

# Le Chronique d'Esperance

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## *Coronation Menu 2004*

### **1st Repast**

Created by Dame Lenora

### **2nd Repast**

Cock-a-leekie Soup

(chicken, leeks, onions, parsley, prunes, rice, bacon, bay leaf, carrots)

### **3rd Repast**

Beef Pie

(beef, onions, flour, salt, pepper, beef consommé, brown sugar, beer, pastry shell)

Boletis et Fungis

(mushrooms, olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper, parsley, pine nuts)

## *Song/Bardic for the Populace*

### **4th Repast**

Meatballs in Sauce Gauncile with Noodles

(ground beef, onion, garlic, bread crumbs, milk, butter, eggs, flour, salt, pepper, saffron, noodles)

Buttered Carrots

(carrots, salt, white wine, butter, currents, brown, cinnamon, dates)

### **5th Repast**

Roasted Chicken

(chicken, apples, onions)

Pumpkin Risotto

(pumpkin, onion, butter, chicken broth, white wine, arborio rice, parmesan cheese, salt & pepper)

## *Storyteller*

### **6th Repast**

Medieval Pastry

(flour, water, sour cream, egg yolk, salt, powdered sugar)

### **Beverages:**

Lemonade, Unsweetened Tea, Water

## National Steel Event

Good Populace,

We would like to take this time to thank all those that helped in making the National Steel Invitation Tournament a success. This was the first time we ever attended this event and we feel it necessary to state that everyone who planned and attended this event that they made it the most enjoyable Adrian Empire event we ever attended.

As some of you may be aware one of our cases containing approximately \$1,300.00 in weapons had been liberated from us. Even this tragic loss could not overcast our overall enjoyment of the event.

Everything from the delicious feast and combatant banter to belly dancing made every aspect of the

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experience worth it.

It was wonderful and we feel even our thanks is not enough in expression of how much we enjoyed our time.

Lord Wright, Emperor

## Notice from the Imperial Crown

Good Populace,

The Empire is a growing changing environment and we are constantly being challenged with new issues. With that being said we have noticed a new trend starting to form. We find the policies of the empire already exist to handle these new issues and therefore we are going to start to enforce them. However, being that they have been used infrequently in the past we are going to send out this empire wide notice.

In the pages of Adrian History many chartered subdivisions were engulfed in internal strife. This had a tendency to make strong groups and estates, constantly ready for war. A side effect was the warring between the many factions expanded beyond acceptable limits and frequently chased off new members who were turned off by what they saw. Also, we would see tempers boil to the point of a major war or court case in which the losers were usually run off.

Over the past few years, several members came up with the idea of being able to create new or divide existing subdivisions in order to give everyone room to enjoy the Adria they liked. This way areas did not need to have an overlord ruling on what they thought was important, while ignoring what some of the populace wanted. If enough of the populace had a different view they could petition to become their own chartered subdivision and play in their own style. With the passage of several

procedures and verification of existing laws this started to happen over the empire. Fairly recently Brandenburg, Castilles, Galloway, Albion and Isle of DeMortis all were able to form from Terra Nueve, York, Kildare, Aragon and Umbria. Giving these people their own space has elevated much of the hardships upon the Empire.

Then a new problem started to arise. With the creation of these groups within a closer proximity to each other, how was new members/distressed members wishing to play an important role in a neighboring subdivision take place. Surly they could enter lists, but they were restricted on creating estates and ministry service was only limited. Several came up with the idea of being able to choose your home subdivision. Our persona's would physically move in history but we are prevented from doing so because of obvious mundane circumstance. Therefore the laws changed to allow members to switch subdivisions. It was thought that this would also greatly reduce strife. Again if someone was unhappy where they were they could move to an area where more people had similar views.

We believe these changes are responsible for much of the growth we have been experiencing. However, being that all of this is new, something that no one though of is starting to pop up. Members with scores to settle or that are truing to enforce their personal wills on neighboring subdivisions have plagued the Crowns with issues and problems. The Crowns and their ministers have been working to fix problems created and find middle ground in an effort to put old issues to bed. Unsatisfied, some are now turning to the mundane authorities with "tips" on errors of the Empire or using mundane influences to directly affect other subdivisions activities. Usually this is done as perceived

revenge against one or a few members of the other subdivision without regard to all the other Adrians that reside there and are affected.

**THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** We will not let feuds of individual members harm innocent members of the empire. We have consulted with several of the Imperial Family and all have agreed this type of behavior is despicable and not to be tolerated. These are members attempting to force the hand of the legitimate government (local and Imperial) for personal gain at the expense of the innocent.

Excuses, of course, are closely related to these happenings. statements of "we are sorry we just had to let our mundane friends know what was going on" or "we don't know who sent the letter it was anonymous" are not acceptable.

Therefore, we remind all that the Imperial Crowns are the only authorized source to contract with mundane sources. We extend that authority to local Crowns in an effort to allow them the flexibility to do what is needed locally. However, if we feel that local Crowns are negatively effecting other subdivisions, we shall remove their autonomy in this area. Also depending on the severity we may charge local Crowns with disharmony. Now some may say we can't be held responsible for the actions of our populace. To this we say local Crowns are supposed to know what is going on locally. To hide behind ignorance is an excuse. If members of the populace are acting in an unacceptable manner then the Crown should investigate, hinder further aggressive acts and punish those committing these acts. Crowns unable or unwilling to make their regions lawful are failing as Crowns and may have their governments declared nonfunctional.

We have no desire to step into

anyone's subdivision but we shall not allow a few members with personal agendas ruin the events and fun of the

populaces at large. We remind Crowns responsibility is not only to their populaces but to the Empire at large as well.

Lord Wright, Emperor  
Dame Aislynn, Empress

### *Support Thanks*

Good populace,

Her Imperial Majesty and I would like to thank everyone for expressing their support of our statements regarding individual members of the populace attempting to effect other subdivisions.

When traveling new grounds we try to move intelligently in an effort that best benefits the entire empire. It is always a wonderful relief when announcing a new policy on a relatively new topic to have the amount of unified support that was expressed to us.

We expect with the strong immediate response of the entire Empire those treading these dangerous waters will see that this kind of behavior is unacceptable and will cease and desist in the future.

Again thank you.

Lord Wright, Emperor  
Dame Aislynn, Empress

### *Sir Bear*

This is to let all of you know that Terry Fink aka Sir Bear, passed away this morning (Saturday November 13th) at 8:33am.

He was surrounded by family and friends, and went very peacefully.

To all those who sent their well wishes this way, Thank you.

To all those who have gamed with my father for all these years. thank you for being a part of his life that he

loved.

Colleen Malmquist

### *Memorial Tournament*

Good Gentles All ,

I apologize for the tardiness of this post, once again I let it ;anguish in limbo (drafts folder).

I want thank all of the participants in this last months Pas de armes that was held in the memory of our fallen brother Sir Nigel of Huntington. We had the pleasure of our Royals cousins company from Esperance as well as visitors from The Order and the Chivalry of the Kingdom of Terre Nueve. The Chivalry of Brandenburg acted as the Tenons and held the field for challenges from the Venons (visitors). The combatants all fought well and with honor, the victors of each tournament were decided by the Ladies Gallery who judged not only on the prowess of each combatant but the chivalry and presence of the combatants. That was not an easy task. We hope to make this event a regular part of our schedule. The victors of each tournament were as follows Baroness Katherine of Terre Nueve for shinai, Giacino of Esperance in Rapier and Sir Karl Rothenburg for Armoured combat. Thank you all for you attendance and I hope that you will return to our fare lands in the future.

Sir Erik Harbinger and lady Melora Archduke and Archduchess of Brandenburg

### *Children's Day Demo*

#### *Recap*

Greetings from Canton Agadir,

From my view point I think the demo went well. The attendance was MUCH smaller than the year before - I was told they sold 2,000 tickets this year - last year they sold 50,000! Okay - it was much smaller. The

"Whack-A-Knight" event was the biggest hit – who says violence doesn't sell! We had the kids lined up forever and had many Marines ask if they could play - unfortunately they exceeded the height requirement. We did hand out flyers and some sounded interested. I guess time will tell!

A HUGE thanks goes out to Dame Lenora and Dame Marion for baking "soul cakes" for the kids. Many looked at them with questioning faces (because they didn't look like something Stater's made) but many of the adults tried them and liked them. Me included!

Sir Ce'Wolf, Sir Terrin, Sir Jamie and Squire Alywn were awesome. The fighting and arts demonstrations were wonderful.

Squire Render fought in steel for the first time. He was jazzed! The kids loved hitting him too! A heartfelt thanks to Sir Caspain to sending his armor for the good Squire to use.

Event winners of the day:

Steel - Sir Jamie the Red  
Renn - Sir Troiano the Strong

By the end of the day all participants were exhausted and decided to skip Archery.

Thank you for all who participated in the demo - I will continue to give feedback as I hear it! Thank you!

In Service,  
Dame Marsaili de Meucci

## *October Estates Meeting Minutes*

Kingdom of  
Esperance  
Estates Meeting  
Minutes

October 2, 2004

I. Roll Call

Eligible Estates:

Kingdom of Esperance – Terrin Rex



present (Marion Regina also present)

March Aggravaine – (Marquessa Rosellen), Marquis Ce'Wolf present

County Aguilar – (Countess Lyrica) proxy Sir Terrin

Barony Bloodstone – (Baron James, Baroness Tigeura) proxy Sir Giachino

House Archer's Reach – (Lady Tigeura) proxy Sir Giachino

House Atherton – (Lord Ray) proxy Sir Giachino

House MacMahon – (Laird Allen) proxy Sir Giachino

Couer de Rose – Lord Donavan present

Barony Vineland – (Baron William) proxy Sir Terrin

House Archambault – Lady Luren present

House Caffeeum – Lord Alwyn present

Battaglia dell'Arte – (Lady Guinevere) proxy Sir Giachino

Barony Marrakesh – Baroness Marsaili present

House Mertola – (Lord William) proxy Dame Marsaili

House di Rinaldo – (Lady Tiffany) proxy Dame Marsaili

House of the Wanderers – (Lady Rebecca) proxy Dame Marsaili

House of Desert Raders – Lady Milisent present

17 estates present or represented of 17 eligible estates.

Eligible Non-landed votes:

(Dame Willow) proxy Dame Maedb

Sir Donovan present

Sir William present

(Sir Troiano) proxy Dame Marsaili

[Dame Aleta] absent

Sir Jamie present

Dame Maedb present

(Sir Coda) proxy Dame Maedb

(Sir James) proxy Sir Giachino

Sergei present

Razi present

Sir Caspain present

(Dame Lenora) proxy Sir Terrin

[Sir Royal] absent

(Dame Katherine) proxy Dame Maedb

(Sir Robert) proxy Dame Milisent

14 votes present or represented of 16 eligible votes

Total:

31 of 33; quorum established.

II. Crown Business

CRB 1: Review registered Esperance arms

Discussed, but no action requested or taken.

III. Chancellor Business

CH 1: Approve fitness of Crown Candidates

Discussion and final questions.

Dame Lenora / Sir Donavan: 27 ayes, 0 nays

Razi / Sir Caspain: 18 ayes, 9 nays

All candidates approved.

IV. Old Business

OB 1: Review Dec. 2002 – Nov. 2003 term of office of Terrin and Marion to determine if deemed successful. Tabled in the December 2003 meeting.

Remained tabled.

V. New Business

NB 1: Expense Approval Request: funds for crowns to travel to Imperial Estates meetings. (Sir Royal)

Tabled to December pending details from author.

NB 2: Expense Approval Request: funds for clock (Sir Jamie / Dame Maedb)

Amended: Not to exceed \$25.

18 ayes, 6 nays, passes.

NB 3: Expense Approval Request: up to \$75 for list tree (Sir Jamie / Dame Maedb)

Passed without objection.

VI. Next Meeting

Next estates meeting scheduled for

December 11<sup>th</sup> Crown event.  
Meeting Adjourned.

## *Contender Announcement*

Unto their most August Majesties of Esperance, our fellow candidates Dame Razi and Sir Caspain and the gracious populace of Esperance, do we, Dame Lenora and Sir Donovan, send greetings.

When we decided to run for crown, we came up with what we thought would be ways to bring more members to Esperance, continue the fun we have seen in the special events over the past few years and create a better environment for all members to realize their dreams of living in the Medieval and Renaissance time period. We realized that the effort of going to college campuses was going to create a huge burden on the populace as a whole and we realized that all members needed to buy into the concept and help each other make the idea of new members a reality. This also means that we hoped that we could put our differences aside and work towards making Esperance grow and prosper once again. We were very excited about the outpouring of support for our ideas of expansion and felt that we were headed in the right direction.

Shakespeare wrote:

Sonnet 35

*No more be grieved at that which  
thou hast done;  
Roses have thorns, and silver  
fountains mud;  
Clouds and eclipses stain both sun  
and moon,  
And loathsome canker lives in  
sweetest bud.*

Shakespeare lets us put words to our thoughts.

When we embarked on this journey, we knew the stakes were high and that we might have to weather many accusations and lies. What we did not expect was the vicious intentions towards ourselves and others. On a more personal note, both of us have had major events occur in our real life over the past weeks. Alone, these were things that we could overcome, but dealing with those, coupled with the above unpleasantness, have made us think twice about our decision to run.

We do not feel that the crown of Esperance is worth the loss of friends so at this time we are withdrawing our candidacy. We wish to thank the populace for their overwhelming support and kindness in this difficult time. We apologize to you as well for withdrawing at this late date, as we know you have put many hours into projects and into getting ready for war. You will never know just how much we appreciate your efforts. It is our hope that you will support Dame Razi and Sir Caspain in the coming year.

With Great Sincerity and the Love of The Dream,

Dame Lenora Greyphis and Sir  
Donavan Cadnawon

The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations from Shakespeare. Mary and Reginald Foakes. Page 402, Lines 1-4. Columbia University Press, 1998.

## *Esperance Crown War 2004*

Given the withdrawl of one set of contenders, the Crown war was

uncontested. Those that wished to participate in the war were divided in approximately equal numbers for a fun war. Army One, as designated by the marshals and record keepers, eventually comprised Sir James, Sir Donovan, Squire Ray the Red, Squire Falcon, Sir MacMahon, and Sir Ce'Wolf (archery). Army Two included Squire Alwyn, Sergei, Squire Gavin, Dimitri, Sir Logan, and Sir Jamie (archery).

Combat was so fun many scenarios were fought twice (only the first was counted). Army One opened strong with a victory in the Armored Open Field Battle. Army One captured the Armored Champion's match (Sergei yielded to Sir Donovan) while HRM Terrin was off building the bridge for the bridge battles. Army Two came back to win the Armored Bridge Battle. Sergei won the Armored tourney (Sir James yielded to Sergei).

Shinai balanced out the score with Army One taking the Open Field Battle, but Army Two coming back to win both the Bridge Battle and Three Lives Battle. Even three lives were not enough to satisfy the battle lust of the combatants (huzzah to fun!) and that scenario was also fought a second time. Combat archery was permitted in two scenarios, but no archers were present for the battles.

The Renaissance (Rapier) battles gave a lead to one side. Army One swept the Open Field and Bridge Battles as well as the Champion's match (Sir James was victorious against Squire Gavin). Congratulations to Squire Ray the Red for his first Knight's list victory when he won the Renaissance tourney!

At the Crown War 2003, Dame Willow was the only arts entry and she remained neutral so as not to skew the fun war points. This year, Sir Ce'Wolf was the only one to enter the arts and he had not yet joined an army so war points were again not tallied in arts.

Thus at the end of day one of the war, Army One led 6 to 3 with 4 possible archery points remaining. As in 2003, target archery could decide the war.

Squire Alwyn and Dame Lenora, two of Esperance's normal archers, did not make the shoot in November. Both crowns remained neutral this year (but shot in the war and monthly tourney). Sir Jamie joined Army Two that his squire had fought for on day one and Sir Ce'Wolf joined Army One. No Bowman's List win was possible as no bowmen were present. Sir Ce'Wolf was having an on day and took both 60 mm war shoots (the Huntsman's List and the Open List). The Champion's shoot was two arrows each at 30, 20, and 10 yards at a fox target and raccoon target, best arrow on each target at each range. Sir Jamie and Sir Ce'Wolf were the official champions, though Her Royal Majesty shot for fun and His Royal Majesty gave the two shorter ranges a try (saving his arrow shattering for the Imperial Speed Shoot). Sir Jamie, Sir Ce'Wolf, and Sir Terrin all scored one hit while Her Majesty spared the poor defenseless paper animals. Sir Jamie and Sir Ce'Wolf shot one arrow at each range in a sudden death shoot out for the war point, with Sir Ce'Wolf finally defeating Sir Jamie at 10 yards. All present also shot in the monthly crown tourney (see the Rolls Report) and

the new Imperial Postal Shoot (see Imperial reporting).

Army One wins! Congratulations to all who participated in this year's fun war.

Terrin  
Esperance Rex

### *Wunner Memorial Shoot*

Sadly we have come to the end of the Wuner Memorial Shoot. This has been a grand way to remember Craig Toth, Squire Wuner, who left us November 16, 2003 to learn the challenges of this wondrous sport all on our own. We were given further challenges by the good archers of Terre Neuve who joined us in the endeavor. Juan Ramon and Hamish of Terre Neuve came in first and third. Hazzah to all who participated.

One of the wishes of Squire Wuner was to see less fiberglass bows and plastic fletchings. Some of the Esperance Archers have taken that challenge, Dame Lenora, Sir Terrin, Sir Jamie the Red, Squire Alwyn, Dame Lurin now all have flat wood bows; Sir Ce'Wolf has a horse bow (which gives him a wee bit of a challenge); Dame Marion has a long bow carved by Squire Wuner.

Squire Wuner wanted to see Royal Rounds, Splitting the Wand and Clout shoots. Sir Connor did insure the Splitting the Wand and the Clout shoot at the Inter-Kingdom Event at Prado in January 2004. Clout shoots are so much fun, the task is finding the area that will allow such a shoot. We have had Mrs. William Tell shoots - will Mrs. William Tell (and her apples) and the wand are still very safe but the time will come when our archers will meet the challenge.

Sir Jamie the Red and Sir Ce'Wolf have increased their knowledge of Archery in our time period and it is wondrous to hear them at a demo.

I know that Sir Ce'Wolf, as Minister

of Archery, in the coming year will do everything he can to carry on this love of Archery to one and all.

Marion Regina



### *Help Wanted*

Help yourself as well as the ministers who must decipher your handwriting and effectively deal with your Steps to Knighthood or any other form that needs to be read. Sir Jamie the Red and I have on two occasions requested that you **print your name; that you print the same name EACH time; that you are very clear with whatever you are signing, be it a collegium, demo, membership forms (Same name each year is good)**. For those of you who are autocrats and dealing with events other than normal events, it is **your** responsibility to ensure the paperwork is accurate and complete; turned into the Crown for approval, then to the Minister of Rolls. The Minister of Rolls should not have to guess what happened or who did it.

There is a cause and affect to incomplete, inaccurate records.

The recent audit of various ministry records was indeed a mystery to be solved for some areas. In the long run,

it is you, who are affected, but in the short run - be nice to those Ministers who give of their free time to insure all of our records are accurate.

Marion Regina

## *Esperance Heraldry*

Greetings to all:

Last week I said to one - have you submitted your heraldry and was quickly corrected by HRM Terrin that arms are submitted not heraldry. Heraldry is the science. And so we will all learn and that is part of why we play this game. During my reign as Queen while attempting to insure all our records were in order, it was determined our SoA records were not complete nor were they up-to-date and in fact all of our Estates Records were missing. It appears that in 1999 and 2000 there was a strong push for submittal of arms. I distantly remember, Lord Horatio Merriweather sending me weekly e-mails and even called via the land line. And it was in those two years a major portion of our arms were submitted and accepted.

Many of our subdivisions are behind in this area, this science, like many other areas we are researching, is a fascinating and in some cases frustrating subject. What looks really good to you or me, may not be accepted and thus the Imperial Crowns have created a whole new office with many players. There has been a very strong, steady, review of the Imperial Office of SoA. In some cases, it was merely the need to correct names and in others it was the need to request that the arms which were changed by the Imperial archiver to appear more period, totally changed the

appearance of the device. The new appearance was as blazoned and period, but in some cases not acceptable. Sir Troiano's for an example, the arms as "updated" had no appearance in any way to the arms he has been using since 1999. The device was restored without issue but I am sure only due to the age of the device.

Several times in the last few months, I have asked each of you to advise if the arms as shown on the Adrian Empire website are correct, if any changes have been made after the acceptance, or if the arms are just not there. I have heard from Sir Giachino, Dame Maedb, Sir Robert de la Fonteyne, HRM Terrin as to past **accepted** submittals. There is a longer list of submittals that were previously submitted and no trace in the Imperial records.

The corrections in the names and subdivisions for Esperance on the Registered list of arms were extensive and all but 2 have been updated. The same corrections will be required on the Armorial and that is now in process but expect another 3 or 4 months before completed.

A new submittal format has just been released and will be advised in the next Le' Chronique scheduled December 11th.

It has truly come to pass that we have new arms registered in Esperance:

**House Caffeu** - Estate K-Esperance (2004/Nov)

Argent, a coffee plant vert

**Dmitri Lukin** - Device K-Esperance (2004/Nov)

Quarterly or and azure, overall a double-headed eagle sable.

**Dame Marion Leal Durius** - Device K-Esperance (2004/Nov)

Vert, a oak tree eradicated and on a chief or, three acorns proper

**Ray the Red** - Device K-Esperance (2004/Nov)

Or, a dragon statant contourné gules

**Maedb Hawkins** - Device K-Esperance (2004/Nov)

Azure, a salamander ermineois

Congratulations to Ray the Red (Knight in Waiting) and Dmitri Lukin for their arms made it through on the first submittal in a timely manner.

Dame Marion Leal Durius

## *Arts and Sciences*

Well folks the year is coming to an end and I just wanted to recap the year for you.

In January we had an embroidered bag entered by myself with a score of 26.

In February there was a cherry liqueur entered by myself with a score of 19.

In March there was an embroidered Caul again entered by myself with a score of 28.

In August there was a buckler entered by John Traller (XE Ryder) with a score of 26. This was the first time that he had entered the arts and I want to say again congratulation and hopefully we will see more of your work in the near future.

In October we had a bardic sung to us by Sir Giachino Morone Lococo de San Filippo with a score of 23.66

I also did an on site embroidery competition early on in the year that I hope those that participated had a good time with.

It was a good year though I wish I could have gotten more people to enter that arts. Hopefully the new arts minister can pull more people in.

YIS,  
Dame Milisent de Lilley

## Steps to Knighthood

I have included an article written by Sir Jehan that he gives to his students in today's classroom. I am sure, his article is more concise than any I could write. Knighthood is not something to take lightly - it carries responsibility - and the virtues stated by Sir Jehan are important in today's life as well.

Besides all the serious thoughts and steps one needs to think about before taking the accolade of knighthood - is the mundane process of tracking your points. The office of Rolls changes from year to year, and sometimes the format of how the data entered changes as well as the expertise of the person entering the data. The Rolls Minister is relying on all the other ministers to be clear, concise and timely with their reports. All mean well but stuff happens. During a recent audit, some items were found missing. There are times when someone determines they are ready to take the "step", and they want the knighting ceremony now or next week. The more complete your request and submittal of the Steps to Knighthood and the more time you give the Rolls Minister the easier it will be for you.

It all starts with you - sign in - then do what you signed in to do. Keep track of what you do.

Dame Marion

## Knighthly Virtues

There was no "Code of Chivalry" in the sense of a written set of rules that knights had to obey. There were, however, definite ideas about what a knight was supposed to be like, and knights wrote about the ideals of knighthood. Two of these were Geoffroi de Charny ("The Book of Chivalry") and Ramon Lull ("The Book of the Order of Chivalry"), and their ideas were important for how knights and

others perceived what constitutes knightly behavior. Although they approach the concept of Chivalry from different perspectives, both men viewed knighthood as a striving to be one's best and not simply keeping a set of rules. The concepts given below are not a checklist of behavior but a list of ideals that the knight must seek to fulfill in everything he does.

**Prowesse:** The knight must be good at what he does. This includes, of course, fighting and hunting and jousting, etc. But it also includes singing, dancing, managing the estate or land, etc.

**Justice:** The knight must exemplify right behavior. As he exhibits right behavior, he has the authority to judge others and dispense justice.

**Loyalty/Faithfulness:** The knight must hold fast to his liege and his fellow knights. He cannot betray his lord or his companions.

**Protection:** The knight defends those who are weak. Whenever a knight encounters oppression or abuse of the defenseless, he is obligated to take the part of the one who cannot defend himself. "If a rich man and a poor man are at odds, take the part of the poor man until the facts of the matter can be determined."

**Courage:** A knight cannot be a coward. This involves standing up for what is right and being willing to take risks. It also means displaying all of the other knightly qualities when it is embarrassing, "stupid" or even dangerous to do so. A knight must be willing to put his reputation, safety and even life on the line in order to preserve what is good and right and oppose all that is wrong.

**Faith:** Knights in the Middle Ages consistently were Christians. As much as we admire and appreciate religious diversity, it didn't exist in medieval

Europe.

**Temperance:** The good knight showed self-control. He didn't have sudden outburst of temper, indulge in bad habits, etc.

**Largesse:** This was more than generosity; it was a giving of oneself.

**Worth:** The knight's whole behavior was to reflect his position in society. He was not to be frivolous; his whole demeanor was to indicate who and what he was. [N.B.: This was sometimes misunderstood as arrogance, which is the vice that it can become.]

**Privilege/Station:** The knight had to maintain "horse and harness" and not allow himself to live beneath his station. Everything was to be kept in good condition and present a proper aspect.

**Courtoisie:** Originally, this was simply the ability to behave properly at court, so as not to embarrass oneself or one's family. It later developed to include such things as kissing a woman's hand, walking on the street side so the woman would not be splashed by passing carriages, good table manners, speaking pleasantly, holding doors open for women, not deliberately being rude to others, etc.

The Knightly Virtues may sound old fashioned, but our society needs people who can embody the ideals of knighthood. In many ways modern America has become rude, cowardly, selfish, unjust, mediocre, disloyal, intemperate, and generally unlike the chivalrous knight. Read the essay "The Necessity of Chivalry" and be prepared to discuss how the Knightly Virtues can be applied in YOUR daily life.

I would like to see you adopt chivalrous ideals as your own!

Sir Jehan

## *Esperance Estates*

I, Dame Lyrica Angeline (Bonnie Archambault), want to announce the official knighting of my squire now Dame Luren de Wesconsin (Liz Bobbe), which occurred on the night of Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

This was an honorable celebration for a wonderful person and minister to the Kingdom of Esperance and the Adrian Empire.

Hazzah!!! Dame Luren, I am very happy and proud of you. You are a person that truly deserved the title of knighthood.

Your Knight,  
 Dame Lyrica Angeline  
 Countess of Aguilar  
 Kingdom of Esperance

## *Knightings and Awards*



Elderidge, Steve	Knight Champion	July 16, 2004
Elderidg, Vickie	Knight Master	May 24, 2003
Fox, James	Knight Champion	March 20, 2004
Gray, Salvatore	Knight Bachelor	March 20, 2004
Hillenburg, John	Knight Civil	March 6, 2004
Huizenga, Sara	Imperial Culinary Golden Spoon from Dame Aleta	March 8, 2003
Huizenga, Sara	The Green Eye	December 13, 2003
Komm, Cynthia	The Royal Star	December 13, 2003
Flewelling, Shane	Knight Bachelor	May 2, 2004
Mellor, Ray	Armigerous Rights	December 13, 2003
Mellor, Ray	Knight Bachelor	December 4, 2004
Morones, Jack	Knight Minister	May 8, 2004
Morones, Jack	Crown Companion	December 13, 2003
Saunders, David	Armigerous Rights	December 13, 2003
Toth, Craig	Crown Companion	December 13, 2003

<b><i>December</i></b>						
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday</i></b>
			1 Fighter Practice	2	3	4 Esperance Coronation & Feast
5	6	7	8 Fighter Practice	9	10	11 Esperance Crown Event
12	13	14	15 Fighter Practice	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fighter Practice	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30		

**Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else, you are the one getting burned.**  
Buddha



*Thank You for Your Service  
To the Kingdom of Esperance*

*The Kingdom of Esperance is a group of people gathered together to learn and teach others of the wondrous time period called the Middle Ages and to have fun and enjoyment within the activities and arts of this wondrous time period. This is possible only with the ministry of each of It's members both to the Kingdom and to each other.*

*Be it known by all, that this day, We wish to express Our appreciation for the Ministry provided by all in the Kingdom of Esperance in the last two years.*

*Upon this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year 2004 C.E.*

*So let it be written, let it be done.*



*Dame Marion Leal Durius  
Esperance Regina*

*Sir Terrin Greyphis  
Esperance Rex*