

Le Cronique d'Esperance

December, 1998 Adrianus 14

Dear Populace,

We would like extend a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful Yule feast that We were presented. It is safe to say that it was the finest We have ever attended. The food was excellent and the atmosphere divine!! Thank you especially to Lady Lenora, Dame Roselyn, Lady Eslin and all who volunteered their time to make everybody's time even more enjoyable VIVAT!!

We would also like to extend Our thanks to Prince Jehan who officiated over Our Coronation and performed an "On the spot" translation of the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel from English to Latin during Sir Galadon's Knighting Ceremony.

Thank you's also to Sir Bear and Lord Nigel who did present Us with good wishes and gifts from Their Imperial Majesties. To Lady Allora who did present Us with good wishes and spirits from Our Cousin to the south the Venerable King Johan of Terre Nueve. Also to Her Grace the Queen Mother of Esperance who presented Ourselves, Queen Consort Elspeth O'Neill, Sir Galadon and Dame Roselyn with her ever tasty Mousse.

Saturday saw a new addition to the Chivalry of Esperance, Sir Robet Pryderi (Rabbit), Congratulations!!!

Saturday also saw the formation of a new March and County, The March MacCabra (Marquis Erasmus Lagersuufer) the County d'Monet (Count Terrin Greyphis). This came about after the merging of two baronies, Lagersuufer and Glendorrin. We can only hope this helps to bolster Our realms presence in the Empire and on the field of battle!! We have a feeling that if the dreaded "Umbroids" manage to drag themselves across their barren wastelands in an attempt to press their false claims to the coastal kingdoms, they will be merely brushed aside without breaking a sweat!!

Thank You all again!! and now on to the new year!!

Reilly
Esperance Rex

Important Announcement from the Crowns of Esperance

Unto the Populace of Esperance

Having just received a missive from the Imperial Minister of Joust and War, We decree that Experimenting to find safer methods of "Death from Behind" will cease in Esperance immediately.

Furthermore...

As We believe the current approved method of "Death from Behind" to be proven dangerous and tedious, We in good conscience cannot and will not allow it to continue. We hear by decree that "Death from Behind" will not be allowed in Our Lands until such time as it has been proven safe to Our satisfaction.

Written by Our Hand 15 December in the year of Our Lord 1998.

Reilly
Esperance Rex

Kingdom of Esperance Coronation and Yule Feast

The Kingdom of Esperance Coronation and Yule Feast was held on December 12th at the Waverly Chapel in Santa Ana. The weather was very cool but clear a perfect evening to crown our new King! The event was quite long and quite a bit happened during the evening. There were two Knightings, 3 Lords made, 4 Ladies made, the forming of a County and a March, not to mention feasting, dancing and games! (And a partridge in a pear tree!) Wow! What a busy evening! Here is how it all happened for those of you that were unable to attend. (Warning! This is REALLY long!)

The last opening court of Roselyn Regina and Galadon Rex took place in the Chapel and saw three new titles bestowed by their highnesses. Our new title bearers are Lady Eslin O'Henessy McCoda de Glendorrin, Lady Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis and Lord Terrin Greyphis. The re-awarding of titles of Lord Rabbit, Lord James of the Black Marsh, Lady Moona and Lady Blossom was also done by their most royal majesties as they had not received their certificates before this point. Lord Rabbit was then knighted, Sir Robet Pryderi, a

knight minister, by Sir Coda in a very touching ceremony.

When the time came for Roselyn Regina and Galadon Rex to step off the throne, they did so with much grace and many thanks to the populace. Roselyn read from an actual speech of Elizabeth I which was both appropriate and heartfelt. We as a populace, thank both of you for all you have done for the Kingdom. Prince Reilly then entered with his guards and entourage and was crowned king by HRH Jehan in a historical Christian ceremony. Reilly Rex rose and then crowned his consort, Elspeth O'Neill and a joyous shout echoed through the Church. Reilly Rex then had Dame Roselyn Pendragon, his sister approach the throne and made her Dauphine in Esperance. She was also given leave not to bow to him or ask to approach the throne. She in turn will be his emissary when he is unable to attend an official event. In attendance for the evening was Sir Francois de Coussy, the Keeper of the Dream who officiated over the entire ceremony. Reilly then declared the merging of the Baronies Lagersuifer and Glendorrin to form the County de Money. Count d'Monet Terrin Greyphis was then introduced and Marquis de MacCabra, Erasmus Lagersuifer was introduced. Then, much feasting was to be had in honor of the season and in honor to our new King! Vivat Sir Reilly!

During the feasting, we had live music performed by Suzanne Guldimmann and her Celtic music group who donated their time for our feast. They are members of the SCA and wanted to provide live music for us for this special occasion. Lady Eslin and Squire Liam led us in traditional Christmas carols which we all participated. This, added to the twinkling white Christmas lights and brightly lit candles that were everywhere, put us all in the mood for the holidays. Sir Galadon and Squire Terrin also put much time and effort into creating the freestanding banner poles that held our kingdom's banners. Thank you Sir Galadon and Squire Terrin for doing an awesome job!

After the feasting, Sir Coda took Sir Robet Pryderi as a vassal knight and Sir Galadon Pendragon took his third level knighthood and renewed his vows in the old code in a ceremony officiated by HRH Jehan and Reilly Rex. HRH Jehan said the prayer of Saint Michael in Latin (which we found out later he translated on the spot!) and Aodhgan O'Sionnaigh said Saint Patrick's prayer in Gaelic. Sir Galadon is one of only 3 third level knights in the Adrian Empire. He took all

challenges and is excepting challenges for the rest of the month.

After the makings of the vassal and the knighting, Reilly Rex held court at which Marquessa Allora from Terre Neuve was asked by Squire Gregor McDonald to be allowed to court her lady-in-waiting. Aodhgan O'Sionnaigh of house Galiege Bhriste pledged to be protector of Elspeth O'Neill in a very emotional moment for the consort and Reilly Rex.

This was when the fun began! We began the dancing and games portion of the program and much fun was had by all. Dauphine Roselyn taught the Pavane to the populace. Several members from Esperance and one potential member did a demonstration of a type of dancing called Scottish country dancing with much amusement from the dancers as well as the audience as the dancers forgot their places a few times! The winner of our first game, Who am I, What am I or Where am I, which was played during dinner was Aodhgan O'Sionnaigh. The second game of the evening was a fast paced game of Musical Chairs won by Marquis de MacCabra, Erasmus Lagersuifer.

All in all, a great time was had by all. Much thanks to all who made this possible and to those who attended! We hope to see even more of you next year!

November Event News

The November Crown event was a very small event but a fun one. There were enough people in attendance for a shanai list, a ren list and a steel list. Squire Liam (also known as Squire Bob) won the shanai list, Sir Coda won the ren list and HRH Galadon Rex won the steel list. There was no arts tourney as the Arts Minister was not in attendance and there were not enough people to judge the arts. All in all, it was a quiet event but a fun one and the last event for the current reigning crowns of Esperance. Congratulations to Squire Liam, Sir Coda and HRH Galadon Rex for their tournament wins!

The Knight and His Lady

“And so, by St. George, St. Patrick, and St. Brigit, I dub thee knight.: The King finished touching the man on his shoulders and head with his sword and then withdrew. The newly-made knight, a tall, broad Celt with bushy red hair, got to his feet while Sir Reilly withdrew and Sir Talon came

forward. Sir Galadon and Sir Coda flanked the Celt.

“Sir Donal mac Tiege, it is custom to deliver the *Cou de Lais* to a newly-made knight. May this be the last blow to you that goes unanswered.” Sir Talon struck, sending Donal backwards. He was caught by Sir Coda and Sir Galadon.

There was thunderous applause as several knights formed a line to challenge Donal and Sir Rielly spoke out, “Populace, I give you our newest knight, Sir Donal mac Tiege!”

Sir Donal mac Tiege endured the numerous challenges good-naturedly. He didn’t like ceremony and all this pomp as a rule. He had been talked into having a ceremonial knighting by his friend Sir Coda and the king. Soon, though, he would be back in the hills he loved.

Lord Robert Halliwell turned away from the proceedings. He was not a knight, and by custom, could not challenge Sir Donal - not that he would. Although a skilled swordsman, he rarely fought in tournament. His challenges usually ended in death.

His thoughts wandered as he strolled around the palace. Much had gone well with his plan about the grain supplies. Now, if he could only persuade the beautiful Nicole to share his bed...Just thinking about her made him sweat. His control was lost as passion lit fires inside him. The longing was so bad he just stood there.

“Lord Robert!” said a voice, which brought him back to himself. Rahja Amina bint Husam of Basir was approaching him. He schooled his features into a bland mask and faced the gypsy.

“Yes, my lady?” He asked with supercilious politeness.

Rahja grimaced. She didn’t like Lord Robert. “Comtessa Dame Willow wishes to speak with you in the solar. Something about grain supplies.”

He smiled. “Ah, yes. A brilliant idea I had there.” He gestured. “Lead the way.” Sighing, Rahja started forward and he followed.

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The tall, willowy girl collected her letter from the scribe, paying him with precious silver. She then dropped it off at the local courier station, and returned to the farm.

Nicole du Corwyn joined her sister Marie in the field, guiding the small herd of cattle to the pen. Neither woman spoke until the cows were secure in the pen.

“So, you’ve sent the letter?” Marie finally asked.

“Yes. Its going out today. She should have it by the end of the week.”

Marie looked at Nicole. “Are you sure you want to do this?”

Nicole looked straight at her sister. “God’s teeth, Marie, yes! If Dame Willow will have me, I shall become her squire.”

“Why?”

“Because I want to expand my world. I want to see things, and I want to learn. There’s more to life than this farm and this province. Dame Willow has traveled, she’s an experienced politician, and she knows so much about the arts. She’ll be a great teacher.”

“Not to mention she’ll be a formidable defense against Lord Robert.”

Nicole shuddered. “Why did you have to bring him up?”

“He asked about you before he left for the capital.” Marie shook her head. “He’s obsessed with you, you know.”

“Well once I’m squired to Dame Willow, that door will be closed.” She spun around as she walked. “Although I’d almost consider it if it would mean seeing something of this world.”

Marie grinned. “That’s all well and good, but we’ve got chores to do. Let’s get a move on.”

Nicole broke into a run. “Race you to the stables.” She shouted as she ran.

Marie chuckled and followed her.

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Sir Donal mac Tiege, newly made knight of Esperance, said his good-byes to the king and to his friends. He was itching to return to the raw wildness of nature – at least what it was in the hills above Yorba Linda.

The King and Sir Coda watched him go. “Do you think anyone will tame him?” The King asked Sir Coda.

Sir Coda shrugged. “Who knows?”

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Note: The Knight and His Lady is a work of fiction. Nothing in this story should be considered as actually having happened, in any mundane reality or any game context

Minister’s Reminders

The Mistress of the Revels, Squire Lenora, had new paperwork for any demos or events that

you might have. Please make sure to pick up the new paperwork and turn it in on time so that your event can be approved and announced 30 days prior to the event happening. If your event is not approved and announced 30 days prior to the date of the event, you will not receive a demo initiation point to count towards your knighthood. Also, if your event requires a gate list, you must have it approved by the crowns 30 days before the event as well. Please see the Mistress of the Revels, Sq. Lenora to get your paperwork or e-mail her at: DomLScott@home.com with your address so she can snail mail it to you. I hope to see many more demos this year of all sorts and kinds!

The chronicler also wishes to see your submissions! It is very difficult to have a newsletter if there's nothing to put in it! Submit your articles, announcements, recipes and stories by the Saturday before the monthly event to Sq. Lenora who is the interim chronicler. You may e-mail me your articles and such at DomLScott@home.com or see her at an event. You may also call her at home at (714) 993-2571. Please, no calls after 9:30 PM.

The Steward's office has the following information on renewals for the members of Esperance: (the date supplied is the date you expire)

The following people have lapsed in their renewals for the month of November:

11/10 Monninger, Lorrelle
11/15 McCann, John Charles
11/25 McMahan, Allen R. & Erin Elizabeth-Sarah

The following people will have a lapse in membership if their dues are not paid in the month of December:

12/01 McCullough, William
12/06 Shuman, Sath & Todd
12/11 Coe, Erik & Mary Ann
12/13 Christensen, James A.
12/13 Jones, Chara M. & Laurence D.

The following people are due for renewal in the month of January:

01/13 Costner, Nelda & Patty
01/13 Keyes, David
01/25 Barton, Robert
01/25 Belson, Kay & Mike

Please note that this month is your last chance to renew at current rates. The new rates as supplied by the Tsar go into effect January 1, 1999.

Event Calendar

The Canton of Aquataine usually has their monthly event every 1st Saturday of the month. **There will be no Canton event this January.** They hope to see the populace at their next event in February. For more information, see Dame Willow or Lord Cromar. Their E-mail address is LordCromar@aol.com.

January 9th, 1999, The Kingdom of Esperance has their monthly crown event. The event will take place at Mile Square park on the Euclid side at Heil Ave. Opening Court begins at 10 AM sharp. Autocrats are welcome for any event. To schedule, please see Squire Lenora to autocrat or e-mail her at DomLScott@home.com.

January 16th, 1999 The Canton of Tara will have their monthly event at Cresenta Valley Park at the corner of Honolulu and New York, west of where the 2 meets the 210. For more information, please see Sir Royal MacBreaheny, Viceroy of Tara. Sir Royal's e-mail is royalmac@hotmail.com.

Barony of Vineland announces baronial fighter practice Tuesdays 3-5 at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside located at the 60 freeway and Market street. They will be at the same spot as the monthly event for the canton of Aquataine. For more information call Lord Sir Cromar 909-737-0195 or email LordCromar@aol.com.

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The End of the World is Here, OOPS! I mean the End of the Newsletter is here!

Here are two vendor's that we highly recommend:

Griffin Cleaners - -
7 Hutton Center
Santa Ana, CA

This cleaners is responsible for keeping Sir Galadon's Surcoat sparkling white and Dauphine Roselyn's costumes in great condition. To know more, speak with Sq. Lenora as they do not have a phone.

Lakeview Café - -
2099 E. Orangethorpe
Placentia, CA 92870

For those who attended the feast after the coronation, this is the restaurant that we used to cater the feast. The prices are very reasonable and the food is fantastic! Check out their daily specials! Their phone # is (714) 572-8521.