

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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FROM THE CROWN

Greetings good populace,

September's event was small but fun for all. We did have a steel and renaissance list, sadly no shinai. HRM did lend his shield to "The Black Knight" who joined in the steel list, fighting well but coming in second to Our Baron, Sir Jamie the Red. After the steel list, Sir Terrin took Sir Jamie up on the challenge that Sir Jamie issued to Sir Terrin when he made Knight Banneret, although the Queen thinks it was because he was having withdrawals from not fighting steel. The challenge was for 10 minutes of combat, but they lasted 3 minutes with the excuse that they both had fought previously in the day. The Queen tried to insist they still owed the

kingdom 7 more minutes but the king said the challenge was between two knights and they alone would decide. Actually she was content with that since HRM was using the Kingdom Scepter and she was most anxious as to what condition it was in by the end of 3 minutes. The scratches were minor and much to Sir Jamie's relief, Sir Troiano was able to buff the shaft clean.

The Crowns have felt for some time now that we needed to introduce more frolic to the events. This task was handled by one of our esteemed knights and two squires as they spirited through the encampment in a new douse the knight or was that douse the squires tournament. Unlike the

modern dunking tank – these targets were on the move.

There were no arts entries which is normal for this time of year as many artisans hold their entries until Crown War. We did however have two art's documentation discussions: one held by Dame Aleta with questions and answers to the Art's Manual which were most interesting; the other held by Dame Katherine for internet and book acceptable sources.

Terrin Rex Marion Regina

FABRIC TRIVIA

What was the average number of minerals a painter had to work with to produce colors for paintings?

What was the average number of plants and "bugs" a fabric dyer had to work with to produce dyes for fabric?

The answers can be found on the calendar page.



IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Conton of Loch Lave event – October 25th. Autocrat - Sir Troiano.*
- *October 5th - Kingdom Archery shoot.*
- *October 12th & 13th - Steel Invitational and Las Vegas Renaissance Faire, Kingdom of Aragon, Las Vegas, NV.*
- *November 1st - Imperial Coronation, Kingdom of York, West Palm Beach, FL.*
- *November 1st & 2nd - Imperial Estates Meeting, Kingdom of York, West Palm Beach, FL.*

Check the Calendar for more events!

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE KINGDOM OF ESPERANCE



We noticed the reduction in members' attendance as well as those members who did not renew during the year. It became most noticeable as faire season opened. While the number of Esperance members that attend faire is only 5 more or less, there were other faire people who

would visit Esperance from other lands. During our visits to other lands and information received from other reenactment groups we learned that the drop in attendance is universal to all groups.

The normal drop in membership was not offset in the last two years with new mem-

bers. It is the new members in their second year that tend to take on ministry functions as many of us tire and need to recoup. If, as a group, we chose not to participate in faires to secure new members, we as a whole need to address how to increase our membership.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Warm and Fair Greetings,
Esperance-

Though I was unable to attend last month's event, the Arts Judging Collegium I had planned went on as scheduled, thanks to Dame Aleta O'Barry (I REALLY owe you this year, don't I?) and to Dame Katherine Marshall.

My most heartfelt thanks, once again, to Dame Aleta for leading this Arts Judging Collegium, and to Dame Katherine for her invaluable information on research and internet sources. I understand that it was very informative

and it gave us all some food for thought. I had hoped to hold more Collegiums this year, but unfortunately it just wasn't possible. It is my hope that the things we've started and the new interest I've seen will continue in the new year. I still have a LOT of plans for the Arts in Esperance!

As the Esperance Crown War approaches, I would like for everyone to think about what Arts and Sciences contributions they might be interested in making, be it as judge, scribe or artisan. There are

still some folks who are a little shy of the Arts table, and I'd like to do all that I can to help you get involved.

If you have some questions, comments or concerns, please come see me at the arts table. I am always available for whatever you might need.

In Service to the Empire and to Esperance, I Remain-
Dame Elspeth O'Neill
Minister of Arts and Sciences,
Esperance
Deputy Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences, West

FROM THE WARDEN

Greetings!

I am acting as the point of contact for Esperance for the Vegas Renn Faire. If you plan on attending the Renn Faire or the Imperial Tourney in Las Vegas October 9th through the 12th, you need to contact me immediately to make sure you are on the gate list. If you are NOT on the gate list, you will have to pay to get into the faire.

I need to hear from you by ***NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5th*** if you are planning on attending with Adria.

If you are going to be participating in the Imperial Tourney and will be attending in an activity that is point bearing, the registration fee is \$4.00 per person with the money going towards the prizes being awarded. If you are just attending and not doing a point earning activity, you do NOT need to pay the

\$4.00. You STILL need to contact me to get your name on the gatelist.

Additionally, the Crowns of Aragon will be offering Breakfast (continental) & Lunch (sandwich makings & such) for an additional \$10 per person ages 13 and up. Contact HRH Caoimhe ladycaimhe@yahoo.com for more information and to reserve for food headcount.

Additionally, the March de

Mortis will also be offering food for the weekend for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Saturday night for \$15 per person. Contact Dame Ashlinn ashlinn3@yahoo.com for more information and to make a reservation for food headcount.

To contact me, Dame Lenora Greyhis, please e-mail me at DameLenora@greyphis.net.

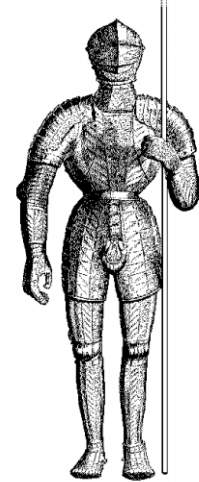
In service to all,
Dame Lenora Greyphis

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR

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

Combatants are reminded that they must

have a valid combat qualification card **and** combat qualification tests recorded to be able to participate in combat.



FROM THE CHANCELLORY

The Kingdom Estates meeting today will be to confirm the contenders for the

throne of Esperance, and to go over the Imperial Estates Meeting Agenda.

FROM DAME LYRICA AND SIR WILLIAM CEWOLF

To All in the Kingdom of Esperance Due to unforeseen mundane circumstances We are withdrawing from running for Crown.

We were truly looking forward in serving our Kingdom. However, due to my mothers recent diagnosis of lung cancer she will be going through a lung reduc-

tion this month or next. I want and need to be there for my family.

Thank you everyone for ALL of your support while planning our adventures as the future Crowns of Esperance. Maybe next time.

Dame Lyrica and Sir William Cewolf

FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

Good Populace,

I am trying to finalize the rolls office for the year. We are rapidly approaching the end of the current reign, with the possibility that I may need to pass the office to a successor. If you have any missing sign-in sheets or other rolls information, please get it to me as soon as possible. I have also received several requests for audits recently. Please fill out the Steps to Knighthood form and turn it in to me. I am doing them on a first-come, first-served basis.

From the September event, we had 29 attendees sign in. I know of at least one person who participated, but did not sign in. Make sure you sign in to the main sign-in sheet or you will get no points for the month, even if you win a tourney or something. There were no arts entries. I do not have the sign-in sheets for the archery shoot. (They may be in the mail

that I haven't had time to read.) There were two lists in combat. Sir James of Bloodstone won the Ren list from a field of eight participants. Sir Jamie the Red won the steel list from a field of five participants.

A rumor has been floating about that people are not being awarded ministry points. This is simply not true. For the month of September, 15 ministry points were awarded. That means that half of the attendees at the event received ministry points. This is not an uncommon ratio. We typically assign more ministry points than any other kind. If you feel that you have not received points that you have earned, talk to me directly. I will be happy to verify the points or explain why they were not awarded.

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red



FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

Good Populace:

Our Archery Minister was fighting a bout with pneumonia while waiting for the arrival of his baby daughter. Both are now home and doing well. In the absence of Squire Wuner, Sir Connor has stepped in for September and October. It was great to shoot once again with Sir Connor.

There were seven in attendance at the Archery Tournament - Sir Jamie did win the

tournament with Dame Marion and Just Shoot at Will close behind him. We then shot the Imperial Postal Shoot. Esperance started late in the year for the Imperial Postal Shoot - it is our hope that we will start the new year in November and give those in Umbria and Terre Neuve a run for their bows.

Sir Connor was seen whispering in the ear of Squire Alwyn and the squire's arrows did seem to fly much straighter

then before. Looks like Sir Jamie may have more competition.

Squire Wuner - we miss you and your family - we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing your daughter.

Sir Connor - we thank you for stepping up to the plate and assuming the Archery Ministry position in Squire Wuner's absence.

Marion Regina

FROM THE PHYSICKER

Good tidings to all of Esperance!

It was such a good feeling to be able to make the event this past month. This last event we had a few contusions, but nothing at all serious and most of the Warriors refused medical attention. Please be advised when you are participating in combat at the events; it is in your best interest that you have your preferred pain relief on hand. It is technically against the law for anyone or myself to give you analgesic therapy without being a licensed Medical Doctor.

Again I would also like to remind you to bring lots of water. It is still possible to dehydrate in cooler weather. Also, you are responsible for your own water at events. Especially as of late as we have had fewer and fewer water bearer volunteers! Please if you can assist with water bearing duties at the events please let the

Physicker on duty know. Water bearing is an important role!

We have an upcoming war in November and I would like to have a running list of anyone who would be interested in assisting as water bearers at this event. Please come up to me and give me your name and what times your, (or think you will be), available on November 8th.

Now for a small sidebar: I have missed a few events lately, but I don't want you all to think I did so selfishly. For those of you who do not know, currently I am finishing up my associate's degree in nursing and will be done with my program by June of 2004. This has currently taken some time from my duties, my family and me. This brings me to my next point. I am in need of assistance and I am looking for another Deputy Physicker. It is late in the game, but the need

is there. According to the by-laws, it would be appreciative to have someone trained in first aid and CPR. However, if this cannot be filled we are also allowed to choose someone who is not certified, but very willing to do the job. Your main duties as a Physicker are to practice aid within your scope of ability and to do a lot of paperwork. Mostly paperwork - it is easier after all to call 911 for emergencies.

Please if there is anyone who is interested please talk to me or leave message with the crown.

Finally remember this is a contact sport as well as a highly aerobic sport! Please be conscious of your body, and travel safely so that we can all continue to appreciate what you bring to this ever-growing family with your presence at the events.

SPECIAL THANKS

It is with great pleasure and pride that we express the gratitude of Gideon ben Azarya from the Kingdom of York for the assistance he has received from **Gia-chino Morone Lococo de San Filippo** and **Dame Milisent de Lilley**. They have provided assistance and submittals for a website he is current working on. He has asked that we do him the honor of announcing his thanks

to them.

Most of the time we, as crowns, hear only of the negative actions of our members. It is awesome to be able to indeed express this "thank you" and exclaim the good deeds of our populace.

Marion Regina Terrin Rex



FROM LOCH LAVA

Greetings Populace!!

The Canton Loch Lava is doing well. All members of our group have returned home from overseas and we are thankful that all are in good health! Hip, Hip, Huzzah! We are looking forward to seeing Kuravon at our next event - as his wife has kept him busy on her honey do list!

The event was small but we had fun as usual! We began with warm-up war scenarios in shinai. Of course, we made grunts, growls, and overall intimidating sounds to draw attention. (We had those soccer parents wondering what was happening on the other side of the park!) Then, we ran the LIST. We had a Renn list that was won by Sir Troiano the Strong! [FYI - We need one more steel combatant but many would be better... will anyone come and take the challenge of fighting our fierce privateers?]

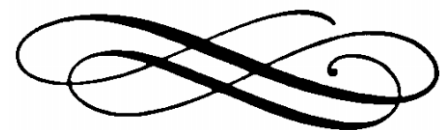
Once the LIST had been completed the crew sailed to port. The port mistress, Karmin Fitzwell, and wife to Captain Fitzwell, welcomed our crew into their home. We had a wondrous lunch break served by Zarah Viola, lady-at-arms to Dame Marsaili de Meucci. After the break, we tested our skill at archery and

this time the list was conquered by Render, Squire to Sir Troiano the Strong.

Then to finish off the day, the Barony discussed battle plans for war along with other political information. The first item discussed was changing the event day to the 1st Saturday of the month. The vote was unanimous and that will begin the 1st Saturday in November 2003. (And yes, the Crowns had sanctioned that decision as long as the Barony was in agreement.) The Barony also reflected on it's infrastructure and new houses are in the midst of being formed. That information will be announced as it becomes official. [We have more items to vote upon next month. We are taking the time between events to ponder the changes. To leave you guessing, that information will also come later!]

Our next event will be on October 25th and we are changing the location for **THIS MONTH ONLY**. If you are planning on attending please email Dame Marsaili de Meucci for directions at: marsaili29@msn.com

In Service,
Dame Marsaili de Meucci



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fighter Practice	2	3	4 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
5 Kingdom of Esperance Archery Tournament	6	7	8 Fighter Practice	9	10 Las Vegas Renaissance Festival	11 National Steel Invitational / Las Vegas Ren Faire
12 National Steel Invitational / Las Vegas Ren Faire	13	14	15 Fighter Practice	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fighter Practice	23	24	25 Canton of Loch Lave Event
26	27	28	29 Fighter Practice	30	31	

HISTORIC DATES:

- *October 10, 1483 - Martin Luther German religious leader*
- *October 12, 1492 - Columbus Landed on the New World*
- *November 1, 1500 - Benvenuto Cellini Italian goldsmith and sculptor*

November 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Imperial Coronation / Imperial Estates Meeting / Canton of Loch Lave Event
2 Imperial Estates Meeting	3	4	5 Fighter Practice	6	7	8 Kingdom of Esperance Crown War
9 Kingdom of Esperance Crown War	10	11	12 Fighter Practice	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Fighter Practice	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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Fabric Trivia

Answers: A painter had the availability of about 30 minerals. The dyer was limited only by the native plants and bugs. The dyer was held in high esteem by the nobles and “selling” his ways of securing certain colors was highly unlikely. There were colors in our time period that the painters were then unable to achieve in their paintings.



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