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Our Crown Speaks

Greetings from Their Majesties,

Well, it has been an eventful month.

The Royal Consort was able to attend the Aquitaine event in January. It was a lovely event with lots of participation in combat. It was a delightful day.

As many of you know Aifa, the Rowan was knighted in Ministry at the January event and was subsequently confirmed as your Queen at the ensuing Estates meeting.

His Majesty was able to attend the Loch Lava event in January and had a grand time despite a minor injury to one of His Barons. Sir Jamie will recover.

Upon the same day Her Majesty accompanied Her Imperial Majesty to a day of collegia in Terre Nueve. It was a very interesting and educational day and We hope to do something similar in Esperance very soon. So, if you can teach something please let Us know so that we can add your name to the list of classes.

We look forward with eager anticipation to the Queen's Champion Tourney. We believe it to be something fairly new in Adria and hope it will be very fun for both the participants and spectators. Her Majesty plans to spend as much time as possible observing the competition.

Plans go forward on the Feast at the March Imperial Estates Meeting. We anticipate some excellent entertainment for that occasion.

We are examining the possibility of doing Corona Faire this year and will keep you posted on our progress.

Congratulations to the winners of the January event, keep up the good work.

We attended the February Aquitaine event together and had a lovely time.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next tournament. Bring your friends.

In Service to Esperance,

Conall Rex



Aifa Regina

From the Queen of Esperance

Having so recently taken the accolade I am sure it comes as no surprise that the meaning and responsibilities of that estates have been much on my mind.

That said, here are some of the things that have raised issues for me.

Is it not true that a knight has a responsibility to call to task those whose behavior is detrimental to the game? All right, fair enough, I have seen knights call to task squires, men at arms, the unbelted. Does this not extend to fellow knights? Do we not fail our responsibility to our brothers and sisters in the chivalry when we do not point out to them the error of their ways?

I have seen too many times where someone would say "look what so and so is doing" and the response was..."he's a knight". To the best of my knowledge being knighted does not confer infallibility. I have noticed that this attitude allows a situation to evolve until there is no practical solution. Why not get ahead of this and approach the problem before it becomes unmanageable?

Part of the reason the Arts have almost disappeared from Esperance is a history of overly harsh judges who made critical comments to novice artisans. While that practice has been changed in our fair Kingdom, the Arts have not recovered. We no longer

permit those who would be unkind to the novice, or the Knight, to judge.

Does it not make more sense to address the issue of excessive force on the field when it first becomes apparent that there is a problem? For example; Sir Durwood notices that Sir Brawny tends to power up in the second round. He takes Sir Brawny aside and says, " Hey, I don't know if you have noticed this but you really amp up in the second round." Next month Durwood sees the same behavior. Maybe it's time to go to the Crown Marshall and Joust and War and say, " Can you watch Sir Brawny for a while? Seems to me he powers up in the second round." If everyone sees the same thing they can all go to Brawny and say, "Hey, let us help you calibrate...we all get pumped up and sometimes we don't realize how hard we hit." If this doesn't work then maybe Brawny needs to be marshaled very aggressively and removed from the field for excessive force.

Do we not consider courtesy to others to be an integral part of our game and a knightly virtue? Should a person be allowed to be rude to others simply because they own a blue belt? Doesn't that belt give one a greater responsibility to be courteous to others?

I know I'm new to this but it seems to me the Chivalry as a whole is not doing its job. Did we all take the same oath, to be a lamp of chivalry and to dispense justice? When are we planning to begin? I for one, plan to begin today to let people know when they have done well...and when their behavior could use mending.

Queen's Champion's Tourney to be Held Today

*Submitted by Sir Jamie the Red
Minister of Joust and War*



As I'm sure you all have heard by now, there will be a tournament to determine the Queen's Champion today. The combat portion of the tournament will consist of three knight's list tourneys. A knight's list shinai tourney will be fought in addition to the normal sarjeant's list shinai tourney, so that the sarjeant's will still have their chance to participate in their tourney and may graduate to the knight's list. The ren and steel tourneys will be dedicated to determining the Queen's Champion, along with the knight's shinai list.

Scoring will be as follows. Entering any Champion's list will earn the combatant one point. A first place finish in the knight's shinai list will earn the combatant two additional points. A second place showing in the knight's shinai list will earn the combatant one additional point. A first place finish in the Ren list will earn the combatant three additional points. A second place finish in Ren will earn the combatant two additional points and a third place finish in that list will earn the combatant one additional point. In steel, the first place finisher receives four points, the second place finisher three points, the third place finisher two points and the fourth place finisher one point. Third and fourth place finishes in both ren and steel will be determined by a bout between the two losing combatants from the semi-final round.

The overall victor will be determined by who has the most points. In the event of a tie, the tied combatants will fight a simple, sudden death bout or tourney to determine the final victor.

If there are any questions or comments, please talk to me.

In service,
Sir Jamie the Red
Minister of War and Joust

Royal Estates of Esperance Meeting Announcement

Today's Estates meeting will be at CoCo's Resturant at starting approximately at 4:00 PM. To get to CoCo's Resturant from the park, go south on Tustin Ave. (make a right from the park). It is shortly past Lincoln on the left.

Imperial Estates Meeting Information

The March 2002 Imperial Estates Meeting

When: March 23-24

Where : Old World Village Catering & Banquets
7561 Center Ave., # 68
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92647

Hours: from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Refreshments: We are allowed to bring in our own sodas, water, etc. Coolers may be brought in, but we are also allowed to use the facilities on site to keep drinks cold. Lunch will not be provided at the estates meeting. However, there are many restaurants and fast food places nearby that would be perfect for lunch.

Festivities/Feast: The Queen's Ball

Hosted by the Kingdom of Esperance

When : Saturday, March 23

Where: Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave.
Huntington Beach, Ca 92648
(Drive time to this venue is about 10 minutes from Old World.)

Time: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dinner Fee: \$15 per person for adults. Children 12 and under \$6 each. As usual all ages are welcome to attend. Guests are invited to bring a dessert to share. (Contact Milisent De Lily at milisent@webworldinc.com if you are planning on bringing a dish to share.)

Alcohol: Yes – this is a “wet” site. However, only beer or wine is allowed – no hard liquor.

Special Events: A Bardic competition will be held at the event. An evening of song, poetry, and dance is expected. All those who are interested in participating in the competition please contact Dame Julianna Elizabeth Veronica Joanna Messina at joleym@yahoo.com for further details.

An Italian Ren style demonstration will also be given as entertainment during the event.

RSVP's are absolutely necessary. Please RSVP by March 16. All RSVP's and checks made payable to the Adrian Empire Inc, should be sent to:

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If you have any questions or personal concerns about either event, please feel free to contact Dame Julianna Elizabeth Veronica Joanna Messina at joleym@yahoo.com or at damedamn@socal.rr.com.

Recipe for the Month of February

*Submitted by Dame Aleta O'Barry van Hansard
Minister of Art's and Sciences*

HAZELNUT HONEY CAKE

7 1/2 tablespoons of honey
1/2 cup flour
pinch of salt
3 eggs, separated
1/3 cup finely ground hazelnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 7” cake tin or spring-form pan with non-stick baking paper. Butter and flour the sides.

Beat together the honey and egg yolk until thoroughly mixed, light and fluffy. Sift the flour and fold it into the eggs and honey with the ground hazelnuts. Beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt until stiff but still creamy. Fold them into the cake mixture, then pour into the pan and bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown, well risen and a needle inserted in the center comes out clean.

News from the March of Aggravain

Submitted by Dame Julianna Elizabeth Veronica Joanna Messina

Aggravain had grown to a very large size. After polling the baronies, Amber, Loch Lavae and Wharfside, it was decided to form a new march now.

The new barony of Wharfside had withdrawn from the County of Aguilar, the barony of Amber which has only been allied to Agravaire for a month is eager for growth and the barony of Loch Lavae is ready for another growth spurt. The heads of those estates agreed that the time was right.

I am pleased to announce that a new march, The March of Anvilania, came into existence in the presence of the King and Queen on Jan. 18, 2002.

A more public ceremony will be held in court at the February event.

Anvilania consists of the barony of Amber, the barony of Wharfside and the barony of canton Loch Lavae.

The heraldry for the March of Anvilania is a Gyronny of six pupure and argent in base three helms counterchanged and in chief an anvil sable.

The new Marquessa is Dame Julianna Elizabeth Veronica Joanna Messina.

Yours in Service,
Dame Julianna Elizabeth Veronica Joanna Messina

From the Canton of Avernus

Submitted by Viceroy Greylund Winter

We have weekly fighter practices every Sunday.
Winter hours are noon to 4pm.
Location: Leroy Jackson Park, Ridgecrest.

Typically there's 12-15 folks there every weekend.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

In Service,
Greylund Winter

Editor's note - The Canton of Avernus is located in the city of Ridgecrest. They do not have a normal event planned at this time. Please contact the Viceroy for more information.



Minister's Reminders

The Chancellor's office reported the following:

The Chancellor would like to welcome our new Baronies, Lagersuufer and Warfside, formed (in that order) at closing court at last month's kingdom event.

The Steward's Office submitted the following:

Greetings everyone!!!

First I would like to take a moment and welcome back Elspeth O'Neill. Please take a moment to say HI to her!!

Members that are expired or will be expiring soon:

January

Nelda Costner
Payy Costner
David Keyes
Lorrelle Monninger-Jett
Laurence Jones
Laura Jones

February

Charlene Andron
Michael Andron
Tina Al-Farsi
Angelec Andron
Tianay Gobert
Casey Fox
James Fox
Dennis O-dell
Tina Fox
Sherry Kimmel
Heide Lanning
Ken Pinyerd
Cory Rahe

March

Shane Flewelling
Cheryl Hollow
Michael Holt

I hope everyone has a wonderful Month!

Milisent de Lilley
Esperance Steward

The Minister of Rolls office submitted the following:
We had 50 people in attendance.

Winners for the day were Sir Terrin in Ren, Sir Rinehart in Steel, and Dame Katherine Marshal and Dame Marion in archery. A shinai list was not held at this event.

Congratulations are in order for Sir Allen McMahan and the former Queen Consort Aifa . Sir McMahan earned his first level knighthood in combat and took his belt at the event.

Dame Aifa earned her first level ministry knighthood and also took her belt at the event. Aifa was also elevated from Queen Consort to Queen that same

day, which was confirmed at the Royal Estates meeting that evening.

So three cheers to our newest combat knight and our newest ministry knight and Queen.

The Sovereign of Arms Office had no report this month.

The Hospitlar's Office had no report this month.

The Physicker's Office submitted the following:
I was sick and unable to attend the January event. My apologies to the kingdom. However, I did make the event at Loch Lave on January 26th. I enjoyed acting as Physicker and after Sir Jamie the Red received a terrible blow to the head I was required to give aid. The wound required much attention: a little water and a very small Band-Aid. With luck Sir Jamie the Red survived.

The Wardern's Office had no report this month.

The Minister of Archery's office had no report this month.

The Minister of Joust & War's office had this to report:
To the Populace, I send greetings.

The month of January was a full one for me. I attended the events in the Cantons of Aquitaine and Loch Lava, as well as the Crown Event. I encourage all to make the journey to the Cantons, it was a rewarding experience for me in many respects.

In the Canton of Aquitaine on January 5th all three combat lists were held. Shinai was won by Dame Marion, allowing her to ascend to the knight's list. Both renn and steel were won by myself, Sir Jamie the Red.

During the Crown event on January 12th only renn and steel were fought, as there were not enough participants for a shinai list. The renn list was run as a mini-pas d'armes in which there were three stations, single sword, sword and gauche, and double sword. Only Sir Terrin Greyphis was victorious at all three stations and he was awarded

the victory in renn. I apologize to those who had to wait as the Crown Marshall and myself did not adequately communicate with the Minister of Rolls and there was some initial confusion with the lists. The steel list was fought as a regular tourney and the victory went to Reinhart for the second month in a row.

In Loch Lava' on January 26th only renn and steel were fought as there were again not enough shinai participants for a list. I may have my notes mixed up, but I believe Sir Troiano was victorious in renn and Sir Angus Soth was the winner in the steel tourney.

To get a headstart on next month. I again attended the event for the Canton of Aquitaine this month. All three lists were fought with victory in the shinai list going to Squire Timothy, making Sir Mongo, his knight, very proud. Victory in renn went to His Majesty, while myself won victory in steel again.

To all, please remember that this month's tournament will be dedicated to selecting the Queen's Champion. There will be two shinai lists, the sarjeant's list and a knight's list. Those who wish to compete for Queen's Champion should sign up for the knight's shinai list. The losers in the semi-finals for both renn and steel will also fight an additional bout to determine third and fourth place in those lists. Points will be awarded to the participants and the combatant with the highest total will be named Queen's Champion. The Queen's Champion will take an oath of fealty to her. If you do not wish the honor, do not enter all of the lists or do not amass enough points to win.

In Service,
Sir Jamie the Red
Minister of War and Joust

The Art's and Science's office has this to report:
Greetings!

As you all know by now Their Royal Majesties have announced there will be a contest held throughout this year in the Arts & Sciences. For each arts entry you submit you will received a 'ticket'. This ticket will be deposited in a sealed box to be drawn at random at the Crown War in November. Just some of the already donated items to be awarded are a

handcrafted wooden box by Sir Jamie the Red, a stained glass by Dame Katherine Marshall, and bottled 'spritis' by Milisent de Lily and Sir Ce'Wolf!

Last months' tourney while short on entries was tall on winners! Both entrants received tourney wins AND a Masterwork was awarded! Sir Jamie the Red received his win and Masterwork for a beautifully handcrafted wood and brass presentation box. Sir Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne received his tourney win for a lovely black raspberry cider. Congratulations to them both!

If you want to make something truly delicious for your "sweetheart" this Valentine's Day please try the recipe I've provided for Hazelnut Honey Cakes. They are truly melt in your mouth! If you do decide to try it, why not enter it as well? It was a tourney winner for me!

In service,
Dame Aleta O'Barry van Hansard
Royal Minister Arts & Sciences

The Chronicler's office is still accepting submissions! 😊 Please have all submissions to me by no later than 6pm the Monday before the 2nd Saturday of the month. My e-mail and phone number are located at the back of this newsletter. Please no phone calls after 9:30pm.

The Master of the Ether's office submitted this report:
Made some large improvements to the Kingdom Website.

1. Implemented a new calendar program to view what events/demos/etc. are coming up. Adding of an event is password protected and will only be given out to whomever the crowns appoint to keep the calendar updated.
2. Rolled out the autocrat request form. Now people with event requests can fill out a form online, which will immediately be emailed to the crown and the warden for approval, there is also an option to CC yourself.
3. Updated the heraldry section. Currently divided into 3 sections. Personal arms, Estates and Cantons, and Guilds and Orders. I encourage everyone to take a look. If you cannot find yours, or there is a mistake, please let me know. I do not have all the information I need, but you, the populace can help me change that.

More info to come as I complete more projects.

In Service,
Sir Conner



Henry VIII on the dating scene

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 February	2 Canton of Aquitaine Event
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event / Queen's Champions Battles
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Kingdom of Terre Neuve hearts and Roses Crown Event in Poway
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Canton of Loch Lave Event
24	25	26	27	28	1 March	2 Canton of Aquitaine Event
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Kingdom of Esperance Corwn Event/ Naming of the Sword Collegium
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown War
17 Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Tournament	18	19	20	21	22 Palm Springs Renaissance Faire	23 Imperial Estate Meeting / Palm Springs Renaissance Faire
24 Imperial Estates Meeting / Palm Springs Renaissance Faire	25	26	27	28	29	30 Canton of Loch Lave Event
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Event Schedule

February

Canton of Aquitaine Event, February 2nd. Fairmount Park, Riverside. Contact the Viceroy, Sir Troiano the Strong, for more information.

Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event, February 9th. Eisenhower Park, Orange. List open at 10:00 and court will be promptly at 10:30.

Queens Champions Battles, February 9th. Eisenhower Park, Orange. Will be held throughout the day during the normal event.

Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown Event, February 16th. This is their annual Hearts and Roses Tourney. The event will be held in Poway. Start time is 10:00 AM. Please contact HRM Dame Marcella at sugarciaio@home.com for more information.

Canton of Loch Lave Event, February 23rd. The canton of Loch Lave is having their monthly event this day. Remember to contact the Vicereine of Loch Lave for more information.

March

Canton of Aquitaine Event, March 2nd. Fairmount Park, Riverside. Contact the Viceroy, Sir Troiano the Strong, for more information

Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event, March 9th. Eisenhower Park, Orange. List open at 10:00 and court will be promptly at 10:30.

Naming of the Sword Colligium, March 9th. Eisenhower Park, Orange. Will be held during the normal event.

Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown War, March 16th & 17th. Potrero Park. Please contact HRM Dame Marcella for more information at sugarciaio@home.com.

Imperial Estates Meeting, March 23rd & 24th. Old World, Huntington Beach, Ca. More information forthcoming.

Palm Springs Renaissance Faire, March 22nd, 23rd & 24th. Palm Springs, CA. More information to come.

Canton of Loch Lave Event, March 30th. The canton of Loch Lave is having their monthly event this day. Remember to contact the Vicereine of Loch Lave for more information.

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