

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

January, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine

FROM THEIR MAJESTIES



Good Populace,

Happy New Year!

Our Kingdom Schedule is filling up fast already this year. We have quite a few demos in the near future and more coming. Please check the calendar and get too as many as you can. At least three of them are daytime, weekday demos. We're trying to give you time to request days off from work if you need to.

We have some special events in the works for February. Sir Sergei and Sir Caspian are autocrating that month's event, so look to them for some fun special activities. Anyone who wants to autocrat an event, speak up, the available events are rapidly disappearing.

We're making slow progress on our membership, but it's going very slow. Please, if you know of anyone who might be interested, don't hesitate to approach them. If you want to bring them to a practice, demo, or event, try to let us know in advance so we can bring out the welcome mat. The Imperium has informed Us that they'll only be updating the membership numbers once a month, so we have very little time to get our numbers up and have it reflected on the web site before the March Imperial Estates meeting.

The deadline for announcing your candidacy for the Throne of Esperance is also approaching quickly. If you're thinking about it (and you know you are), you need to make your announcement soon. Contact the Chancellor, Squire Marius Solis, with your letter of intent.

In Service,

Sir Jamie the Red
King of Esperance

Dame Katherine Marshal of London
Queen of Esperance



MINISTRY REPORTS

ARCHERY

In December Squire Eryn O'Malley won the huntsman list and there were not enough people to make a Bowmen list. Januarys archery will be held at mile square park in orange county on Saturday the 17th at 10:00 in the morning.

Good Shooting
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Sir Logan Gewitterwolf

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ARTS AND SCIENCE

No Reports Given

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CHANCELLOR

Good Populace,

This month's contribution will be short. I have just a few things to mention.

First, the deadline for declaring your candidacy for crown is almost upon us. Declarations of intent must reach the chancellor at least 60 days prior to the corresponding crown war. This means that your declarations are due in to me by Tuesday, February 10th, which is *BEFORE* the February crown event. If you intend to declare, and you don't already have my e-mail address, it is ted.reed@gmail.com. (Old-fashioned writing will work fine, as well.)

The second item is the next estates meeting. We must meet in March to discuss the IEM agenda for the meeting which is on the weekend following the March event. I'll probably also tack on consideration of crown candidates.

And last but certainly not least, is the fact that we are still under numbers. Their Majesties assure us that if we are still under 100 members by the March IEM, we *will* be demoted to an Archduchy.

CHANCELLOR(cont.)

Others may have their reasons for trying to retain this status, but the most compelling reason that I see as chancellor is that kingdoms have the right to enact their own laws and codicils. If we are reduced, we will no longer have the right to enact any legislation which doesn't contradict imperial law, and all of our laws must thereafter be approved by Their Imperial Majesties after we have voted for them. I'd like us to keep our sovereignty, as it can be an important check in the Adrian legal system.

Yours In Service,
Squire Marius Solis
Royal Chancellor to the Sovereign Kingdom of Esperance
(And I do hope that I'll still be able to sign in that manner after March.)

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COURT HERALD

No Reports Given

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CROWN MARSHAL

No Reports Given

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JOUSTS AND WAR

No Reports Given

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HOSPITLER

No Reports Given

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ROLLS AND LIST

No Reports Given

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SUBMISSIONS FOR CHRONIQUE



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MINISTRY REPORTS(cont.)

EMBATTLED HOPE QUEEN OF ARMS

Greetings Everyone,

I hope that you are all well. I apologise for not being able to attend this month's event. However, I will be at the event in February. If you have any submissions for me please feel free to e-mail them to me at joleym@yahoo.com at any time.

Please send me a scanned copy of your original form and make sure that it is signed. All forms without a signature will be just be returned by the Fleur-de-lis King of Arms (Imperial Sovereign of Arms).

If you have any questions about the forms or your heraldic design, please feel free to send them my way. I will be happy to help you.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in February.

Yours in Service,

Dame Julianna de Messina von Rammstein
Embattled Hope, Esperance



PHYSICKER

I have not been submitting as much as I would have liked to so here is a little fun on Chocolate. Enjoy and PLEASE eat responsibly. The coin of the Realm!!!

The Spanish brought chocolate beans to Europe in 1544, but the original cariole cacao trees have since been replaced by a variety of the tree called forastero; this has resulted in a blander form of chocolate which now comes from many parts of the world, including West Africa. The harvesting of cocoa pods in some African countries has become notorious, since it is based essentially on slave labor. Over the centuries and in different countries, chocolate has been enjoyed in many different forms and flavors. The Mayans added vanilla and chile to it, and this exists today as mole.

PHYSICKER(cont.)

Allspice, annatto, cinnamon, mace and other spices have been added to this sauce; less popular were combinations including ambergris (a secretion of sperm whales), musk, jasmine, lemon peel and so on. Sweetening with honey or sugar and the addition of milk made chocolate drinks and confections more addictive.

At one time, chocolate houses were as popular in Europe as coffee houses have become in the U.S.A. Schivelbusch comments that coffee was a "Protestant, northern drink" while chocolate was its "Catholic, southern counterpart". However, as chocolate and cocoa spread from the aristocratic courts of Spain to become a more mundane drink in France, it became a more social, Bohemian, non-alcoholic alternative social drink in England and other northern countries. Eventually, the chocolaty drink, cocoa, declined in importance, as it became a beverage directed at children, as an alternative to tea and coffee. Nevertheless, countries such as Switzerland and Belgium produced famous varieties of chocolate confections that appeal to ordinary and sophisticated consumers who accept that their delight in the product is a mild addiction, based on the sweetness and the deliciousness of the manufactured product. Surely, this makes the chocolate seed a spice, equal to spicy flavors such as vanilla and cinnamon.

The Theobromine content may stimulate the brain, since it is a xanthine similar to coffee. Recently, the polyphenols in chocolate have been generously praised as being potent anti-oxidants that may prevent degenerative diseases, thus reducing the guilt sensations of chocoholics. However, true medicinal values have not been established for pure chocolate.

Your Esperance Physicker,
Lady Aurora

Taken from a research study on herbs at the UCLA website:
<http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/biomed/spice/index.cfm?displayID=4>



MINISTRY REPORTS(cont.)

STEWARD

The Steward of Esperance reports that there was no financial activity during December. This raises two rather disturbing questions:

1. Will we be able to raise our membership to bona fide kingdom status before the March Imperial Estates Meeting?
2. Are citizens of Esperance still circulating debased coinage in contradiction of His Majesty's will? There certainly has been no run on the rich, dark chocolatey coin of the realm. The Exchequer will have new coins available at the event on Saturday at Hurless Barton Park.

Sir Jehan
Steward

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WARDEN

Demos and Special Events schedule so far for 2009.

January

Monday 12<sup>nd</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Demo Norrco Middle School

March

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Demo German Camp at Big Bear Lake  
Friday - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, Palm Springs Faire

April

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Renaissance Pleaure Faire starts  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Demo Huntington Middle School, San Morino  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, Demo, Wayzeoose, UCI Campus

May

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Koronaburg Faire starts

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IMPERIAL DEPUTY MINISTER OF
EDUCATION AND CANTON OF
AQUATAINE DEPUTY MINISTER OF
ARTS

First happy New Year, may it be full of happiness, joy and possibilities.

The next Canton of Aquataine's event for 2009 will be February 7th at Fairmount Park in the city of Riverside (Market St and the 60 fwy). Opening Court will be at 10am with Sword Oath and Steel Combat to follow. Lord Cromar, our Viceroy will be giving a class on Adria 101 for prospective and new members. This information class will hopefully be enlightening and fun for all members. We will have new member's packets full of goodies: New Members Guide Manual, Steps-to-Knighthood forms, Membership Forms, Calendar of for the year. A short (cute) history of the Canton of Aquataine and more, don't miss it, bring any questions you may have about Adria, Esperance, Aquataine, Events, Wars.

We have Demos at Norco Middle School on two consecutive Mondays, January 12th and 19th, these will be full day demos. We know that Monday may not work for everyone, but we hope if you have some free time that we will see you on one or both of those days. Autocrats Dame Rosellen and Lord Cromar.

Lastly an update on Adria at the Palm Springs Ren Fair, as the Duchy of Sangrael is no longer active, Sir Cromar and myself, Dame Willow, are going to be in charge of the Adria site at the fair (March 20th thru 22nd 2009). We are going to do it a little different this year, we are going to do our combat at set times at the stage area next to our encampment setup.

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IMPERIAL DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION (cont. from page 4)

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Dame Willow de' Rara
Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences
for the Kingdom of Esperance

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*February Crown Event*

Unto the populace of Esperance:

As many of you know in January of 2008, Raiza Razi bent Sabra passed. In February of 2008 the Crowns graciously allowed a memorial tournament in her honor. This year the Crowns asked if we would be willing to do another tournament. As this is in Razi's honor, the activities will be from her list of favorites.

Ladies attending the February tournament and wishing to compete need to bring favors for any combatants they wish to battle in their honor. Each time a combatant wins a match, their opponent will present each lady, whose favor he or she bears, a flower and a kind word. At the end of the day, the lady with the most flowers will win a prize.

Combat tournaments will be run with the opponents presenting themselves to the ladies chosen, by the autocrats. These ladies will determine the weapons to be used in battle.

*February Crown Event*(cont.)

Other activities throughout the day will be: Best Proclamation of Love – to be determined by the Queen of Esperance; Pancake Race, for those of the populace that have not seen this race, the rules will be given right before this race; Relay Race - where one contestant from each team must wear full armor, with the exception of steel gauntlets, the other contestant must wear a full length dress or skirt (gender does NOT determine which must wear which); an archery shoot, with highest points going to the archer that breaks the suspended item over the target. The final tournament of the day will be a ladies' flower tournament.

In Service,

Sir Kniaz Sergei Boroslav BeneCheck  
Sir Caspian Holgar

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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.

James River Armoury

I sell alot of arms, legs, spaulders and gorgets. I do make Adria legal helms, and take orders for custom work. My turnaround could be better, but it's not too bad. I look forward to being able to fill your armour needs.

Alexander
James River Armoury, San Diego
www.jamesriverarmoury.com
619-988-0963

ENTERTAINMENT

Biribissi^[1]

Many table games were played in the Renaissance home, often after dinner. Men and women, both old and young, enjoyed these forms of sociable play together. Have a go at playing 'Biribissi', a game of chance similar to a lottery. This was a very popular Italian gambling game; in fact people became so addicted to it that it was made illegal in the sixteenth century. Despite this, it continued to be played well into the eighteenth century.

At one time Biribissi was popular, though illegal, game played in the home was a type of lottery known as Biribissi. Thanks to the invention of printing in the fifteenth century, games such as this were easily disseminated in cheap versions printed on paper. This example has 48 squares corresponding to the same number of tickets below, which are ready to be cut up. The players bet a sum of money on a figure in the hope that it would be drawn.

Today children and adults use a very similar matching games to improve their memories while having a little fun, like Hasbro's classic board game "Memory" where the one that find/matches the most pairs of pictures wins. Hasbro's "Memory" game you mix up the memory cards and place them face down and then take turns trying to match 2. If you don't make a match you turn the cards back over, but try to remember what you saw and where it is. You keep matching cards and the one that makes the most matches win.^[2]

Instruction for Biribissi:

To play this non-gambling version of the game you will need to first print out two sheets of the game. Cut out the squares with pictures on and fold them up so you can't see the image, or roll up each square into a tube and tie with thread, this was how it was done originally.

Put them all in a bowl
Look at the other sheet
Each player has to choose six pictures and write their initials on the ones they have chosen

Biribissi(cont.)

Now take it in turns to take the pieces of paper out of the bowl

If the picture on the piece of paper matches a picture someone has chosen, they can put a cross through it. The first person to get crosses through their six pictures is the winner.

Have fun!



[1] http://www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/1487_renaissance/games.html

[2] <http://www.playthingspast.com/hb-04941.html>

Dame Willow de' Rara
Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences
for the Kingdom of Esperance

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONTACT LIST

January 2009

- 10th Esperance Crown Event, Hurless Barton Park
- 12nd Demo Norco Middle School
- 14th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 15th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 17th Esperance Archery, Mile Square Park
- 17th Terre Neuve Crown Event
- 19th Demo Norco Middle School
- 21st Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 22nd Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 24th Terre Neuve, 12th Night Feast
- 28th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 29th Fighter Practice, Riverside

February 2009

- 4th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 5th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 7th Canton Event, Fairmont park Riverside
- 11th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 12th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 14th Esperance Crown Event, Featherly
- 18th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 19th Fighter Practice, Riverside
- 25th Fighter Practice, Yorba Linda
- 26th Fighter Practice, Riverside

Important Dates 2009

- April 11th - 12th
Esperance Crown Event & War, Featherly
- May 23rd - 25th
Imperial Civil/Banner War, Featherly

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