events can be a second point counted in a month, approved

Option 2 excluding Imperial Estates Meetings, failed

CH2 (all typo-corrections must be approved by the Imperial Estates) tabled

OB1 (adopt Marshal's Manual as writ) approved

OB2 (new pax regium after civil war) failed

OB3 (estates approve civil war challengers) failed

OB4 (timeline for civil war) withdrawn

OB5 (provide new pax regium after civil war voided challenge) withdrawn

OB6 DI for attending Imperial Estates Meetings, failed

OB7 (add sexual orientation to open membership definition) referred to Board of Directors until July for research and possible legal advice

(Note: this does not preclude local estates from adopting codicils to comply with local laws)

OB8 (delete Operating Principles from Bylaws), approved

(Note: these principles will be adopted as guidelines not rising to the level of law to appear prominently in our bylaws and promotional materials)

OB9 (create Minister of Justice) approved

OB10 (add knighthood requirements) withdrawn

OB11 (add renaissance combat roll) portions failed and portions were withdrawn. This will be reconsidered in July

(Note: Any alternate proposals that are received may be included for consideration)

The Estates did not to hear any new business.

The next Imperial Estates Meeting will be in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 19/20, 2003.

NOTES FROM THE CROWN ON IMP. MEETINGS

Good Populace:

Sir Jamie the Red, Her Excellency Princess Dame Maedb, HRM and I attended the Imperial Estates Meeting March 22 and 23 in the grand Kingdom of Umbria.

We are doomed to again attend this affair in July in the cool, cool land of Las Vegas.

One of the highlights was the pre-Imperial Estates meeting held by Dame Katherine Marshal of London in our Kingdom of Esperance Estates meeting. A meeting with the answers of the populace held

in **30 Minutes**. The only problem was, while the items to be discussed appeared clear and concise - when presented on the floor - they sometimes became clouded and challenging. It is truly imperative when discussing the agenda items that we think outside our Kingdom - for some areas have different issues than we do. So, I will encourage again, that when reviewing the agenda if you are not sure what the author intended - go to the Imperial site and ask the author questions - this in turn may

prompt other questions. When you realize how many proxies are in the room and those absent people do not hear the voices of those in attendance, one can only hope you know the mind of the person whose proxy you carry.

We have three months to review the New Business - do not wait until June 30th to review the New Items or the Old Items which were not closed in the last estates meeting. Take one or two items each month in your household meetings, think

outside the kingdom as well, e-mail the sponsor and be well versed when sending your proxies.

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