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Our Crowns Speak

Unto the Populace of Esperance, do We send greetings....

Well, Our August Kingdom event saw a great many in attendance. We are sure that this had little to do with the nice newspaper lady taking photos all day long! Whatever reason you found to attend, the event was a great success. We would like to extend Our thanks to Squire Donovan Fox for bringing the media attention to Adria, and to the Blue Rose and Hedgehog members for inviting our guest to their practices. With luck, our numbers will continue to increase with this exposure!

As most of us have just returned from the Imperial War West, we will have many stories to share (Should court make you blind?) and War wounds to show off. It is always a pleasure to meet Our outland cousins, but unfortunate that it usually happens only once a year.

Our congratulations to the winners, Sir Erik the Awful and Dame Elizabeth. Your army was mighty and You won the day! Vivant! Congratulations also to the other contenders, Sir Galadon and Dame Roselyn, and Sir Rashalak and Dame Alexandra, for your good sportsmanship and the valiant efforts of your armies. We are most pleased that Sir Rashalak escaped without breaking the other elbow! (Some allergy to Esperance battlefields We think...) Well fought!

We would like to thank each and every person involved with every aspect of the War, though their names are many and cannot all be listed here. Special thanks go to Their Imperial Highnesses, Princess Katherine and Prince Jehan. All of Their tireless efforts made the War that much better for everyone (You'll never see it coming!). As you may know, this War drew a crowd of over 400 attendees, not counting all of the mundane spectators. That is a record for an Adria event of any kind, to the best of Our knowledge. Again we say, thank you and congratulations to everyone who helped make it wonderful.

We would be remiss if no mention was made of some of the not-so-wonderful moments during the War. However, we as a populace can rise above the petty bickering and heated words spoken in anger, and learn from them. Even a Knight has moments they may not be proud of, but they can certainly make themselves better for the lesson. This is Our hope.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Lady Lenora's Sheep War (Oct 2-3), as well as Our Queen's Harvest Costume Ball (Oct 30). Remember, We are hoping for as period a costume and most creative mask you can come up with. Prizes will be awarded for the Most Creative Costume, the Best Kept Identity (can we guess who you are?), and Most Beautiful Mask. Don't forget, if you have not yet volunteered to host a dish for the German Feast at the Ball, please contact His

Majesty if you are interested. For more information about the Ball, please see the Warden, Michel du Gard. For more information about the Sheep War, please see Lady Lenora.

In Service to Esperance, and the Dream,

Sir Reilly and Dame Elspeth
King and Queen of Esperance

Kingdom Monthly Event

By Lady Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis



Once again I'm pleasantly surprised by what a great turn out we had for our August monthly event. We had a lot of new people in attendance as well as many members we haven't seen in awhile. I'm not sure if that was because of the photographer we had snapping pictures all day or if it was because it was such a beautiful day (it was COOL for a Saturday in August!) but whatever brought you out, it was great to see you!

Opening court was held on time and with much ceremony. Sir Morgan Blackthorne announced his intention to seek the throne and was greatly applauded by the populace. Our Chancellor, Lord Royal MacBreheny, announced that there would be no Canton of Tara event this month due to a HUGE demo that Princess Katherine was holding in Corona. Lord Gerhard was given a book by the chancellor's lovely wife and with that court closed and the fighting began!

This was a very LARGE tournament this month. We had a new group from the Ridgecrest area who filled out the ranks of Shanai and Renn lists to overflowing and then some! The Shanai list was won by Greybond (formerly known as Clint) of the Boonies. It was quite a sight to watch the lists this month as we have quite a lot of fresh new faces who are definitely teaching the older members a thing or two! Since the Renn list was so large, the Minister of Combat randomly teamed up people from the sign in list and the fought in teams until it came down to the last two alive. Sir Coda was declared the winner of the Renn list after a very long list! Steel combat was very well fought by all of the combatants, new and old, and was ultimately won by Our Premier Knight, Sir Galadon, Earl of Esperance. He also managed to kill a tree in the combat, well actually a limb but it was pretty darn funny! Our Art's list was a little sparse last month with only 4 entries. Man-at-Arms Joaquino Morone won the tournament with a monologue from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare.

Closing court was held without further ado. The Queen pinning the winners with favors and the winners cried well when stuck! Joaquino Morone was called into court for hitting his opponents too hard (both of them women!) and was made to grovel before the two women. (Face down in the grass!) He was released to his employer, Sq. Terrin Greyphis with a full

reprimand from the King for Sq. Terrin to teach his Man-at-Arms the proper fighting techniques. His Majesty reminded the populace about the impending Imperial War, The Queen's Harvest Costume Ball and the Sheep War and then closed Court.

I hope you all have a great time at this month's event!

Declaration for the Crown of Esperance

by Sir Morgan Blackthorne



Esperance is fast becoming the premier kingdom in Adria. People are more and more saying, "I want to play with Esperance!" I for one like the leadership role that that gives us. Our game is still quite young. The time to instill genuine solid core practices is now.

We have made tremendous progress in the past few years. I wish to continue on in this direction and guide Esperance to the next level. We are getting to the point where our recreation can be something to be proud of. I would like to insure that those that WISH TO have the opportunity to explore re-creation to it's fullest. I would also like assure and INSURE that those that wish to "Just play with swords and spend time with their friends" have a place here. Face it, it is why most of us joined. And it is certainly why *I* joined. :)

As your king, I will BE king. I will look the part. I will act the part. As president of Esperance, I will be here for you. ALL OF YOU.

As my people, I expect YOU to make sure *I* make sure YOU are having the best time possible. (Lots of finger gestures here)

I won't be doing this alone. We've got a lot of good people here. I know we can make this the best year yet.

Thank you

Sir Morgan Blackthorne

Have you heard the one about the Sheep??????

By Lady Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis



If you haven't by now, you haven't been paying attention! There is going to be a War honoring the birthday's of the Dauphine of Esperance, Comtessa Roselyn Pendragon and myself! All those months ago when I had a cast on my foot and was on LOTS of drugs for the pain, I came up with this crazy idea (must have been the drugs) about having a FUN war for all shanai combatants that involved sheep.

Now I know what you are thinking but I do not have a thing for sheep. I just want to see lots of people having fun PLAYING. There will be sheep, okay things that are supposed to look like sheep, (insert imagination here) and you and your army are to try to have the most sheep by the end of the day on Saturday.

Oh! Here's the fun part. There's a bridge and a river involved and you are fighting for the honor of the two birthday ladies.....And those of you who are not so inclined to fight, I

have a special project for you! There will also be a special arts tourney. Given only the things provided to you, you are to come up with the most inventive sheep related arts entry. Items that will be provided are flour, water, sticks, cotton balls (wool's too expensive so you have to again use your imagination), string and a few bits of other things. You can work alone, as a team or as a group. The sky is the limit and creativity is the name of the game!

There will be prizes awarded to the winning side by the lady who's honor you bear (Comtessa Roselyn or Lady Lenora) and there will be prizes for the Arts as well.

Here's the real Mutton, I mean meat and turnips, I mean potatoes you need to know:

When: Camping Starting Friday October 1st 5 PM
War Saturday October 2nd
Opening court at 10 AM
Feast at 6 PM
Sunday October 3rd Departures by 1 PM

Where: Crossroads Park
Corona, CA

Cost: \$12 per person
Includes the feast Saturday night

There is a feast provided on Saturday night and this is a discreetly wet sight so please bring dark trash bags to tote your dead sheep with you. Please also bring your own water as the water on site is not potable.

Please RSVP to me by no later than Wednesday September 29th so that I know how many people to plan on for the feast Saturday night! You can e-mail me at DomLScott@home.com or see me at an event and tell me you are coming!

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it and I hope we all have a GREAT time!

Thanks in advance to Michael duGard, HRM Reilly Rex, HRM Elspeth Reigna, Comtessa Willow, Lord Gerhard, Dame Roselyn, Lady Guinevere and Man-at-Arms Joaqino Morone who all helped or are helping to make this possible! Thanks also to Lord Greyphis who has put up with my drugged ranting!

A Poem by Keats

submitted by Glenda Ashman, Caitlin Rose Muldoon & Talon of Ayrshire

Light-footed damsels move with gentle paces
Round the wide ball, and show their happy faces.
Or stand in courtly talk by fives and sevens;
Like those fair stars that twinkle in the heavens.
Yet must I tell a tale of chivalry;
Or wherefore comes that knight so proudly by?
Wherefore more proudly does the gentle knight,
Reign in the swelling of his ample night?

A Knight and His Lady, Part X
by Sir Kirigi Durshavin

The Lord carried his prisoner on horseback for the very long ride back to his manor.

Lord Robert dropped Squire Nicole on the bed, and then untied her. She had long since stopped struggling. She was plainly furious and undid her gag herself.

"Lord Robert Halliwell, have you gone mad?" She shouted.

He smiled then, and she was afraid. "Perhaps I am, dear Nicole. But you've done this to me."

"What?"

"Ever since you left, I cannot stop thinking about you. You knew all along how I felt, and then laughed in my face with that "gentleman" you've taken up with. He's a barbarian, and it seems you can't wait to lift your skirts for him."

Nicole's eyes blazed with rage. "You dare mock him? And me?" Her hand flashed out to slap him, but with lightning-quick reflexes, he caught her.

"You've done this Nicole. I can't think of anything else. I can't sleep, nor can I do anything I normally do. I'd call you an enchantress for what you've done." Before she could react, he pulled her close and kissed her, long and hard. She finally broke free, and sat back down.

"You'll be comfortable here. Just don't try to escape. Eventually, I know you'll come around." He smiled then, looking a bit unhinged as he did. He then left the room, and locked the door behind him.

Nicole surveyed the room. Not too big, but she had a window. She went to it and looked down. The drop was two stories. That daunted her.

She sat back down on the bed and considered her options.

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Sir Donal left the Tavern poorer but much more well informed. Rumors circulated wildly there, and several of them had to do with Squire Nicole and a petty noble from where she had come from, a Lord Robert Halliwell. Lord Halliwell had proposed to her just before she had left to become Dame Willow's squire, and there was even some talk that the bandits who had attacked the caravan she had been travelling with were in his employ.

He had remembered seeing Lord Robert at the Aquitaine tourney, and while his conduct had been exemplary, why would he have come and competed. He rarely, if the rumor mill was correct, came to events or competed.

That alone, he reminded himself, was not enough. He, too, had been scarce at tourneys. He decided to call over to Dame Willow's and then go see his friend, Sir Coda.

Squire Violet answered his call, and, thankfully, was calm and coherent. The magistrates had been there, and had gotten the ball rolling in investigating the kidnapping. They had said that it was a simple matter now of waiting for whoever had kidnapped Nicole to call and request a ransom.

He left a message for Dame Willow and the household, that he was pursuing another line of clues and would contact her.

Sir Coda was angry when Sir Donal gave him. Rarely had Sir Donal seen his friend lose his temper. "By the

way, have you heard of someone called Lord Robert Halliwell?"

Sir Coda's anger melted away like snow in the sun. "As a matter of fact, I have." He remarked. "One of his servants, a maid named Kat, came to see me just the other day. She remarked he'd been acting strangely."

It all clicked into place for Sir Donal then. "Perhaps we should talk with her?" He asked, somewhat rhetorically.

Sir Coda nodded.

Once they got to Azuza, it didn't take long for the pair to find Kat's house. Her father answered their knocking. Grumbling about the lateness of the hour, he nonetheless went to get her.

When Kat came to the door, she gasped when she realized who was asking for her. She dropped into a curtsy and said, "Your Grace?"

"Mistress Kat, the other day you came to my house and asked me to check on your employer, Lord Robert Halliwell, correct?"

"Yes, your Grace."

"You said he was acting strangely?"

She nodded, a fearful look in her eyes.

Sir Coda grimaced, and then asked, "Do you think he could have done anything of a diabolic nature? Like kidnapping?"

Kat buried her face and her hands and wept. "Oh, may the gods curse that girl!"

Sir Donal spoke up. "What?"

Kat wiped her nose and then explained. "For years, Lord Robert has wanted Nicole du Corwyn, that new squire of Dame Willow's, for his wife. He made his intentions clear, and even proposed to her outright. She would have none of it though." She raked her hand through her hair. "It seems likely that he would have done something like this. He's a very demanding person, and used to getting his own way, but also very generous. I'm sure she'd be better off as his wife."

Sir Donal spoke. "That remains to be seen, madam. But thank you for the information." The two left.

To Be Continued

Note: *A Knight and His Lady* is a work of fiction. This is a work in progress and nothing in this story should be considered as actual either in mundane reality or in any game context - - Ed.

Canton of Aquitaine Monthly Report

After closing court at the august Canton of Aquitaine, the populace and Sires of the Barony of Vineland decided to make William De Mild their new Baron. We have not had a Baron and Baroness since Sir Talon and Dame Heather were Baron and Baroness, during Dame Willow's reign as Queen of Esperance. When Sir Talon and Dame Heather became King and Queen of Esperance, they returned the Barony back to Dame Willow. Since then, she has overseen the running of the Barony alone. All this year we have been looking for just the right gentleman to become Baron. There has been much discussion on who should be Baron, but we have finally decided that William de Mild was the best choice. Baroness Dame Willow will continue as Baroness to collect all the



Minister's Reminders

Barony paperwork, record it and pass it on to the kingdom ministers. Baron William De Mild will have the Estate vote and share in helping to guide the Barony on to bigger and better things. He will be helping Count Lord Sir Cromar find ministers for sign-ins, list persons, etc. plus keeping track of the Barony's members and their welfare.

County of Bastone –Countess Wars Update

At this writing, the Barony of Vineland is a County with over 37 members. So, the Countess War is on. The dates are Saturday February 26th and Sunday the 27th. Count Lord Sir Cromar is looking for a countess to share his reign. This will not only be a war to decide who will be our Countess, but it will be a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. We are looking for games, game booths, craft booths, entertainers, etc. We want to make this a really big event. Count Lord Sir Cromar will crown his Countess late Saturday, so Sunday they can visit the children too sick to come outside and attend our war. We would like to have favors to hand out and jugglers, singers and other artisans to perform not only at the war, but on this tour of the hospital on Sunday also. We have plans to have this event advertised on TV, radio and in the newspaper and magazines. Please let us know how you can help!

Who can run for Countess of Baston?

1. Anyone that has been a member of the Barony of Vineland for 6 months, by January 1st, 2000. (Because the County at this time is made up of only Barony of Vineland members, only Barony members can run for Countess.)
2. Must be actively involved in the Kingdom, Canton and County events.
3. Has consistently showed a Lady like demeanor in actions and dress.
4. Has made a commitment to attend most fo the County/Canton Events and Kingdom events and demos.
5. Will make the commitment to regularly check with the Count and the Baronies: Barons, Baroness, Sires, etc. to make sure the County runs smoothly and keeps it's numbers up.
6. And the Voting Estates holders of the County must agree by 2/3 vote, that this person is qualified to run.

Upcoming Canton-County Events:

November 2nd Event Cancelled: Crown War Weekend (we need to show support)

December 4th Event will be short because the Kingdom Coronation and Celebration Feast is at 6 p.m. that night and we want to get gusy-up for it, it is always a very special event, try not to miss

January 1st is being New Years day, we have opted to Autocrat the Kingdom Event at Fairmont Park on January 8th and hold our 12th Night from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Sire Rose Ellen's Recreation Hall at Mission Village Estates in Riverside.

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

The following members have lapsed in their renewals for the month of August:

08/08	Cray, Shawn N.
08/08	McKee-Cray, Rhonda S.
08/08	Vela, Bryan
08/30	Kirk, Gregory
08/30	Kirk, Morgan

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

09/13	Felber, Jennifer
09/13	Felber, Mike
09/13	Felber, Ryley
09/13	Felber, Sydney
09/13	Mares, Jr., James A.
09/27	Cox, Samuel W.

The following members are due for renewal in the month of October:

10/10	Little, Justin
10/11	Bradford, Morgan
10/12	McNamara, Kathleen
10/12	Schemel, Alyssa
10/12	Schemel, Geoff
10/12	Schemel, Jonathan
10/12	Thompson, Dan S.
10/12	Thompson, Elizabeth
10/20	Iacovelli, Lori
10/20	Iacovelli, Richard

The Minister or Rolls has submitted the following:

Advances in rank were as follows:

Sir James of Bloodstone took his second level combat knighthood at the Imperial War on September 4th. Congratulations on your elevation!

The Art's and Sciences minister has submitted the following: Good Your Royal Majesties and Faithful Ministers, Here is my report for August:

Judges:

Robert Harrell
 Vicki Eldredge
 Martha Dicks (Squire Cate)

Alternate:

Rhonda McKee-Cray

Scribe:

Nancy (Sir James of Bloodstone's Lady!)

Participants (All Master's List):

Jimmy (Aodghan the Unspellable)--Bardic
Ginger Gieri (Valley of Kings)--Liqueur
Jack Morones--Bardic (Tourney Win)
Lara Winchester--Favor

Yours in Service to the Good,
Katherine

The Hospitlar's office has reported the following:

Belated welcome to some new members from Aquitaine:

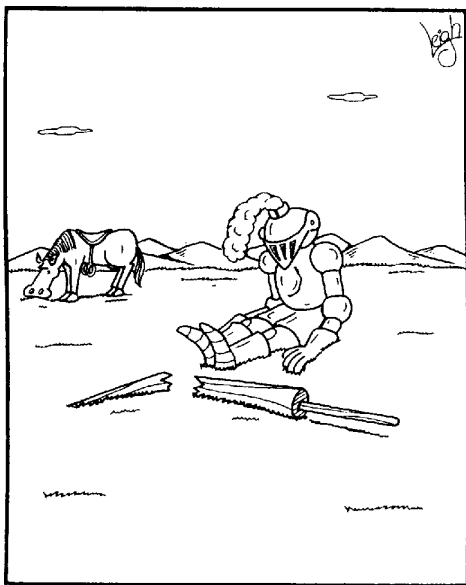
Jamie Rose Archambault
William Rodney Archambault (William de Mild)
Bea Van Voorhees

And welcome to new members:

Nathaniel Ash (Auturic Von Draconis)
Nancy Caldwell
Steven Daniels (Draigh von Draconis)
Nathan Freeman (Hamish MacClaurin)
Vanessa Freeman (Ylsuet MacClaurin)
Machelle Freet (Aideen Lorilie Draconis)
Daryl Hasler (Anteninus Varrus)
Becky Howard (Lorretta Lynn Draconis)
Bonnie Salsgiver
Charisse Salsgiver

Please see Sir Robert de la Fonteyne for your welcome packets and any questions you have regarding the game! Welcome to you and we hope you'll stay for a good long time!

The Chronicler wants you to submit your articles, announcements, recipes and stories by the Saturday before the monthly event to Sq. Lenora. You may e-mail me your articles and such to DomLScott@home.com or see me at an



Even more troubling than losing the joust was figuring out just how Arthur was supposed to explain the big dent in his father's brand-new suit.

event.

Event Calendar

October 1,2 & 3rd, 1999, Sheep War at the Crossroads Fair Site in Corona. See the article earlier in the newsletter for more details! This is a weekend camping event that starts Friday night with set-up and culminates in a feast and revel on Saturday night! Bring your sense of humor and your creativity and come catch some sheep! Baaa to you if you miss this one!

October 9th, 1999, The Kingdom of Esperance has their monthly crown event. The event will take place at Eisenhower Park in the city of Orange. To schedule to be the autocrat for the event, please see Michel DuGard or e-mail him at dugard32@yahoo.com.

October 16th, 1999, The Canton of Tara has 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 LordRoyal@netscape.net.

October 23rd, 1999, The Canton of Aquitaine will have their monthly event at Fairmont Park in the city of Riverside located at the 60 freeway and Market Street. Please contact Comtessa Dame Willow and or Sir Cromar for more information! You may also e-mail them at cromar@pacbell.net.

October 30th, 1999, The Queen's Harvest Costume Ball. This is the 2nd annual queen's ball and will be held in the city of Garden Grove. Please see Queen Elspeth or King Reilly for the menu and more details!

Barony of Vineland announces baronial fighter practice Tuesday nights 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 Aquitaine.

Mile Square Fighter Practice There is an unofficial Combat Practice every Wednesday evening at Mile Square Park. Come on down and hit your friends! Practice usually starts around 7:00pm and goes 'till we're all tired. It is located on the Brookhurst side of Mile Square Park, near the Heil entrance

"May visions of Sheep dance in your heads and brave knights, squires, men and women come and catch my sheep!"

- - Sq. Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis

The Crowns and Ministers for the Kingdom of Esperance

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You may also e-mail any of the ministers by putting their job title in front of @kingdomofesperance.org (Except for Their Majesties who are reached as Crown@kingdomofesperance.org)

And don't forget to visit The Shadowlands, www.schemel.com/adria

And our Kingdom Website at www.kingdomofesperance.org