

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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FROM THE CROWN

Good Populace:

The April Event was missing the Steel Tournament. The Pied Piper must have spirited the steel fighters away but he is not due until the Month of June. Now the story is that the Pied Piper lured 135 children never to be seen again. It is our sincere hope he is not the cause of the steel fighters disappearance.

Arts was well attended - but we need new artisans - there are many talented people in Esperance - come forth and join the arts.

It was our first event in the new park and appears this new location has great potential. It will take a couple of events to settle and define areas. The highlight of

the event was the renewal of vows between Sir Jamie and Dame Maedb - he did fight hard for his love and we wish them continued martial bliss. In addition, Sir Jamie was seen in wondrous new garb made by Dame Maedb. Garb such as this adds so much to the aura of the event as do the pavilions.

We were visited by a member of the Yorba Linda City Council and he was greatly pleased with the "little city" and all of its activities. This was a relief, as anytime there is a move such as this, there is concern as to the acceptance of the group.

There is still the need to add the target shoots at the normal event. While most regions are holding archery

on other days, as well as the Estates Meetings, it appears to be the will of the populace to hold all such events at the normal crown event. We are still working on this matter.

Currently we are requesting the Codicils for the Kingdom of Esperance now (and for a long time) under review of the Imperial to have the review completed so that we may complete the documents for the Kingdom of Esperance. It is our intent to have these available at the June Estates Meeting.

The Banner of Esperance has been redrafted. It has been requested on several occasions that credence be given to updating the banner. Pictures will be avail-

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AWARDS AND HONORS

As promised many months back, the list of awards given by Their (former) Majesties Sir Conall and Dame Aifa before they stepped down from the thrones (note that some of these were awarded at other times and in other locations):

Order of the Royal Star:
- Regina Abbot (March estates meeting)

- John Abbot (March estates meeting)
- Heidi (Lanning) Coe
- Randall Grommet

Baron of the Court - Robert Romberger (March estates meeting)

Baron of the Court - Warren Anthony (Imperial War)

Lady of the Court - Regina Abbot (October event)

Lord of the Court - John

Abbot (October)
Lord of the Court - Sir Caspian

Crown Companion:
- Sir Jamie the Red

- Dame Rosellen

- Dame Maedb

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red

IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Conton of Loch Lave event - May 31st. Autocrat - Sir Troiano.*
- *Kingdom Estates Meeting - Jun 14th following the event.*

Check the Calendar for more events!

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able at the May Event - material has been purchased - and it is our hope to fly the proposed new banner at Banner War.

Fighter Qualifications: D-Day has arrived - all MOJW and Crown Marshals must be qualified by March 22nd. There is a Banner War on May 22 and 23. Those that wish to do Combat Archery must be qualified according and in the nature of the battle e.g.: shinai and ren. We have identified 48 combatants in the Kingdom of Esperance - we have submitted 22 test packages to the Imperial as required. There are some who have qualification combat cards and we need to have those recorded to avoid any questions. While you may have qualification combat cards, we are still asking all to submit the tests. It has been very interesting to hear the comments and discussions for those times groups have met and worked on the tests. It is our hope and desire that those questions be discussed and understood in groups *and not wait until on the field of combat to have this discussion.*

Imperial Estates Meeting: The minutes from the March Meeting are on line. We requests all Tenets in Chief to start now to review those minutes and start the discussions on the former New Business. This can be done before the agenda is submitted for the July Estates Meet-

ing. Take the time to discuss and again - go to the authors of the items and ask to clear any questions. *Once you have a proxy in your hand it is too late to ask questions.* It was noticed at the March meeting that when questions were brought up - those not thought out before the meeting - people holding proxies were perplexed and not comfortable in voting. The items open for voting must be considered for all regions. You may feel that the item will not affect your region - well it may not today but it may tomorrow. It is a *responsibility* that should not be taken lightly. What is finally passed it very hard to undo.

Under this subject, we have one grave concern, OB11 - create Renaissance Combatant Roll. HRM (Queen) indicated at the last Imperial Estates Meeting that passage of this item will end the Middle Ages of the Adrian Empire and with a short time the Adrian Empire will be a Renaissance Only Group. Granted this her personal opinion, but steel combatants are already on the decline, the numbers do not lie. It is not the renaissance combat that draws participants at a faire or demo to the group, it is the clashing and banging of steel. Once there, participants will watch the other areas. It is not the renaissance the teachers are asking for when requesting demo's for their classes. Others have made the same comment, but discussing this item in small

groups is not enough. Make your feelings known to all regions - it needs to be known and understood before attendance at the July Estates Meeting. Those of you giving proxies, be sure the person holding those proxies knows your decisions.

Demos at Koronaburg have been poorly attended by the Adrian Regions, however, the Canton Loch Lave has held its ground. A former member, Jacob Buebe, found us and renew after being gone for 2 years. As with the Wayze-goose Demo, as soon as the combatants left the area, in came the children and people asking questions. There were 3 sets of steel as well as weapons close to the edge of the area. Many pictures have been taken with children in helmets and mail shirts. Some fighting has been done in the encampment with the help of the German Group across the way. We thank Sir Troiano, Dame Marsaili, Salty Longboat, Dame Lenora, Allen McMahan, Squire Ray the Red, Julie Tamura (TN), Jacquie Martin, Grant Martin, Jennifer Tiffany, Jay Alberg, Sir Morgan, Rebecca Hamilton for giving Esperance cre-

dence. We have one more demo on March 17 and 18 - the 17th being until 9:00 P.M., I am sure Sir Troiano would appreciate any steel combatants who were gate listed to join him.

Marion Regina Terrin Rex

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 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.

FROM THE STEWARD

Greetings from the Steward's office!

All Members are reminded that the annual renewal is coming up July 1st! Please get your dues in ASAP to keep from getting caught in the Empire wide crush.

The Kingdom financial statement is at the right.

Respectfully submitted,
Milady Angelique Sauve

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
April 2003			
Contribution for Buena Park Mall Demo	150.00		3,003.67
April Event deposit (site fees)	84.00		3,087.67
Ministers' expenses		37.79	3,049.88

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR

Ed. - The Position of Joust & War is open - interested parties should see the Crowns. There was no report from the Minister of Joust and War this month, the winners are reported from the Minister of Rolls.

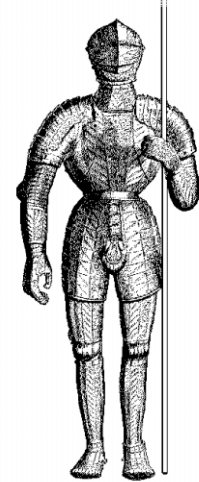
Last month's event had three combat lists - Sergeant's Shinai and Renaissance, and Knight's Renaissance. The winners

were:

Shinai: Squire Luren de Wisconsin

Sergeant's Ren: Lord Ian

Knight's Ren: Sir Conall



FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Ed. - There was no report from the Minister of Arts and Sciences this month, the winners are reported from the Minister of Rolls.

There were three entries for the arts last month and all of them scored very well. The entries were:

Dame Maedb scored a 30 and a tourna-

ment win for the wedding coat she made for Sir Jamie.

Dame Milisent scored a 30 and tournament win for her embroidered pillow.

Sir Robert "Jestar" scored a 32, a tournament win and a Masterwork for his oak and brass quadrant.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

Ed. - There was no report from the Minister of Archery this month, the winners are reported from the Minister of Rolls.

Bowman's List: Dame Maedb

Huntsman's List: Sir Connor

FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

Good Populace,

April was a busy month. Two weekends of faire (which I do not have sign-in sheets for yet), the Wayzeoose demo, and the crown event all stuffed into one month. The crown event was relatively small with only 40 attendees. There were three combat lists with 4 combatants each, Sergeant's Shinai, Sergeant's Renaissance, and Knight's Renaissance.

As usual, Archery was well attended with 20 participants. The Arts also had three participants. In the arts, all three participants received wins and one also achieved a masterwork.

While I do not have the data for the faire

attendance yet, the Wayzeoose demo was attended by 13 participants. Once again we impressed the promoters of the event and received a check for our efforts. It will be presented today in opening court.

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Imperial Banner War - Featherly Park	24 Imperial Banner War - Featherly Park
25 Imperial Banner War - Featherly Park	26 Imperial Banner War - Featherly Park	27	28 Fighter Practice	29	30	31 Canton of Loch Lave Event

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

KNIGHTHOOD

The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts. Think only on those things that are in line with your principles and can bear the full light of day. The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become. Your Integrity is your destiny. It is the light that guides your way.

Heraclitus, Greek Poet, Philosopher

HISTORIC DATES:

- May 1 May Day - A celebration in England.
- May 1, 1169 - First Normans land in Ireland.
- May 6, 1541- Henry VIII proclaims that a new English Bible must be placed in every Church.
- May 6, 1559 - Queen Elizabeth signed the Act of Uniformity.
- May 30, 1431 - Joan of Arc burned at the stake.
- May 30, 1536 - Henry VIII marries Jane Seymour, his third wife.
- May 31, 1043 - Lady Godiva rides naked through the market square in Coventry England to force her husband to lower the villagers' taxes.
- June 1, 1533 - Anne Boleyn crowned Queen of England.
- June 7, 1329 - Robert the Bruce Scotland's King dies.
- June 7, 1494 - Spain and Portugal sign the Treaty of Tordesillas, dividing the New World between them.
- June 11, 1509 - Henry VIII marries Catherine of Aragon, his first wife.
- June 12, 1298 - William Wallace routs the English at the Battle of Black Ironsides.
- June 15, 1215 - Magna Carta signed by King John on the Isle of Runnymede.
- June 15, 1520 - Martin Luther - Pope issues bull condemning ML works.
- June 20, 1484 - Pied Piper of Hamelin spirits away 130 children, never to be seen again.

DANSE MACABRE

Danse Macabre, also called Totentanz, emerged in medieval art and literature as a reaction to the hardships of the feudal system and the horrors of the Bubonic Plague, which from 1347 to 1350 killed one quarter of Europe's population. Fearing the plague, superstitious people danced with desperate gaiety in graveyards, enacting the superstition that the dead danced on their graves at midnight to lure the living to their own graves. In this dance, they believed that the Plague spirits would pass them by. While Death was

personified in paintings, poetry, and pageant as the Lead Dancer, the other dancers represented royalty, clergy, merchants and peasants -- all equals when facing Death. In their macabre dance, they confronted mortality and championed Death as the Avenger over the Plague spirits, their feudal masters, and the hardships of medieval life. Whatever physical form the allegorical Danse Macabre assumed, it dealt consistently with death's universal inevitability, the equality of all people facing it, and the futility of wealth and rank. Hans

Hobein the Younger's series of woodcuts, Totentanz (1538) magnificently illustrates these themes.

I have watched this dance at various faire's, the most recent at Koronaburg. This little group dances through the faire and causes quite a reaction. Each member has a different garb as stated above - the clergy is the last member and all dancers have a skeleton mask. The next time you see this dance you will know the history and maybe appreciate the dance even more.

Marion Regina

WAYZEGOOSE WAS A SUCCESS

Good populace, despite the slightly lower turnout this year, the Wayzegeose Festival at UCI was a resounding success. We had five pavilions up and filled to overflowing with arts and displays. The most popular was the textiles pavilion, which housed Dame Katherine Marshal making a stained glass window, Dame Maedb and Dame Razi spinning, Dame Milisent contributed her needlepoint, and Her Royal Majesty working her lucet. All of these ladies helped cover for the occupants of the other pavilions, most of whom spent much of the day up at the list field.

Speaking of the list field, it was placed between two buildings right at the entrance to the site. It was well-shaded and quite large. The only drawback was the concrete surface. We shared the list field with

the SCA taking turns of approximately one hour each. Sir Conall and Sir Jamie were the only two combatants who had complete suits of armor and so dedicated their combat time to fighting steel. Sir William d'Mild, Sir Vino, Sir Robert "Jestar", Squire Alwyn, and Squire Ray the Red all fought shinai and renaissance (mostly renaissance) while the steel combatants suited up and took breaks. Indeed Dame Razi even took the field for a time, which she has not done in far too long.

The combat was well watched and quite exciting. We have also maintained our tradition of breaking at least one sword at the event. (That makes two years now!) Sir Jamie's short sword broke upon parrying a blow from Sir Conall's great sword, Deathbringer. No one was injured, but those who

attended will not soon forget it.

In addition to the arts mentioned above there were two looms present and being worked, some mail making in progress, a little wood working, and armor repair. (I'm sure I've forgotten something.) There were also displays of navigational tools provided by Sir Robert "Jestar" and martial materials provided by Sir Vino and Sir William d'Mild. The displays of fibers and what could be done with them were amazing and quite informative.

The Associated Students of UCI were sufficiently impressed that they are sending us a check which will be presented to Their Majesties and the Royal Steward at the May event.

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red

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

Schedule of activities:

9AM - Set up / sign-ins open
 10:00AM - Sign-ins close, Opening Court
 10:45AM - Steel/Shanai Tournament rules
 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

My thanks to Master David Whittaker for his research and the Crowns of Brandenburg for all their assistance in compiling this information and for their permission to use this information.

Overview:

The purpose of this particular tourney is to replicate the feel and procedures of a late Elizabethan list. To this end, the focus is upon creating a different atmosphere other than the typical tournament. This is not a meeting of great nobles filled with pageantry, but a boisterous gathering of sportsmen playing before a raucous and opinionated crowd. If you have Elizabethan costume, please wear it! Bearing this in mind, spectators and

waiting list contestants are highly encouraged to heckle, jeer, cheer and throw things into the arena. Items as money, flowers and bread crusts are acceptable. All other items shall not be allowed.

Combat:

The list field will be the standard size. Contestants shall decide upon the weapon form prior to entering the field. All combat shall be matched weapons. (Contestants must be qualified for weapons per Adrian rules). Scoring and required arms and armor are listed below. When called to the list, opponents will start in opposite corners, the referee will announce them and ask if they are satisfied with their opponent's arms. Assuming the answer is yes (please resolve issues off list!), the referee will tell the contestants to "have at" and the contest will start.

"Hold" will be called for safety purposes only. After each good blow to any valid target, the struck contestant shall yell out the blow (e.g. "Good to the head, damn your eyes!"), action will momentarily stop and the referee will yell the point tally and restart the match. Should a contestant not notice the blow, the referee may call the blow. At no point shall the referee make any attempt to be well beloved. 6 points shall win the match - should there be a tie due to simultaneous shots, the match will go to sudden death (*ahem*) with the first point scored taking the match. At the conclusion of the match, the loser shall slink off the field and report his loss to the Master of the List. The next challenger shall then enter the list. The challenger is allowed to choose the weapon style for the next match. The winner of the last bout shall remain on the

field. The next match then proceeds as the last. The list shall close once everyone has competed in the lists at least twice. Victory for the day shall go to the man or woman (for these are topsy turvy times we live in) who has the greatest total of victories after losses have been subtracted (e.g. Three wins and one loss equal two for the total). A tie shall result in another match or some other such amusing contest.

Whalebone list (Shinai):

Though play would normally be conducted with whalebone, due to the shortages from the fisheries this year, we shall be using rushes striped in the appropriate red (shinai with red tape) and any period style buckler. Armor is standard light weapon apparel. The whalebone list shall be restricted to those of yeoman and guardsman rank.

Rapier List (Renaissance Schläger):

Play shall be conducted with bated blades (standard Ren weapons). All lengths including dagger/poniards are acceptable, but should match the length of the opponent's blade. Blunts will be covered with red leather or cloth (blunt and red tape). Bucklers may be used in this list and should be standard bucklers. Armor is standard renaissance armor.

As this is prizefighting, we will utilize the London School's standard on blows - any good thrust shall count, but no blows (slashes) will be counted. A thrust to a limb shall count for 2 points, a thrust elsewhere shall count for 3. A quick slice with the tip shall count as a thrust, as long as positive pressure is provided. Draw cuts shall not count. The hand may be used to

bat aside without loss of the hand, but not grasp. Should it catch a thrust, it shall be counted as a thrust to the arm. Incidental body contact is permitted, as is grappling with mutual consent (for Knight's list only). Throws, strikes and any maneuvers designed to injure (even if stopped short of injury) are forbidden.

Military Weapon List:

The main difference between this list and the sword list is the armor requirements (Armored standards) and the weaponry.

Allowable forms- Pike, long sword, 2 handed sword, bastard sword, broadsword, axe, broadsword and target (round shield), broadsword and buckler, bare knuckles (please leave your gauntlets on, though!).

Scoring is as above, but for bare knuckles in which a strike to the torso or head is worth 2 points and a throw to the ground worth 3. All grapples, save those designed to injure, are permitted.

Alternate Scoring:

Any contestant of Sergeant rank or lower may ask for "scholar's privilege", and declare the head a non-scoring area for the bout. Knights may not ask for this privilege.

In addition to the winners of each list, all contestants get a chance to vote for who they thought was the best sportsman of the day. Consider fighting ability as well as those sporting qualities of fairness, aplomb and wit. Ties will be decided by the Queen, may God smile upon her. The winner will be granted a seat at the high table as well as the third slice of beef and third pint of ale after Their Majesties.

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Arts:

Arts shall focus on all things Elizabethan. So dust off those cookbooks and break out those hand tools. In addition to the normal adjudication, a cash purse (extra tokens for gambling) will be awarded by her Majesty for the tastiest Elizabethan food presented and the most unique Elizabethan craft presented. The purse will be of a large sum! So get to it!

Bear Baiting:

In the interest of keeping our younglings amused and out of mischief, we have prepared this merry jest. One of our more robust knights has volunteered to dress himself as a bear and have one leg tied to the ground. Our dogs will be the young ones, who each be given a stuffed stocking and set upon our

"bear". The "dogs" must crawl on all fours, and should yelp and bark in excitement. We can trust the "bear" to growl with little prompting. Six good blows upon the "bear's" body will defeat him. A swat upon a "dog" with a paw (really a thick woolen mitt) will require the child to run back to a designated resurrection tree, whereupon he or she can reenter the game. If this game is stacked against our "bear", well he knew the odds when he agreed. Betting will be upon the number of dogs swatted before the bear succumbs to their assault (or on any other agreed upon criteria between betters).

Wagering:

All attendees, whether fighting or not, shall be given 20 tokens at the day's start. They may use these to place wagers as they will as the day progresses. Bets be-

tween citizens are, of course, entirely up to them, and may be placed on anything for any reason. Yes, I said anything for any reason. Be creative.

The kingdom shall also provide a bookmaker for today's festivities. All bets on winners of the bouts will be at strict odds according to rank. Ranked odds shall be as follows:

Knight Champion – 5

Knight Bannerette – 4

Knight Bachelor – 3

Sergeant – 2

Yeoman/Guardsman – 1

An example of odds – Sir Bob, a Knight Champion is ranked 5, Sergeant Joe is ranked at 2.

Therefore the odds would be 5 to 2 in favor of Sir Bob. Sir Bob is favored to win. If you place a bet of 5 tokens on Sir Bob, and Sir Bob wins, you would receive an additional 2 tokens back on

your bet.

Bets should be placed well in advance, and cannot be made once the round has started. Contestants who bet against themselves should feel bad.

At a yet to be specified time after the day's activities, all tokens will be counted, and the leaders in coinage will be determined. The top three or so will be given gifts. Nice gifts. So bet well and try to keep the cheating undiscovered.

Music and Dancing:

Well, of course, if we have time during the day. Please, please bring your instruments and voices. We are trying to find a dance master. Haven't quite discovered how to bet upon dancing, but I'm sure where there is a will, there is a way.