

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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

FROM THEIR MAJESTIES

Good Populace,

It's again been a busy month in Esperance. While We missed the October event, it appears to have gone well. Rumor has it that Squire Marius received his knight's list win. However, since his Knight wasn't present to witness it, there is a distinct possibility that he will be required to repeat his performance. The following weekend there was a demonstration at the Moreno Valley Mall. It went very well and there was a lot of interest in what we were doing. Our "corporate sponsors," Grommet Collectibles/Fireblood Arms, enjoyed our attendance and handed everyone gift certificates for their shop. Many of us took advantage of them immediately. It was a good day, but another long one.

We have just returned from the Imperial Estates meeting in deepest, darkest Albion. As always, our hosts were delightful and the meeting long. Oddly, both wind and rain accompanied Our attendance there. For a complete run-down of the voting, please refer to Our earlier missive from the Kingdom Yahoo Group. It was a good time to visit with friends, old and new. The coronation was also a great event and continued nearly 'til the wee hours of the morning. The transition from one Imperial Crown to the next went smoothly and with much merry-making. Sir L'Bete and Dame Lenora chose to "select their court," as they put it, at the beginning of their reign and granted a number of awards and honors.

Of course, life never seems to slow down in Esperance. We have the event today, of course. This afternoon, Jeri Westerson is launching her first novel, which has a medieval theme, in the city of Pomona at 4pm. She would be delighted if some of us could attend in our garb. She would like armor even more, but garb would certainly be suitable. I also just learned that she will be at Book Carnival in the city of Orange on Sunday from 1 to 2, so that might be easier to get to. Next week, we'll be holding archery at Mile Square park.

We've several additional demos coming up, mostly early in the new year. Keep your eyes open for dates, times, and places as the various autocrats get everything settled and sorted out.

In Service,

Sir Jamie the Red
King of Esperance

Dame Katherine Marshal of London
Queen of Esperance



MINISTRY REPORTS

ARCHERY

No Report Given

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ARTS AND SCIENCE

Greetings good Populace!

I apologize for the tardiness of this report, October seems to have gotten away from me. Although, I do see one bright side in that I can now send my report to the new Imperial Arts & Sciences minister. I have attached to Word document report to this email.

Master Kavanagh, if this is too late to make it into the Chronique I apologize. I know the scribes have already been hard at work and it is unfair of me to hand this to them so late. Do not flog them on my account.

In Service,  
Dame Aoife Traynor  
Arts & Sciences minister for the Kingdom of Esperance

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CHANCELLOR

Good Populace,

I am pleased to welcome to the estates the Barony of Nowhere Special, led by Sir Cagar cu Mara.

I am also pleased to be able to announce that our estates have voted to consider the reign of Sir Jehan and Dame Giulianianna a successful one, and that our beloved prior crowns therefore have earned the titles of Count and Countess Royal. Huzzah for them.

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Dame Willow de Rara [June Bailey]: Countess Royal, K3 (Knight Doctor)

Sir Donovan Cadawon [John Caldwell]: Count Royal, K3

Dame Marion Leal Durius [Mary Ann Coe]: Countess Royal

Sir Troiano the Strong [Troy Coe]: K2

Sir Ce'wolf [Sam Cox]: Earl (Count Royal)

Sir Jamie the Red [Steve Eldredge]: K3 (Knight Champion)

Dame Maedb Hawkins [Vicki Eldredge]: Princess, Countess Royal, K3 (Knight Premier), K2 (Knight Master)

Dame Giulianianna de Messina [Joley Eytel]: K2 (Knight Civil), Countess Royal

Sir Coda von Rammstein [Bill Eytel]: Count Royal, K3 (Knight Champion)

Sir James of Bloodstone [James Fox]: K3

Kniaz Sergei Boroslav Benescheck [Paul Gieri]: Count Royal

Sir Jehan von Hapsburg [Robert Harrell]: Prince, Count Royal

Sir Connor O'Riordain [Joel Hill]: K3 (Knight Warden)

Sir Caspain Holgar [John Hillenburg]: Count Royal

Dame Katherine Marshal of London [Denise Nossett]: Princess, K3, Countess Royal

Sir Cromar Volfsblot [Robert Whitehead]: K2

One last note I have is more of a sad one. Per discussions with the Crown, I'm announcing the dissolution of the following estates, all of which have been inactive during my tenure as Chancellor, and probably earlier: (cont. page 3)

MINISTRY REPORTS (cont.)

JOUSTS AND WAR

CHANCELLOR (cont. from page 2)

Good Lords and Ladies,

- March Aggravaine
- County Aguilar
- Barony Vineland
- House Cutprice Cutthroats

“I’m pleased to note that all of our membership survived the suddenly increased incidents of assassination this past month. We have also learned some very important information. Due to their success in the recent tournament the two most effective assassins in the kingdom would be Master Halt who took the shinai tournament and Squire Marius who took the rapier tournament. It would be well to keep an eye on these two.

Fortunately, there are rumblings of new estates to take their place in the coming months.

For the month of December we will go back to historical events. Most specifically on December 13, 1577 Francis Drake departed for the second time on his trip around the world. In commemoration of his journey combat will consist of 3 short scenarios during which each combatant should aspire to die as little as possible. First the combatant will have to escape to the relative safety of their ship while being attacked by a small band of natives. Next the combatant will battle the embodiment of natures fury based on the storms that beset Francis Drake just after passing through the strait of Magellan. Finally the combatant will be ambushed by South American Natives who have mistaken the innocent voyager for Spanish conquerors. Whomever escapes these perils with the fewest deaths is the winner.

Another note I’d like to make is that we barely managed to maintain kingdomhood at the last Imperial Estates Meeting. Their majesties have already outlined the reasons we would want to avoid letting this fall, so I’ll simply reiterate their call: We need members! Please do what you can to get our numbers up. Albion has almost twice our membership; we have no excuse.

In Service to the Crown and the Populace of Esperance,
Squire Marius Solis, Chancellor

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- CROWN MARSHAL*
- EMBATTLED HOPE QUEEN OF ARMS*
- COURT HERALD*
- HOSPITLER*
- PHYSICKER*
- ROLLS AND LIST*
- STEWARD*
- WARDEN*
- No Reports Given

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And yes, the historical figure in question is Sir Francis Drake but he was not knighted until shortly after his return to England primarily because of the havoc he visited upon the Spanish although sailing around the world wasn’t all that easy either.”

In Service,

Sir Cagar
Minister of Jousts and War

CANTON OF AQUATAINE

Canton of Aquataine's Annual Open-House
December 6th Mark you calendars

The Viceroy Lord Cromar and his mother Dame Willow will be once again holding there annual open house – pot-luck – meeting on December 6th around noon-ish. This is the time we set aside to decide what we want to do in the canton, how to get more participation at our events and what classes, field trips we would like to have and information on the up coming ren fairs that we want to participate in 2009. THIS OPEN HOUSE IS INSTEAD OF OUR MONTHLY EVENT IN DECEMBER AND AS JANURARY 3rd 2009 is only 2 days after New Years we will not have a January event so this will be our last get-together until our February 7th Canton event.

You don't have to be part of the IE to join us in fun friendships and planning for the New Year.

This open-house will be at Lord Cromar and Dame Willow in Riverside's, please mark you calendars and try to come. Bring you combat gear and we can have practice outside.

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ARCHDUCHY OF BRANDENBURG

Requests that you Save The Date...  
A Wondrous Night of Fun and Frivolity  
Saturday the 13th of December  
More information to follow...

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ESPERANCE MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER ESTATES MEETING

Roll Call:

Kingdom of Esperance, Present by Proxy to Sir Jehan
Barony Bloodstone, Present by Proxy to Dame Larissa
Barony Amalfi, Absent
House KoJ, Disqualified -- No Estate Holder

House Caffaum, Absent
La Maison d'Artisans, Absent
House Coeur de Rose, Present in the person of Sir Robet ap Pryderi
House Blue, Present in the Person of Dame Larissa
Casa Della Corvo Dell'Avorio, Disqualified -- No Members
Casa Della Morte, Absent
House Atherton, Present in the Person of Sir Ray the Red
House MacMahon, Absent
House of the Wild Vines, Disqualified -- Estate Holder did not meet attendance requirement.
House Coeur de Leone, Present by Proxy to Sir Cagar cu Mara
House Umbra Angeli, Present in the Person of Squire Marius Solis
House Lux Angeli, Present in the Person of Dame Aoife Traynor
Dame Willow de Rara, Absent
Sir Donovan Cadnawon, Present by Proxy to Sir Jehan
Dame Marion Leal Durius, Present by Proxy to Sir Jehan (written and quite verbose)
Sir Troiano the Strong, Disqualified - Lack of attendance
Sir Ce'wolf, Present by Proxy to Dame Larissa
Sir Jamie the Red, Absent
Dame Maedb Hawkins, Present by Proxy to the Chancery
Dame Julianna de Messina, Present by Proxy to Sir Cagar cu Mara
Sir Coda von Rammstein, Present by Proxy to Sir Cagar cu Mara
Sir Jehan, Present
Dame Katherine Marshal of London, Present by Proxy to Sir Jehan
Sir Patrick Gullidge, Disqualified -- Lack of Attendance
Sir Cromar Volfsblot, Absent
Sir Connor O'Riordain, Absent
Kniaz Sergei Boroslav Benescheck, Absent
Sir Caspain Holgar, Absent

Quorum Established

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*ESPERANCE MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER ESTATES MEETING*
(cont. from page 4)

OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS WEEKEND

Item 1: Consider the Reign of Sir Jehan and Dame Giulianna

A motion was made and unanimously passed to consider their reign successful.

Item 2: Banking Signatories

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that for a request for disbursement from the kingdom bank account (sometimes known as a "check request") to be considered valid, it must bear signatures by two (2) authorized signatories.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signatories authorized for the above shall be Steven Eldredge (Sir Jamie the Red), Denise Nossett (Dame Katherine), and Theodore Reed (Squire Marius).

BE IT RESOLVED that the estates direct the kingdom's steward to ensure that the kingdom's bank account shall be set up in such a way that checks issued from said bank account require one (1) authorized signatory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized signatories for the above shall be Robert Harrell (Sir Jehan) and Leslie Burgess (Lady Lesli Argyl).

Item 3: IEM Agenda

The crowns were advised as to the will of the estates.

-- Sqr. Marius Solis

Good Populace,

As most of you are aware, Jeri Westerson is launching her first book in Pasadena this Saturday at 4pm. We are still invited and it would be nice if people would go in garb. However, she will also be in the City of Orange at Book Carnival on Sunday from 1 to 2 pm. We've been invited to that one too. Some of us have plans on Sunday, but I'm intending to be there at least for a few minutes and it would be good for others to show up too. Those attending can do combat on the sidewalk out front, just be very careful of space and the mundanes. Because this is a last-minute announcement, there won't be any official demo points for anyone, but it would be nice to support Ms Westerson in her efforts to sell her book.

The location is Vroman's Bookstore at 695 E Colorado Blvd.

It's one block south of the 210 freeway just east of the 210/134 interchange.

From the 210, get off at Lake Avenue and turn south on Lake. Turn right on Colorado and it's a half-block down. I'm not sure if it's on the right or the left.

Sir Jamie the Red
King of Esperance

SUBMISSIONS FOR CHRONIQUE



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONTACT LIST

November

- 12st Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 13nd Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 19st Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 20nd Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 26st Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda?
- 27nd Thanksgiving, All across the land.

December

- 3th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 4th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 6th Canton of Aquataine Event, No Event
- 6th Terre Neuve, Archery znd Make-up Tourney
- 10th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 11th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 13th Esperance Crown Event, Featherly Park
- 13th
- 13th Archduchy of Brandenburg, Special Event?
- 17th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 18th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 20th Terre Neuve, Crown Event

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.

FIGHTER PRACTICE

Riverside
6:00pm – 8:30pm
Hunt Park, ,4015 Jackson St, Riverside, CA

Yorba Linda
6:00pm – 8:30pm
Yorba Park, 7600 E. La Palma, Anaheim, CA 92807

King of Esperance: Sir Jamie the Red
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

Adrian Empire
<http://www.adrianempire.org/>

Kingdome of Esperance
<http://www.kingdomofesperance.com/>

Kingdom of Terre Neuve
<http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org/>

EVENT LOCATIONS

Kingdome of Esperance

Featherly Regional Park
24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92808
(714)637-0210

Hurless Barton Park
4601 Casa Loma Ave, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Canton of Aquataine
Fairmount Park
2681 Dexter Dr, Riverside, CA 92501

CANTON OF AQUATAINE

Just a reminder for those who did not go to the last Canton of Aquataine Event, or those who have forgotten; The Canton of Aquataine is again collecting items to send to our troops, we would like to get them sent off by Thanks Giving so the will be sure to get there by Christmas. We have a source that will ship our boxes for FREE SO COME ON LETS GET THOSE BOXES FULL.

What to donate? Below is a list of 25 ideas, you can probably come up with more.

1. Snacks that will travel well (NO CHOCOLATE)
2. Granola Bars
3. Cookies
4. Powdered Drinks
5. Instant soups
6. Homemade cookies, cakes, etc.
7. CD's
8. Computer Games
9. Board Games
10. Playing Cards
11. Magazines
12. Paper and Golf pencils with sharpeners
13. Razors
14. Flea Collars
15. Hand sanitizers
16. Lotions
17. Deodorants
18. Baggies
19. Trash bags
20. Shampoo/conditioner
21. Body wash/soap
22. Baby wipes
23. Foot Powder
24. Body Powder
25. Christmas Cards (filled out with notes of encouragement and love)

Dame Willow de' Rara
Canton of Aquataine Scribe

PS we try to send information and photo of who we are and what we do in each box, we think that makes these special packages more special and personal.

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## PUMPKIN LAUNCH

On Saturday Nov. 1 the Kingdom of Esperance attended the first annual pumpkin launch. Our hosts were the Discovery Science Center and the FSEA (Future Scientists and Engineers of America). Although future based organizations might seem incompatible this particular event featured a counterweight trebuchet built by the volunteer engineers of the FSEA. With a 350 pound counterweight their engine was quite impressive. Several other groups provided less authentic trebuchets and a less period giant slingshot and air cannon. One of the trebuchets won the competition.

Our kingdom brought a period ballista, a rough traction trebuchet and a trestle table full of various ballistic show and tell. We started talking to mundanes before we had even finished setting up our table and didn't stop until the end of the event. We were mobbed throughout the day even during the stage shows.

The second annual pumpkin launch is already planned for October 31, 2009. We have been tentatively invited to return (especially after the really positive reception we got from the vast majority of the estimated 800 attendees) and hope to expand our demonstration to include live fire demos and possibly a little combat although the primary focus of the event was ballistics. The pumpkin launch was designed around a competitive event. The entrants this year were various college engineering groups, a dedicated group of middle school students out of San Diego and a rogue group of Boeing engineers.

We are already working on getting at least one Adrian entry ready for next year. Any siege minded persons with an interest can contact Sir Cagar (cagar@eveveve.org) and he can keep you in the loop.

In Service,  
Sir Cagar

*FOLLOW-UP TO CRB1B*

Good populace,

This is the follow up We promised everyone regarding the effort to reduce our status from Kingdom to Archduchy.

This is a much bigger issue than most people think. Here are a couple of the things that a kingdom gets to do that an archduchy doesn't get to do. First, we can determine our own schedule and character. While Archduchies can make laws for themselves, they must be approved by the Imperial Crown before they take effect. As a kingdom, our laws take effect immediately (or when we decide they do) and the Imperial Crowns review them afterward to see if they conflict with the by-laws or other Imperial law. Second, and probably most important, we can (and do) have our own bank account. That means we don't have to go through the Imperial Steward's office to use our money.

While there are a bunch of others, We don't want to quote whole passages of the by-laws at you. It's essential that we keep our numbers up. It amazes Us that we have this issue so often in Esperance. It's no secret when our dues are supposed to be in. Every year, the crowns and stewards start asking about it months in advance. And yet, when it comes time, half the kingdom doesn't renew. There is no longer a grace period for those who fail to renew on time. If you don't pay by June 30, you lose all your titles, ranks, and awards. They're gone. You have to request the Imperial Crowns to re-instate them. So far that has only been an issue of time. Because the imperial crowns aren't in a hurry to reward people for being late, they take their time about approving re-instatement.

Please, if you know anyone who hasn't paid their dues yet, talk to them. If you haven't paid yours because of financial hardship, talk to Us about it. We'll work something out. We haven't really worried about it until now, but you can't participate if you're not a member. That means we're going to have to check memberships before we sign people onto the lists. That's a pain in the neck, but it has to be done.

The only groups who were unwilling to reduce the kingdoms that were under numbers were the kingdoms themselves and those who lived in them. The only reason reduction failed was that the rest of the empire doesn't have enough votes yet. By the way, archduchies are reduced to duchy status at the whim of the Imperial Crown. If Esperance is reduced to an archduchy, when we return to 100 plus and request elevation back to kingdom status, we'll be the newest kingdom, losing our precedence. This was Esperance's second year in a row on the list of kingdoms under numbers. We don't want to be the ones wearing the crowns when Esperance is reduced to an archduchy. Nor do We want to hand this same problem off to the next people who wear them. We need the dues to pay our insurance. Without it, no one plays.

If you've paid your membership, thank you. If you haven't, please get it done now.

In Service,  
Sir Jamie the Red  
King of Esperance

Dame Katherine Marshal of London  
Queen of Esperance

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