

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

August, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight

FROM THEIR MAJESTIES

Greetings Good Populace,

We are delighted with the welcome to the thrones we received. Coronation and the attending feast were delightful, as were the nuptials of Dame Angelique and Sir Ce'Wolf. The food was excellent and We believe it is safe to say that a good time was had by all.

We are writing this missive just prior to the Imperial Estates meeting. We have proxies for those members of the populace who hold votes and who cannot attend and we are prepared with our votes. We are pleased to be able to serve you. We will provide a report as soon as reasonably possible after the meeting, so that you may know how the issues were resolved.

We look forward to Water War on the weekend of August 9th and 10th. Remember that it is a weekend event and that the Kingdom Event will actually be held on the 10th. Full details are available from Sir Cagar for both War and Joust events.

Imperial War will also be fought at the end of August and the very next weekend is the Tall Ships Festival in Dana Point. We are working to allow the Canton of Aquitaine to hold their tournament at the Tall Ships festival, since we're taking up their normal event weekend with that demonstration. Our normal September event falls the following weekend, making three weekends in a row. We advise resting up between Water War and Imperial War.

The calendar looks very full for the remainder of the summer and We are pleased to see Our populace enjoying themselves. If you hear of other events or demonstrations, don't hesitate to talk to Us about them.

One last item. It has long been the Law in Esperance that events will begin at the stated time. This law has been little exercised in the last several years, but We intend to follow it assiduously. Therefore, let it be known that the events WILL begin at the stated time. If We are not Present to open the event, then the highest ranking noble currently present must do so. Everyone plan accordingly!

In Service,
Sir Jamie and Dame Katherine
King and Queen of Esperance



*MINISTRY REPORTS**ARTS AND SCIENCE*

Greetings!

As your new Arts and Sciences Minister (starting this August) I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and let you know of some of the upcoming excitement in the Arts. To begin with, I must inform you that this month will be the last time we will be using the current Arts judging form. Beginning with Imperial War we will be reverting to the previous judging form with the matrices to serve as guidelines. I appreciate Their Royal Majesties for volunteering to give a collegium this month to review these forms with us. Huzzah! Should you be unable to attend said collegium, do not worry, simply let me know of any questions you may have and I will do the appropriate research and get back to you as soon as I can with an answer. Those of you who are newer judges, please don't worry, we'll bring you up to speed quickly. *See Arts and Science page 6.*

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*CHANCELLOR*

Unto the Populace of Esperance does the Royal Chancellor bid Greetings.

I am now entering my third term of service in the Chancery, having begun as deputy to HIIH Sir Jehan under HG Sir Donovan. I am proud of my service to HIIH Sir Jehan and Dame Giulianna and thank them for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to another successful term under Their Majesties Sir Jamie and Dame Katherine. Joining me this time around is my new deputy, Donna Lucia D'Lorentzo. Based on what I've seen so far, I expect her to be an able and capable minister.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all who read this of the need to renew our memberships. Remember, if your estate-holder is not a member, your estate has no vote nor can anyone hold a proxy for your estate. Additionally the crown may, at their discretion, educe or dissolve any estates in accordance with their current size (e.g. a Barony with 12 members could be reduced to a House). *See Chancellor page 6*

*JOUST AND WAR*

“Good populace.

It pleases me to be able to greet you again as the Minister of Joust and War. It appears that the voices of reason and temperance have been silenced (and buried in a shallow grave in my fields). Although I must admit to being a little behind at the moment I hope to redouble my efforts in short order. This year, in an attempt to introduce some peace and sanity to the proceedings I am pleased and honored to have Dame Larissa, the Destroyer, as Crown Marshal.

I have already been asked to arrange a special combat event during this reign. Let me assure you all that common sense has been tied up and tossed in a dungeon and reason drowned in the lake in preparation for this event.

Moderation somehow escaped my clutches and we will definitely have a few more standard tournaments sprinkled into this year's proceedings. I am also offering a small bounty for the recapture and subsequent execution of moderation.

Exuberance was exhumed recently and will be held accountable to be present at all future events and it will need healthy doses of enjoyment from the populace in order to fully revive. September's combat will be announced on-line and, hopefully, at court during Water War. October's combat will be prepared with enough warning to be published in the next Chronique. “

In Service,

Sir Cagar  
Minister of Jousts and War

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*MINISTRY REPORTS (cont.)*

*EMBATTLED HOPE QUEEN OF ARMS*

I am honored to be serving the Kingdom of Esperance for another term as Embattled Hope Queen of Arms.

If you have any questions regarding heraldry, please feel free to ask. You can always approach me in person at an event or e-mail me at joleym@yahoo.com. I will have the current submission forms with me at Water War and other upcoming events.

Yours in Service,

Dame Giulianna de Messina

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JULY CROWN EVENT

CANTON OF AQUATAINE REPORT

We had a great time at our July canton of Aquataine event, it was our annual potluck and everyone came to have a good time. Lord Cromar Volksblot asked Mistress Abagle to set with him in court and be Vicerene for the day, we are hopping she will like it enough to consent to be our permanent new Vicerene, as Dame Sara McKinnish is have mundane problems and won't be able to attend for a while. Sir Allan MacIlan MacMahon was our court herald and did a great job as always.

We had 5 visitors and the Arnold family; David Stephanie, Nikole and Jonathan, decided after meeting a few of us at fighter practice and then attending our event that they would join. All 4 jumped in will no reserve, we loaned the clothing, they were still deciding on what they wanted in the way of costuming.



The Arnold family jumped in and participated in everything.

In combat we had a Round Robin in shinai with David Arnold as the winner, Don Giovanni and Lord Cromar gave lessons/practice for the Arnolds in shinai and Ren. There was not Steel tournament because Lord Cromar was the only one to bring his hard suit and no Ren because Don Giovanni was the only one to bring his Ren gear.

Our class was "So you got your heraldry approved, now what?" this was a fun class given by Lord Cromar explaining the whys of heraldry and showing examples of what could be done, Dame Willow explained how to transfer your heraldry on to different surfaces and what was best to use for each different surface. The handout was (as always) packed full of information and examples. AND THEN THE GOOD PART STARTED, everyone got a chance to give it a try with the cold style stained glass painting, those without heraldry painted, dragons, Celtic Knot work or the gifted ones Don Giovanni and David Arnold freehanded some beautiful and unique artwork.

The food was plentifully and yummy, we had chicken, meat pie, baked beans, a variety of breads and wonderful tasty cheeses, fruit and other goodies, not to forget strawberry ice cream eaten with such joy that the last drops were poured in to cups and drank.

It was announced in closing court that the August 2nd canton event our class will be on period games; a short part on period games and the on to gamming fun.

Fun was had by all, it was all-around a great day, great food, great company and just a great day.

Submitted by Dame Willow de' Rara Canton of Aquataine Scribe

ALPHYN TRADING

Alphyn Trading is a new venture by several Adrian members. Our purpose is to provide a varied selection of fine goods and services at bargain prices. We will always be expanding our selection, but we won't ever sacrifice quality to do so.

We'll have a small selection at every event, and will be setting up a large booth at Imperial War. There will be chain maille armor, jewelry, lucets, fiber arts supplies (knitting, sewing, stitchery and spinning), and hair braiding. NEW for the war: Blackwork patterns, custom jewelry, fabric and ready-to-wear clothing.

Looking for a few good knights

Greetings, fighting men!

I am looking for a few 14th century knights (or even crusaders, I'm getting less picky as time marches on). I am the author of a debut medieval mystery novel and need a few knights strolling about at the bookstore for my book launch on Saturday, November 8th in Pasadena. Please contact me off list if you are interested. If you are not but know someone with their own armor who might be willing to spend a few hours adding verisimilitude to the proceedings (and partaking of a bit of champagne and nibbles), send them my way.

Thank you!

Jeri Westerson

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"VEIL OF LIES; A Crispin Guest Medieval Noir"
(St. Martin's Minotaur, in bookstores October 28)
See my blog "Getting Medieval" <http://www.jeri-westerson.typepad.com>
or Crispin's blog <http://www.CrispinGuest.com>

LAMENT OF A HEDGEHOG

By Dame Maedb, Port Mistress

In recent years, the crew of the HMS Hedgehog has been pulled in all sorts of different directions. Some have been called to service, requiring long periods ashore. Some have "seen the light" – who would have ever thought our former slave master would now be a bishop with the Church of Adria? Yes others of us have discovered profitable lifestyles ashore, or aboard the Venus.

For all that, the Hedgehog still tugs at our hearts. Rumor has it that she has returned to port after a long voyage with a skeleton crew. I have seen her sails in the harbor, but I'm not sure my eyes are true. Am I simply seeing the shadows of a past long gone? Or has she really come home to the shores of her beloved Esperance? Does she bring with her tales of adventure? Chests of great treasure? Crewmembers we have long missed? Only time will tell.

GOT SIN?

Bishop Rabbit will be absolving sins at the Crown Tournaments for Charity. For anything from a nickel to a dollar, you can wipe your soul slate clean!

All funds raised will be saved for the poor and needy. In practice, these funds will be used to cover feast fees or site fees for those members of Esperance who can not afford it themselves. All they need to do is speak to Bishop Rabbit. So stop by and know your way to nirvana is paved in good deeds!

In charity and for the dream,
Robet ap Prydery
Knight Minister
Bishop of the Church of Adria
Lord of Esperance



HOUSE UMBRA ANGELI

We have no Royals, but we do have a number of Ministers. Clearly, our insanity does not run as deep.

We are of the newest estates of Esperance, having only formed about two and a half years ago. Our name is Latin for "Shadow of the Angel", and our heraldry is "Argent, two wings abased conjoined sable", or a pair of black wings drawn down and connected, on silver. We have a website, shared with our sister house, Lux Angeli, which can be found at <http://www.umbraangeli.org/> (Collectively, Umbra Angeli and Lux Angeli are referred to as Domi Angeli "Houses of the Angel".)

I am the Lord of the House, having gained such title by virtue of being the slowest one to step back when volunteers were asked for. (In fairness, Sir Cagar (then Squire Cagar) was also slow to step back, but his knight said that he had too much on his plate already. Amusingly enough, he still does.)

Aside from being House Sire, I am also your Chancellor, and have been for, um, a while now. (Read: I'm too lazy to look at a calendar.) I also served a short stint as Webmaster a few years ago before finding my place in the Chancery. I am squired to His Royal Majesty Sir Jamie the Red, and have been for, um, a while now. I'm closing in on knighthoods in Combat and Ministry, with Archery trailing somewhere back there. I think I might have a DP in Arts, but that's about all I've mustered so far in that discipline. Within the Domi Angeli, I am also known as the Minister of Inappropriate Commentary. If you've met me, you'll know why. If you haven't, well...

Another member of Umbra Angeli is Sir Logan Gewitterwolf, your Minister of Archery. He's a Knight Bachelor and Knight Huntsman; formerly squire, but still vassal, to Sir Coda.

He's been working diligently in all four disciplines, and hopes to add the two remaining knighthoods. (And is doing a fine job of it, too, I might add.) about it some time.

Within the Domi Angeli, he is known as the Minister of Sticky Situations. Ask him about it some time.

Next we have Lady Aurora, who is your Physiker. She also regularly serves as List Mistress. Another of us who is working diligently in all four disciplines. She's recently been taken as a Lady-in-Waiting by Her Grace Dame Julianna. Within the Domi Angeli, she is known as the Mistress of Many Positions. She's always trying to take our jobs.

Dancing on down the line, we find Squire Darren, Master of the Pole. He is likely the most sane of all of us, preferring to put in his ministry time as a marshal, rather than occupying a ministry position. He's squired to Sir Donovan Cadnawon, and is steadily working his way towards Knight Bachelor.

Last but not least, we have Lady Lesli Argyl, Master Mason of the Kingdom of Esperance. At some large events, can find her at many selling her services as a hair braider at Alphy Trading, alongside her knight, Dame Maedb. She is the only one of us who does not participate in the combat at events, but she does participate in everything else, notably among these the wonderful feast accompanying coronation last month.

Whew. I'm glad I only have five people to write about.

-- Baron Marius Solis

NOTE:

Articles about other Houses will appear in future issues of the Chronique

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ARTS AND SCIENCE

Speaking of the upcoming Imperial War, I know that there will most likely be a need for Arts judges. Please consider helping in this area, even if it's just to take the time to judge a single project. I know it will be appreciated. Besides, especially with a contested war, the odds are good that you will be treated to some unique and beautiful projects. That alone would be worth the time!

My deputy has come up with a wonderful idea to stimulate participation in the Arts and help to broaden all our horizons. Each time an artisan enters a project, he or she will earn a raffle ticket (to be distributed at the end of the year so you don't have to worry about losing them) for the chance to win an item at the raffle to be held at the end of this reign. Artisans who enter projects in Banner War will be slated for two tickets per project for that War. Sir Ce'Wolf has already donated a bottle of one of his delightful liquors. I would encourage anyone else that would like to donate items to contact me so that we may keep the artisans informed of their potential extra rewards for all their hard work. Also, I encourage anyone ever interested in the arts to take the plunge and enter at least one project so you have the potential of being a two-time winner (once for entering and once if you win a raffle prize). I'd love to see some really unique projects this year along with some new artisans.

Mostly, though, I'd just like to encourage anyone who's ever been remotely curious about what Arts and Sciences is all about to consider learning to judge or trying a project. If you're confused about how to start, let me know and I'll be glad to help you, or point you to someone who can. So, who's ready for a great year in Arts and Sciences?

In Service,

Dame Aoife Traynor
Minister of Arts and Sciences

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CHANCELLOR

I don't expect any of this to happen, but I'd hate to see us lose estates due to forgetfulness on the part of renewing members. I'd also hate to see us demoted to an Archduchy, so please get those renewals in.

One piece of business that I'd like to note, which came out of our most recent local estates meeting, is a new codicil which states that "[s]ite fees will not be collected for children 5 years of age and younger." This codicil was offered by HG Dame Marion, and unanimously approved by the estates, who feel that there is no need to collect further site fees for those who won't need much of anything from the site, from a family who have already paid the site fee for at least the one parent (and likely others). It should be noted, of course, that this codicil applies only to events located in and sponsored by the Kingdom of Esperance. Imperial events taking place within our borders do not fall under our laws. (Much like the 3-inch rule.)

I have to admit that one item I've been lax on during my tenure is publishing the membership of estates; something required by our local law. I apologize for this, and expect to publish a list online in the first week of August. (Indeed, it will likely be available by the time you read this.) Do check this list to ensure that you are placed within the correct estate, and let me know of any discrepancies. In addition, I'd also like to publish a copy of our local laws and codicils, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to know and understand them.

So, with all that said, I hope that you all enjoy your time at Water War, or for those of you who may miss it, that you manage to find some enjoyment in your misfortune.

In Service,

Baron Marius Solis
Chancellor of the Sovereign Kingdom of Esperance

JULY ESTATES MEETING

Good populace,

Here is my unofficial report to you on what happened at the imperial estates meeting. If you have questions, please speak to her Royal Majesty or Myself at Water War or via e-mail.

CRB1: elevation and reduction of various subdivisions occurred. Where votes were needed (mostly elevating those who have grown) they were granted.

CRB2: The current arts judging form was repealed. We will be going back to the matrices and the previous judging forms. The Imperial Estates have mandated that the change in ruling be published as soon as possible, making it valid for Imperial War. We (the Crowns) will be doing a collegium on the old arts forms and judging during Water War so that everyone interested in entering or judging the arts knows what we're doing and how we're doing it.

CRB3: Because the current form was repealed, this item was irrelevant and was withdrawn.

CH1, CH2: no action required

CH3: Withdrawn. His Imperial Majesty has not completed the work he intended to do on it, so it was withdrawn. He apologized to the Estates and the Empire for his failure to complete it in a timely manner.

CH4: All candidates were approved for Imperial Crown. It will be a contested war.

CH5: New President and Vice President of Adria are Sir William Baine (Pres) and Sir Warren Anthony (VP).

CH6: Passed, a restricted fund to help new chapters get started has been created by re-allocating the restricted funds that had been set aside for the now non-existent subdivision of Andorra to the new fund.

OB1: Passed, both renaming passed in one vote.

OB2: Conduct of Judicial Courts: Remained on table.
OB3: Create an Independent Judiciary: Remains on table.

OB4: Passed. (Number of Directors)

OB5: Withdrawn (fighting at night for IWW, regarded as unnecessary)

OB6: Tabled.

OB7: Failed

OB8: Failed (Counterproposal also failed, but was much closer).

OB9: Ladies-in-Waiting, Squires, etcetera. Failed by a narrow margin (2 votes). Referred to Chancery for clarification as to what it really is/means.

OB10: New Physicker's Manual: Tabled pending clarification of some remaining issues.

OB11: New orders to recognize those who render life-saving aid.

OB12: All variations failed by a significant margin.

OB13: Modify new rolls manual. Tabled.

OB14: Amend rotation for imperial Estates meetings, passed.

During the discussion of the new business, the Imperial Estates created a 7-member committee to study BOD issues and to report back to the Estates as a whole. A preliminary report is due by Imperial War, with the final report due at the same time as the agenda for the November Estates Meeting. This will include accounting practices that we should be following and haven't been. We did authorize money to pay for audits of our books to keep us from getting into trouble.

If you want more information regarding the events and discussions that occurred during the Estates Meeting, please speak to Her Royal Majesty, Dame Katherine or Myself at the Water War.

In Service,
Sir Jamie the Red
King of Esperance

JIMPERIAL CROWN WAR

The Dates:

August 29 thru September 1, 2008

The Locations:

Southeast - Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach, FL

West - Featherly Regional Park (CanyonRV park),
Anaheim, CA:

Letters of Declaration are published in the 2nd quarter
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Le Chronique d'Esperance does not endorse any of
the contenders and the order listed is how 'The
Adrian Herald' listed them. To make the best choice
on who to support should be based on personal
knowledge and the council you obtain from those
you trust.

The Contenders for Emperor and Empress:

Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd
Imperial Sovereign of Arms

Dame Lenora Greyphis
Steward of Archduchy of Brandenburg

Sir Derfel Cadaron
Crown of Castilles

Dame Claire Tønnesdtr
Sovereign of Arms of Terre Neuve

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space that could be used for your Advertisement.
Contact the Chronique for additional information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 9th Water War
- 10th Crown Event
- 10th ~~Demo at Loma Linda University Medical
Center's Picnic~~ CANCELLED
- 13th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 14th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 20th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 21th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 27th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda ?
- 28th Fighter Practice, Riverside?
- 29th Imperial Crown War, Setup
- 30th Imperial Crown War
- 31th Imperial Crown War

September

- 1st Imperial Crown War, Break Camp
- 3th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 4th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 6th Tall Ships Festival also Canton of Aquataine
Event at same location.
- 7th Tall Ships Festival
- 10th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 11th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 13th Crown Event, Hurless Barton Park
- 17th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 18th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 24th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 25th Fighter Practice, Riverside

NOTE: Additions and subtractions to the Calendar
may accure after the printing of the Chronique.
Fighter practices are subject to change so stay in
contact with others.

LETTER FROM AFAR

Unto Their Most Serene and Royal Highnesses Jamie
and Katherine and unto the population of Esperance
does Sir Jehan send Greetings.

Having left the stewardship of the assets of our
kingdom in the most capable hands of my deputy, I
have been able to enjoy the hospitality afforded me
upon my journeys.

LETTER FROM AFAR (cont. from page 8)

Of my sojourn among the Staufer and among my kinsmen the Hapsburgs many of you have no doubt read, so I shall not further declaim the wonders of the Imperial Court.

More recently I have been engaged in a pursuit that has long occupied various members of the Domain of the Blue Rose, to wit the search for the lands of Prester John. That search has now brought me to the land of Afrique, where the great Christian king is rumored to reside. While I have not yet reached those fabled lands, reports of rich lands and a great kingdom



just beyond where I am able to go continue to arrive.

[Translation: I have been reading some fascinating works on Africa prior to and during the arrival of Europeans. There were some

African kingdoms on the continent prior to the arrival of the “white man”. I recommend highly “King Leopold’s Ghost” and “The Lunatic Express” for insights into this time and its impact on Africa even today.] Nonetheless I have seen many wondrous sights and strange beasts. Watching a lion stalk a spotted cat was a high point of my visit, as was the opportunity to feed a giraffe and receive a “kiss” from it. The hospitality of the Baroness Blixen was also most enjoyable [i.e. visits to a safari lodge, giraffe center and the Karen Blixen house were wonderful]. In addition the visit with family has been wonderful.

Although I shall be sad to leave this land of wonders – especially without having found the fabled kingdom of Prester John – I look forward with glad anticipation to seeing my brothers and sisters of Esperance once again. My return voyage shall last long enough that I shall first see you at Imperial War, and I hope to share with you something of my journey then.

Until we see one another face to face I remain faithfully yours

Serving the Good,

Sir Jehan

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Queen of Esperance: Dame Katherine Marshal

Chancellor: Squire Marius Solis

Minister of Rolls & Lists: Sir Kit the Blue

Minister of Jousts and War: Sir Cagar cu Mara

Crown Marshal: Dame Larissa

Physicker: Lady Aurora

Steward: Sir Robert Lord Jehan

Hospitaler: Sir Ray the Red

Minister of Archery: Sir Logan Gewitterwolf

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Dame Aoife Traynor

Embattled Hope Queen of Arms: Dame Giulianna

Court Herald: Sir Alan McMahan

Warden: Sir Donovan Cadnawon

Webmaster: Sir Coda

WATER WAR UNRESOLVED DISPUTE ARISES AGAIN

Greetings Good Populace,

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that we have a thief in our midst. The H.M.S. Hedgehog has reported that a very important item of theirs has gone missing. Apparently, a green box that is of high importance has disappeared from the ship's cargo.

When the theft of the missing item was reported to the Port Mistress an immediate investigation began to take place. The crew of the G.S. Venus was highly sympathetic to the Hedgehog's plight and we have cooperated with the authorities in every way possible. The ship and its crew has submitted to a very thorough search and I can assure you that the missing item is simply not on board our ship.

It has also been discovered that the G.S. Venus has fallen victim to thievery as well. The papers, which grant the G.S. Venus the right to utilize the premiere docking space in the Kingdom of Esperance, have now mysteriously disappeared. Now, I'm sure that the crew of the H.M.S. Hedgehog knows nothing about this heinous act. Since both ships have become the victims of thievery. It is clear that the crew members of either vessel should be simply cleared of all wrongdoing in this case.

The authorities are expediting this investigation and making every effort to come to a conclusion. I'm sure that both vessels will comply with the current investigation that is at hand and will do whatever they can to help apprehend this petty criminal who has dared to violate both the Hedgehog and the G.S. Venus.

However, the damage has been done. If those documents are not in our possession, well

then, I'm afraid that this means that the rights to the premiere docking space are once again in question.

The H.M.S. Hedgehog and the M.V. The Good Ship Venus both lay claim to the space. Both noble vessels have their reasons as to why they wish to use the space. We have tried to negotiate in the past – but have been unable to reach any kind of peaceful agreement when it comes to this issue.

So, I'm afraid that we have no choice. Once again – the call for war will ring out among the lands of our peaceful kingdom.

Yours in Service,

Dame Julianna, Capt. of the G.S. Venus
Crew member of the H.M.S. Hedgehog
Queen of the Courtesans

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Good populace of the Kingdom of Esperance you will be called upon to chose side and that is going to be no easy task. Our scribes search the archives to find out



some information about the two ships and this is what they found, but bare in mind we cannot verify the validity of the information since the source may be biased.

The M.V. The Good Ship Venus is a highly successful merchant vessel that is valued empire wide for its crew's ability to spread mirth and good cheer wherever

they travel. The ship is manned by a crew of the finest courtesans in Adria. These ladies are well known for their beauty, wit, talent and business acumen.

The H.M.S. Hedgehog is a part of the Nautical Liberation Army. The ship acts as a pro-active maritime salvage consultant. In addition, he crewmembers of the Hedgehog are also well known as very successful redistribution economists. In truth, the crew of the H.M.S. Hedgehog may be many things, but they are NOT Pirates -- as of today, anyway.

*WATER WAR*(cont.)*ASK AUNTIE EM**FROM THE MINISTER OF WAR AND JOUST*

Good gentles, what follows are the current plans for our Water War Scenarios. Because of the chaos involved in the war scenarios the tournament will be basic once more but don't get too used to that. ***"A cure to what ails you."*** (Shinai and Rapier) Two rival ships have docked and both crews hit the tavern early, had far too much to drink and all but one member of each crew has passed out on the ground or table. Naturally someone insults someone's taste in clothing and a brawl ensues. Mugs will be strongly encouraged as the only way to revive a fallen combatant is to empty a mug of ale (water) on them. Any conscious combatant may fill their mug from the provided containers and revive any unconscious combatant (try to aim for your own people). The crew with the most living combatants at the end of the allotted time wins.

***"People you want to meet in a dark alley, in the rain, at night, with wolves"*** (Shinai, Rapier & Steel). A straight last combatant standing with a few resurrections for each side fought in an enclosed alley space with rain falling. Steel will be fought dry.

***"Leaving them hanging."*** (Shinai and Steel) Some combatants from each side start holding onto individual ropes. To move or fight one hand must be on a rope. If a combatant somehow ends up where they cannot reach a rope they have fallen to their death. To complete the scenario the army must get one person from their starting point to a far corner by swinging from rope to rope. (This one is hard to describe it's far more visual but actually pretty simple).

***"Red Rover..."*** (Rapier and Steel Champion) In turns each army challenges one member of the opposing army and sends one of their number up to fight. The loser of the battle is removed from the field while the winner returns to the army. Whichever side runs out of combatants first loses. Double kills remove both combatants from the field.

Dear Auntie Em,  
I'm fairly new to Adria and I'm not sure about something. I see lots of people who bring crafty stuff to the events to work on. There's people with needlework, and spinning wheels, and chain maille. One guy even brings this wooden catapult thing. Is it okay to ask them about what they're doing?  
-Crafty Curious

Dear Crafty Curious,  
By all means – ASK! The one common denominator all those clever people have in common is that they love to talk about what they're doing. They don't often get a chance to talk about something they obviously love – and they must love it or they wouldn't take the trouble to lug it to events. Fair warning, though: We may talk your ears off. Bringing our crafts to events is one way we can share and teach, and that's an important part of what Adria is all about.  
Sincerely, Auntie Em

Auntie Em is really Dame Maedb Hawkins, a longtime member of Esperance. She'll be happy to answer any questions you have about any aspect of Adrian culture or rules, silly or serious. E-mail your questions to [taltos@mindspring.com](mailto:taltos@mindspring.com)



Wedding Celebration of Samuel Wade Cox (Sir Ce'Wolf) and Elizabeth Lee Thompson (Dame Angelique Sauve) at Waverly Chapel, Santa Ana, CA, Saturday, July 12, 2008