

The Adrian Herald

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Greetings and Salutations!

As the New Year is around the corner I find myself with a new position; that of the Imperial Chronicler.

Their Imperial Majesties have expressed to me some changes they wish to make in this office so in the coming months there will be many new and hopefully exciting features to see in the Adrian Herald. Some you will see in this issue.

The key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to you; the readers. **To do this requires input and communication.** That means I need to hear from you with suggestions, stories and other features that you the reader are willing to contribute or would like to see

Otherwise it's just little old me writing away and as much as I enjoy writing; this is the Adrian Herald not Sir Auberon's Herald. 😊

So what do you want to see? I won't know unless you let me know.

Here is to a wonderful Holiday season to you and yours and hopefully I can put out a decent newsletter to prove that the faith their Imperial Majesties have in me is well placed.

Happy Holidays to one and All or as they say In Andorra;

"Bon Nadal"

Yours In Service

Sir Auberon dela'Reve

Imperial Chronicler

December 15th 2005

Holiday Greetings and A Message from the Imperial Crowns

Greetings unto the Nobles, Knight's, and Populace of Adria,

We send glad tidings this magnificent Yule and wish you and yours the best of all days. Our first month has been very busy and we have accomplished a great deal in a short period of time. We offer our deepest gratitude to all those who have assisted us in these endeavors and look forward to working with you in the future to foster enhancement of the Empire.

We have completed the transfer of memberships from Castilles to Kincora and have elevated Kincora to an Archduchy based on that transfer. Congratulations to both subdivisions. May you prosper and thrive.

The Duchy of Dunvegan and the newly formed Shire of Dun'Afton recently completed a treaty and new Charters will be issued to both subdivisions before the first of the year. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your extraordinary cooperation in achieving this agreement.

With the assistance of our Deputy MoWaJ, Sir Cameron, we have completed the draft for a Crown Writ, which will allow participation in rapier combat for those members age 14 and up. This will be posted and take effect the first day of January 2006. Please read the writ completely before enacting it to avoid any confusion as to its intent. Any deviation from its specifications may result in disciplinary action. Please utilize this playtest appropriately so we can have superb reports for its consideration by the Body at the March Estates Meeting. After hearing the pleas of Imperial Peers and many Knights throughout Adria, we are exploring the use of Combat "Schola" to encourage education in the discipline of Combat within the Empire. If you are interested, or have suggestions, please contact HIH Karl.

We have authorized our Arts Ministers to begin revamping the Judging Guidelines including creating a Syllabus for Judging Collegia, so everyone is learning the same thing in regards to Arts Judging in the Empire. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact Dame Etaine or Sir Angus Kilshannig.

Dame Marion, Imperial Steward, has created an e-group for all Stewards and Crowns to gain knowledge and information. If you are not on this group, please contact Dame Marion. Currently, all memberships received to date have been uploaded into the Stewards database. Thank you to Dame Marion and all of the local Stewards that have been so diligent in getting this information in the right place.

The Imperial Webminister, Sir Greyland, is currently revamping the e-groups. Please make sure the Crown and appropriate minister join their particular groups so they have access to pertinent information.

Reporting is still lacking. Timely reporting is important for consistency within the Empire. When a subdivision does not report in a timely fashion it creates issues in a variety of venues. Therefore, we have found it necessary to create the following Crown Policy (enacted as of January 1st, 2006):

All reports are due to their respective Imperial Minister by the 5th of each month. If an Imperial Minister has not received a report from a subdivision by the 15th of the month, they will contact the Crowns of the subdivision. If the report is not received by the last day of the Month, the Minister shows a breach of substantial performance and will receive no Ministry point for that Month. After the second month a report has not been filed, the Crowns of the subdivision will show lack of substantial performance and will be denied any Ministry point for that period of time. After the third month a report has not been filed and no contact has been made to rectify the situation, we will recommend the subdivision for a reduction of status, which will appear on the next Imperial Estates Agenda for non-compliance in reporting. This is in accordance with Article VIII.D.3.b.VII. A Kingdom must continue to meet all the requirements of this article and its Charter, or may have its Charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates general. These steps may be repeated as necessary. If you are a Shire, we will appoint new leadership for your subdivision.

If you are currently behind in your reporting, the Imperial Minister will contact your Crown and work with you toward rectifying your deficit. Continued noncompliance will affect our ability to verify your qualification to hold

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votes on the Imperial Body and may result in disqualification. Again, the Imperial government will make every effort to assist you in correcting problems before disciplinary action becomes necessary. You need only request assistance and show a willingness to work with us toward fixing problems. This includes taking responsibility for the breach and showing sufficient cause as to why the report could not be made. (In other words, if you cannot report, please contact us and let us know why and if there is anything we can do to help and you won't be in trouble.) See BOD Report for mundane interventions for financial noncompliance in reporting.

We apologize if this seems harsh, but continued noncompliance with regards to reporting standards has created a great deal of confusion and frustration within the Empire and must be addressed. We understand that this is a volunteer organization, however, the benefits and recognition of being a Minister or Crown must be balanced with meeting the responsibilities of being a Minister or Crown.

Please remember, when sending e-mails for all Adrian business, you must copy both of us for your correspondence to be considered official. emperor@adrianempire.org and empress@adrianempire.org work, as well as our personal e-mail accounts, sirpavo@yahoo.com and ashlinn3@yahoo.com.

Thank you to everyone for his or her continued hard work and support of the Adrian Empire. We look forward to a rewarding, exciting, and prosperous reign.

With best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,



Pavo and Ashlinn, Imperator and Imperatrix, Adria

Season's Greetings

Results from the November 2005 Imperial Estates Meeting

Crown Business:

CRB1 charters - The shire of Lancaster has requested to be put on suspension and have their membership be counted as members at large of the Empire, with possible re-instatement in March.

The shire of Bisqaia (Austin/Fort Hood, TX) was seated.

A third exception to law was asked for and granted by the estates for the remaining people of Dunvegan and the people of Dun Afton to have separate lands, but share a part of each others territory. Other solutions are being looked into and the exception to law may not actually need to be put into effect, but it was granted just in case.

CRB2 Membership assignment to chartered subdivision - Referred to author for re-write and an Imperial civil court to clarify the meaning of 200 miles. (Whether it's from the individuals home or from the outer borders of the subdivisions)

CRB3 change scheduled rotation of March and July 2006 meetings - approved

CRB4 Insurance review - approved

CRB5 Publication of changes - approved with additional language. After "...shall be published and enacted on January 1st of the following year " add " by the chancery of the retiring crown" (or something to that effect).

Chancery Business

CH1 Imperial Budget - approved

CH2 no action taken

CH3 Elect members of the BOD - the estates allowed the roster of nominees to be re-opened for self-nomination since no one had made an announcement to remind the estates of the change in law last Nov. requiring written.

Awards and Recognition

At the Final Court of their Highnesses Lord Wright and Dame Aislynne, Emperor and Empress of Adria The following Honors were bestowed:

Recognition of Elevation:

Duchy of Desert Rose was granted Archduchy status

Lords and Ladies of the Empire:

Sir Angus of Albion
Dame Beth of Albion
HRG Dame Isabeau dela'Reve of Andorra
HRG Sir Greylond Winter of Cambridge
Dame Ana Llywellyn of Castilles
HRM Sir Boru of Castiles
Sir Donavan of Esperance
HRM Sir Caspain of Esperance
Sir Farid of Kincora
Elaine Morgenstern of Neu Eisenwold
Sir Arthur of Somerset
Dame Sorche of Sommerset
Rydderch ap Eirwyn of Valencia

Baron and Baroness of the Empire:

Sir William Baine of Albion
Dame Julianna Hirsch of Brandenburg
Sir Arion Hirsch of Brandenburg
HRG Sir Philippe de Morte of Isle de Morte
HE Dame Kate of Isle de Morte

Imperial Order Of The Queens Guard

Sir Wot D'Foque of Castilles
Sir Ferganym of Kincora
Sir Haunsard of Kincora

Imperial Order of The Crowns Guard

Sir Gunther of Umbria

Imperial Order of the Golden Spoon

Dame Amara of Alhambra
Sir Steven Via Datha of Alhambra

Imperial Estates Minutes

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letter of nomination prior to the meeting. Sir Madoc and Sir Terrin both self-nominated and were added as candidates. The new BOD members are Sir Terrin Greyphis of Brandenburg and Sir Warren Anthony of Albion.

CH4 Review changes/updates to the Codex Adjudicata - approved

Old Business

OB1 War points for Ministry Voting - tabled for re-draft

OB2 Marshal's Manual: Currently under advisement by the BOD

OB3 Combat Manual amendments - the estates voted to approve line-by line rather than as a whole and were unable to finish. The additional amendment to replace "renaissance" with "rapier or C&T" was approved.

OB4 Renaissance Faires and Mundane contracts - question was divided and both parts were approved.

OB5 A&S Manual Highest score for an individual entry - not taken from the table.

OB6 Reconsideration to play test a Champion's list - tabled

OB7 Amendment to non-judged arts play test - Tabled

OB8 Rights of Imperial Estates as to approving expenditures - approved

OB9 Alternative dispute resolution - tabled for re-write in clearer language

OB10 Blade flexibility and blunting to allow modification of steel swords for thrusting - referred to BOD

OB11 Brevetting - approved

OB12 Judicial courts, rights of appeal - tabled for re-write

OB13 War points for Knight Combatants - approved as Estates Writ independent of the Combat Manual

OB14 Amend Steward's manual - tabled with a recommendation that the author consider asking for an end of the year rebate instead of a percentage.

OB15 Adopt Boffer Manual as Estates Writ - approved

Imperial Awards Continued...

Imperial Order of the Golden Spoon
Zaqbrina de Vine of Castilles

Imperial Order of the Harp
Lord Blaez Gravenor of Andorra

Imperial Order of the Lion
Bjorn of Kincora

Imperial Order of the Quill
Lady Cassiopia deAcmd of Kincora

Imperial Order of the Talbot
Shea O'Roarke of Castilles

Imperial Crown Companions:
Dame Melora of Brandenburg
Sir Ivan of Mannachmore of Terre Neuve
HIH Dame Maedb of Esperance
HRM Razi of Esperance
Sir Jaime the Red of Esperance
HRM Sir Hutcheon of Terre Neuve
Sir Jason of Terre Neuve
Sir Burke of Terre Neuve

The Rising Star of the Empire
Shire of Glouchester

Grants of Domain
Laugersurfers
Mannachmore

Imperial Order of the Nebula
Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd of Castilles

Imperial Order of the Comet
HIH Dame Elisabeth of Carolingia



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Shades of Christmas past...

Written by: Sir Auberon dela'Reve

Today as the Holiday Season is well upon us, one sometimes wonders the whys and wherefores for all the traditions and customs that many of us celebrate and cherish. While I am limited in space I will do my best to touch upon a few as well as provide a few resources so you to may look into the origins of this Holiday.

One thing we need to do to find the center of the Holiday of Christmas is to look at the origin of the very word. The word for Christmas in late Old English is *Cristes Maesse*, the Mass of Christ, first found in 1038, and *Cristes-messe*, in 1131. In Dutch it is *Kerst-misse*, in Latin *Dies Natalis*, whence comes the French *Noël*, and Italian *Il natale*; in German *Weihnachtsfest*, from the preceding sacred vigil. In fact there were traditionally three masses held on this day.

The first and most characteristic was at midnight (the Angel's Mass), with the belief that the light of salvation appeared at the darkest moment of the darkest date in the very heart of winter. The second Christmas Mass came at dawn (the Shepherd's Mass), and the third during the day (the Mass of the Divine Word).

The term *Yule* which some use almost synonymously with Christmas is of disputed origin. It is unconnected with any word meaning "wheel". Some will argue that Yule is more probably linked to the Icelandic December feast of "*iol*". The name in Anglo-Saxon was *geol* which means Feast.

Many of our Modern Christmas traditions draw their origin from the Victorian Era more than the Middle Ages. However even in today's celebrations we are reminded of some that may even predate the Middle Ages and have had the ability to stand the test of time.

Among these are the Twelve Days of Christmas, The Wassail, the evergreen tree, Christmas Feasts, Mincemeat pie, the Burning of the Yule Log, and yes, even the Christmas Bonus are a few such things. Each of these has changed and evolved and I invite you to do some research into them all by checking out the various sources I have listed at the end of this article.

Our Modern Christmas celebration draws not simply from one Holiday but several, including New Years Day. Mathew Paris noted that in 1249 King Henry III exacted from London's citizens "one by one, the first gifts which the people are accustomed superstitiously to call New Year's Gifts with the idea and belief that such gifts would ensure success and prosperity in the coming year..."

Some interesting Trivia from the Christmas's of the past that I have found, I present to you now and perhaps when conversation runs low around the table you can impress your friends and relatives with your knowledge of history.

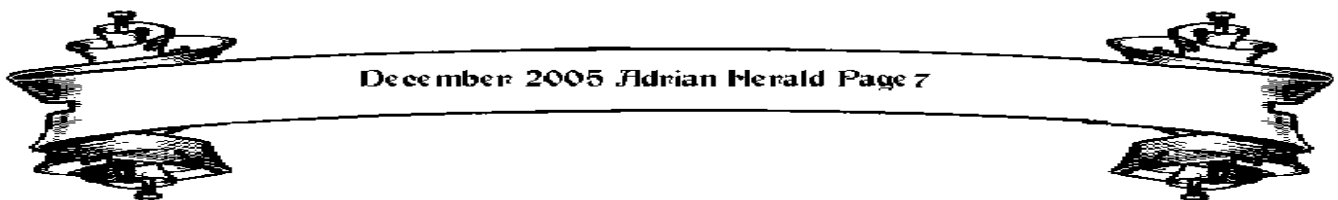
William the Conqueror had himself crowned king of England on Christmas Day 1066. Those noble men allowed inside Westminster Abbey cheered so loudly when the crowning ceremony was taking place that the guards outside thought something was happening to their master inside the abbey. They rushed inside, attacked people and houses near to Westminster Abbey were burned down.

It was during a Christmas court at Windsor Castle in 1126 that King Henry I, who had no legitimate male heir, tried to force his barons to accept his daughter Matilda as his successor. None of those present were interested in being among the first to owe allegiance to a woman. The stage was set for the 19-year-long bloody struggle for the throne that rent England apart after Henry's death. Ironically, the final resolution to that civil war, the peace treaty between King Stephen and Matilda's son Henry of Anjou, was ratified on Christmas Day at Westminster in 1153.

Richard II had grave - and justifiable! - Misgivings about his cousin, Henry Bolingbroke. An astrologer had once warned the king that he would be "slain and destroyed" by a toad. If the prediction seemed ludicrous at first, it must have seemed less so when Henry appeared at the king's Christmas feast, merrily attired in a robe embroidered 'round with toads. Being an observant fellow, it took Richard no time to make the dire connection.

Occasionally, Christmas guests overstayed their welcome. Elizabeth, desperate to rid herself of the erstwhile suitor, the Duke of Anjou in 1551, tried to appeal to his parsimonious nature by suggesting he head home before the New Year's, thus avoiding the need to indulge her with an expensive gift. Instead, he bestowed upon her a jeweled anchor brooch and stayed on until February. Queen Elizabeth as you can imagine was not amused.

Queen Elizabeth despised eating in public and took most of her meals in the privacy of her privy chamber. At Christmas, she would make an exception, indulging before the public's eye in the rich foods and sweetmeats of the season. It is said that she was served by handsome young Nobles and I ask the Ladies of



Shades of Christmas past...continued

the Empire if perhaps this would have been the reason she decided to dine in public on this day?

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Catholic Encyclopedia

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Ashton, John. _A Righte Merrie Christmasse (New York, 1968)

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Web Sites:

Medieval Christmas

<http://historymedren.about.com/library/weekly/aa120897.htm>

Medieval Christmas Traditions:

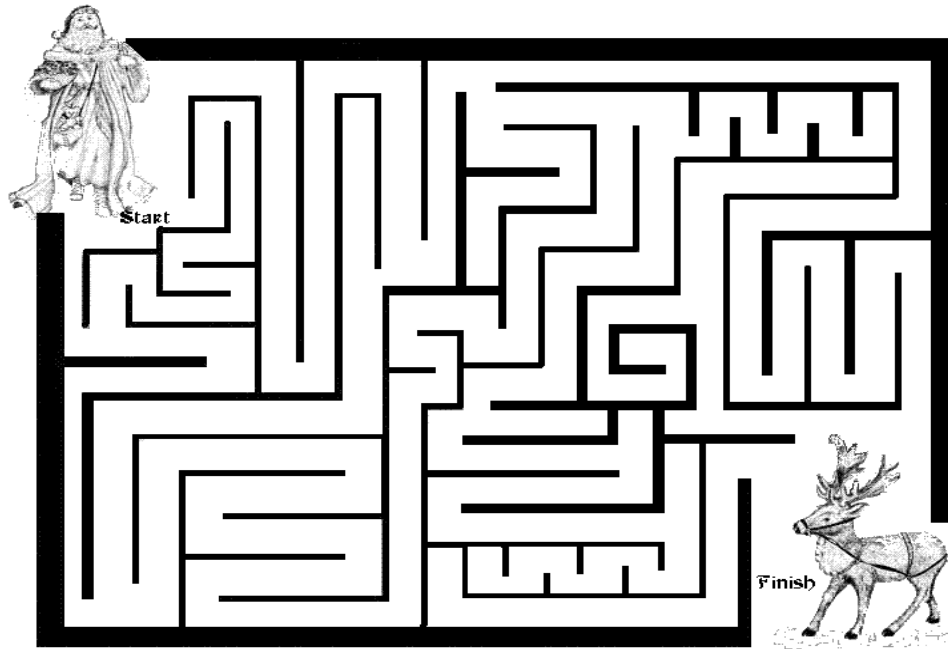
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How to fix a Medieval Christmas Feast:

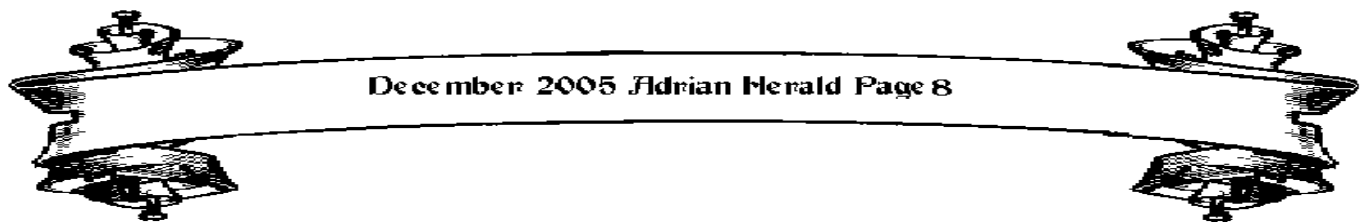
<http://www.godecookery.com/how2cook/howto06.htm>

On Christmas in the Middle Ages by Nicolaa de Bracton of Leicester

<http://www.byu.edu/ipt/projects/middleages/LifeTimes/Christmas.html>



Help Santa Find His Reindeer!



Recipe Corner

There are many wonderful cooks in the Empire and with that in mind every month the Herald will feature two to three recipes. To keep with the holiday spirit here are two that you may wish to add to your Holiday tables...

Scottish Shortbread

Submitted by HIM Dame Ashlinn

For those of you who enjoyed the Shortbread at Imperial Coronation or have requested the recipe here it is.

This is a Scottish Shortbread Recipe from the 1400's and is really wonderful.

I have converted the original recipe from ounces to cups and doubled the recipe.

1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup butter
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup Rice Flour

Mix the sugar and rice flour into the Butter (Real Butter works and tastes the best). Then add the flour you can mix it with a fork or your hands. When all the ingredients are mixed flatten it out on a cookie sheet and bake it at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Cut it into squares when it is hot or it will crumble and then eat or if you are making for a big event (Coronation or Yule) put it in a bag and put it in the freezer and thaw when your ready to eat it and it keeps a long time.

Original Recipe

4 oz. Butter
2 oz. Castor Sugar
6 oz Flour
2 oz Rice Flour

A Traditional Wassail Recipe

Submitted by Sir Auberon dela'Reve (aka J.L. Kettering)

Ok this is the Adults only version and it has been enjoyed by my family for a Long time it supposedly dates back to Kettering England but who can tell?

10 small apples (*we usually use 5 Granny smith and five small red of any variety*)

2 medium oranges stuck with whole cloves
10 teaspoons brown sugar
2 bottles Madeira
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg (if using dried increase to 1 to 1 1/2 tsp)
1 teaspoon ground ginger
several cloves
several whole allspice
3 to 5 cinnamon sticks
2 cups super fine sugar
1Qt of Apple cider
1Qt Orange Juice
1 C of Brandy (*this can and has been increased upon occasion and Cherry brandy works well too*)

Core the apples and fill each with a teaspoon of brown sugar. Place in a baking pan and cover the bottom with 1/8 to 1/4 inch of water. Insert cloves into the oranges about 1/4 to 1/2 " apart. Bake the orange with the apples in a 350° oven for 25 to 30 minutes, remove the orange and puncture it in several places with a fork.

Combine the Madeira, cider, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, allspice, cinnamon, sugar, cider and orange juice and water in a large, heavy saucepan and heat slowly without letting the mixture come to a boil, simmer for about ten to twenty minutes. Strain the wine mixture and add the brandy.

Pour into a punch bowl, float the apples and oranges on top and ladle hot into punch cups.



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Who's who in Empire?

One new Feature being added to the Herald is a "Who's who?" section where every month we will look at various individuals in the Empire and include a brief bio.

Sir Greybond Winter Imperial Webmaster

Born in Essex, England, but spent a great deal of time in France and Italy as condottieri for Edward III in the late 14th century.

I currently reside in Cambridge. I started a shire called Avernus when I first joined in 1996 which later became a canton of Esperance. I maintain the Imperial Website, the Contact List, and a majority of the **Yahoo Groups**. I've held the position since February of this year.

However, I would like to clarify that I ***maintain*** the website, meaning I keep it running. I also update it, but I need those updates to come from the

Subdivisions. I can't possibly keep track of the changes in every Subdivision's ministries. I rely on members of the subdivisions to let me know when positions change hands. It is very important to send in reports concerning the Contacts of the subdivisions so the information is current and complete

“What other positions do you hold or have held on both the Imperial and Sub-division level?”

I have been at one time or another: Founder of a shire, Viceroy of a canton, wore the Ducal Crown of Cambridge, Ducal Minister of Joust and War, and I am currently the Chancellor of Cambridge.

“Have you received any awards and or recognition in the Adrian Empire?”

I was inducted into the Order of the Lion by Empress Maedb. I won the first Imperial Shinai Tourney I entered. I am a Knight Combatant,, that I am aware of.

“Why did you Join Adria?”

The SCA Kingdom I was a member of, Caid,, declared Shinai combat would never again be allowed. Despite the fact that I had a group of 20+ in my local shire that actively practiced Shinai several times a week and held annual events. So I looked elsewhere for alternatives for Shinai and discovered Adria.

“What achievement or goal do you value the most from being a member of the Adrian Empire?”

The friends I've made, and watching the folks I've introduced to medievalism grow in skill and knowledge.

Sir Aerindane McLorie Imp. Minister of Archery



The Importance of Yahoo Groups

Written by Sir Auberon dela'Reve

Communication is always a priority in any organization, and Adria is no different. To facilitate such The Adrian Empire makes extensive use of the Yahoo Groups. It is through this medium that members from all over the United States discuss subjects many and varied. In an organization that depends on the input of its members to grow and

I was born in Scotland in the late 13 century And I currently reside in the Duchy of Chesapeake where I became a member in 1997. As the Imperial Minister of Archery I oversee the Archery program in Adria. I have served as Deputy Imp Minister of Archery for several years and was the former Imperial MOA. Reports should be in by the 10th of each month for the previous month

“What other positions do you hold or have held on both the Imperial and Sub-division level?”

I have held the following positions Duke of Chesapeake, Earl Marshall, Imperial Dragon SOA Dep Imp MOA and All ministry positions locally.

“Have you received any awards and or recognition in the Adrian Empire?”

Yes I am a member of Order of the Nebula, Order of the Croix Fleury, Viscount of Chesapeake, Knight Premier, Knight Bannerette, Knight Forester, Knight Robe, Admiral of the Corsairs to name a few.

“Why did you Join Adria?”

I joined Adria to expand my knowledge base of the medieval period and I like beating my friends with swords.

“What achievement or goal do you value the most from being a member of the Adrian Empire?”

My most valued achievement is attaining the rank of Knight. This is the goal that I desired and worked towards. I work to maintain the ideals of Knighthood daily and rely on my brotherhood/sisterhood of knights to help me along this path. To teach, to learn, to lead and to follow each in their own time and speed.

evolve. It is very important to have as many of our members both join and participate in the various Yahoo Groups.

A Listing of Such can be found on the Imperial Website and include a general discussion board for every sub-division, one for the entire Adrian Empire, another for the purpose of discussing the Imperial Agenda, one for Adria Crowns, groups specific to each ministry and many many more.

In a representative Government and an organization that is constantly changing, it is in the best interest of all our members to participate on the various **Yahoo Groups**. In fact it is through this medium that many issues and information are discussed and distributed. Nor are the Groups used solely for political purposes. They help link us all together allowing us to communicate cheaply and efficiently across vast distances. Many also hold files, pictures, and documents for every thing from research to new forms and so much more.

It is through this medium that we can learn and bind ourselves together not as a group with several sub-groups but as a United Empire.



What Is and Isn't a Canton in the Adrian Empire?

Written by Sir Auberon dela'Reve

One thing which causes distress in any organization is misunderstanding definitions. In a Group like the Adrian Empire where members often join from other existing organizations this sometimes complicates things.

Cantons are a Prerogative ability of the Crowns. IE they may be created at the discretion of the Crowns for whatever purpose they see fit. A Canton is in some cases an area outside of the geographical population center of a geographically chartered sub-division where individuals live.

Technically a Crown could, if they wished, take each street within the entire sub-division in every city and town and create Cantons. To take this a step farther each home of every member within the entire sub-division could by the will of the Crown become a separate Canton. If a Crown wished they could even establish Cantons in areas where there are currently no members but may be in the future.

Estates are not exclusive to the Canton but rather the Sub-division as a whole and they have no say in how a Canton is run etc. In other words an Estate has no power or control within a Canton. A Canton is the purview solely of the Ruling Crown(s).

For example Andorra La Vella, Shropshire, Hartford, and Port de Soldeu all exist within the borders of Andorra. Now Barony le'Reve has members from several of these Cantons, as it does not exist merely in one set area within Andorra. This Barony exists in all of Andorra. Canton Viceroys/Mayors are Crown Ministers. IE they must report directly to their Crown. They are for all intensive purposes the representative or voice etc of the Crown in that area.

They do not Rule but rather they administer.

In many cases where Cantons are large enough Deputy Ministers are appointed in the Canton. For a Canton to hold events and charge a site fee they must have a deputy steward for example. For Fighter Practice usually a deputy of J&W and a Deputy of the Crown Marshall should the Canton be large

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enough to warrant such. These deputy ministers report directly to their Sub-division counterparts.

Since we have established that the Canton's existence is solely at the purview of the Sub-division Crown, what are the abilities of the Canton Viceroy/Mayor? Well it depends upon his or her warrant of Appointment. In other words this is up to the individual Crowns to decide what the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor/Canton Viceroy are.

The winner of the Shinai tournament at Imperial War West was incorrectly listed in the October issue of the Herald. It should have read Giovanni D'Lorenzto. Dame Cimindri sends her apologies for this oversight.

This Month In History...

December 25, 1066 - William the Conqueror was crowned king of England after he had invaded England from France, defeated and killed King Harold at the Battle of Hastings, then marched on London.

December 12th, 1098 1st Crusaders capture & plunder Mara Syria

Corrections...

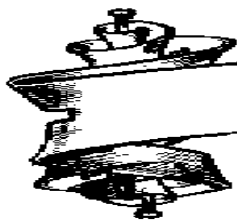
December 21st 1117 Thomas Becket archbishop of Canterbury is born
December 19th 1154 King Henry II of England crowned
December 29, 1170 - Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered by four knights acting on orders from England's King Henry II.
December 4th 1259 Treaty of Paris: English King Henry III & French King Louis IX
December 5, 1492 – The new world (Haiti) was discovered by Christopher Columbus.
December 14th, 1503 - French physician Nostradamus (1503-1566) was born in St. Remy, Provence, France (as Michel de Notredame). He wrote astrological predictions in rhymed quatrains which many believe foretell the future.
December 17, 1538 - Pope Paul III excommunicated King Henry VIII after he had declared himself supreme head of the English church.
December 13, 1545 - The Council of Trent, summoned by Pope Paul III, met to discuss doctrinal matters including the rise of Protestantism.
December 13, 1577 - Francis Drake departed Plymouth, England, in the *Golden Hind* on his voyage around the world.



Holiday Word Find

ANGEL, BOW, CANDY CANE, CHRISTMAS, COOKIE, DECEMBER, EGGNOG, ELVES, FAMILY, FRANKINCENSE, GINGERBREAD MAN, GOLD, GREEN, HOLLY, JESUS, KING, LIGHTS, LOVE, MANGER, MISTLETOE, MYRRH, NATIVITY, NOEL, PARTY, PEACE, POINSETTIA, RED, REINDEER, SANTA, SILVER, SNOW, SNOWMAN, STAR, STOCKING, TOYS, TREE, WHITE, WINTER, WREATH, YULE

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Imperial Sovereign of Arms

Greeting's To all Chartered Subdivisions, Crowns and Minister's of Arms ,

This is the Contact list for the Regional Deputies and which Chartered Subdivisions are assigned to them. Once Arms have been approved on a Local Level those who are required or wish registration should then submit to their Regional Deputy.

This List does not necessarily represent Regional assignment set forth by the Empire. It is to maximize the efficiency of the regional while minimizing cost's to all parties. A few Subdivisions have been assigned directly to me until these offices are fully established at which time they will be assigned to the appropriate regional Deputy.

Any issues or troubles in contacting or submitting Arms should be directed to me promptly or the Chief Imperial Deputies Sir Griffin Haldane for the East and southeast, Sir Guillaume Marchand du Fleur for the west.

Though not apart of the official submission route, Sir Guillaume and Sir Griffin are back ups should any issues arise at the Regional Level or Local Level.

We also have a new item to present to the Empire. "Patens of Registration" are now being issued from the College. Sir Guillaume Marchand du Fleur has worked to design and create them. Thanks to Sir Guillaume, for his continued contributions to the College and the Empire. Heralds may

access the patents on the Adria Heraldry Yahoo Group in order to print them out. In the file section there is a file named "Patents. The College of Arms truly hope's you all enjoy this contribution to our historical commitment and ideology.

Thank you,
Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd
Imperial Sovereign of Arms

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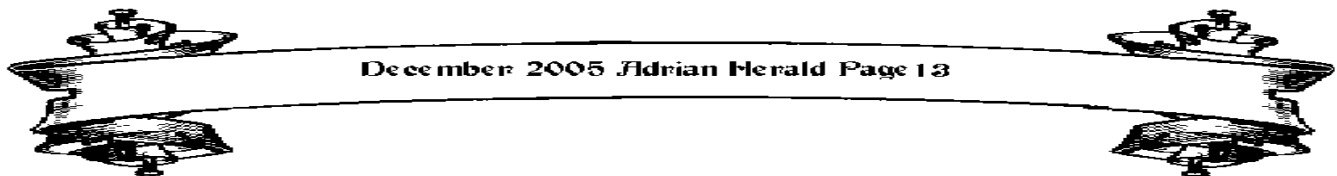
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Imperial Chronicler

Greetings unto all Chartered Subdivisions, Crowns and
Chroniclers of the Empire on this fine Day. There are many
Changes coming in the Herald and if you have read this far
perhaps you have seen a few. In the past the Imperial
Chronicler has gleaned information for the Herald from the
various Yahoo-groups. Except for perhaps Imperial
Announcements and News this will no longer be done as I
simply do not have the time.

This is one reason why the Monthly reports are so
important. TIM's Sir Pavo and Dame Ashlinn have
expressed their desire for many new things and to bring
back some things in the Herald, that include A Calendar of
Events listing every Sub-divisions events and Major
Demo's. You will note that in this issue there is none. Why?
Because, none have yet been submitted.



Imperial Chronicler Continued...

There are also no reports from individual sub-divisions
again because no reports were filed. The deadline for reports
to this office will be on the 10th of Every Month. If all goes
well the Herald shall be published on the 15th of every
month.

The Herald belongs to the Empire. It is a resource that we
all can benefit from but it is nothing more than gibberish if
it is not used. The Herald is a tool that can be used for
recognition! If someone did a great Deed let me know and
in it will go.

"ON MONTHLY REPORTS..."

This can be as basic as one paragraph of what transpired
during the Month in each sub-division. If no report the
Herald will list the Sub-division and it will say **No report
filed.**

To make this a bit easier, simply answer the questions

below.

What was your Monthly event?

Who won the tournaments?

Did you have a War?

What kind?

Who won?

Did you have a coronation?

How did it go?

Who are the New ministers?

What is next Months event?

When is it?

*Does your Sub-division have any Demo's scheduled for
next month?*

Was any recognition given out?

Who received such?

*Did anyone receive an accolade? Is someone having a
Knighting Ceremony next Month?*

Does your Sub-division have Cantons?

Did they hold any Monthly events?

Was there anything of Noteworthiness that happened this month?

This is an office that is all about Communication and something always happens. Here is a sample report for those unfamiliar with this medium

"In The Duchy of WE ARE HERE!! We held our Monthly Tournament on Saturday the 4th at Somewhere Park. The winners of the tournament were..... On the 17-18th our Duchy participated at the "Really Big and Awesome Renaissance Faire" Sir Jim Bob received his third level

Arts Knighthood while hundreds of Fairgoers shouted Huzzah!!

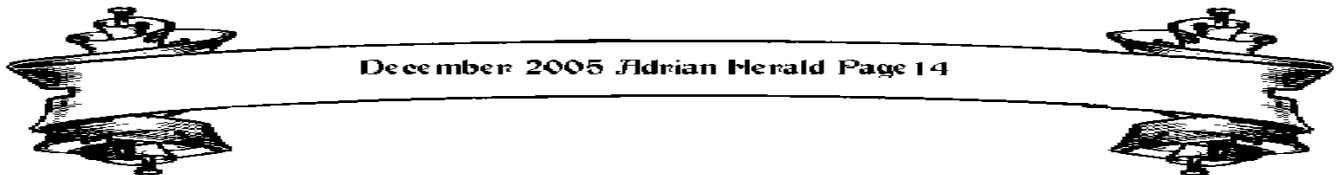
The Duke and Duchess would like to thank all the people who attended this Demo and worked hard to make it a Big success!! Next month our Event will be held at Sir Skippy's House for more Information please contact Sir Skippy and Dame Beautiful at..." TAH DAH!!!

Reports can be a drag I understand this but that's what Chroniclers do right? Record and report. This is one office where there should be too much to use rather than not enough.

In the case of smaller sub-divisions or in Areas where there is no Chronicler and one person is doing several things

"been there, done that, am doing that! 😊 I have the coozies, the T-shirt and 4 bumper stickers!"

Send a copy of your Crowns report (edited of course). Now if you have a big submission contact me off list and I will send you another e-mail to send such to. Excite works



Imperial Steward Continued..

household expenses based on the payroll manager sending you a payroll check 3 to 4 months after it was earned? While we do not have rent and utilities, we do have expenses that should be paid on receipt of check request; i.e. same weekend as expenditure was used or on receipt of invoice. Second: the Rolls Data Base derives its membership from the Steward's Data Base. Third: Other ministries track memberships and keep asking why memberships are not posted. We cannot post what is not received. Memberships are date stamped when received at the Imperial Steward's Office.

Let's give people more time to enjoy our hobby and reduce the time spent tracking memberships.

Monthly reports are also an important requirement that we need to insure is done on a timely basis. They are being reviewed on receipt and clarification is requested at the

ok for most things but. I look forward to learning and reading about the Empire in all the places she exists.

YIS
Sir Auberon dela'Reve
Imperial Chronicler

Imperial Steward

Greetings from the Imperial Steward, TIM's have requested a financial status for each Herald, so it will be done. What we all need to remember and understand is that Adria is a Membership based Group that derives it's income from membership dues. Our main income for the fiscal year has been received, and from that we must pay our highest expense in the amount of \$ 15,000 +/- in May 2006, before the next major influx of income is received. Thus the entry dated 11/28/05. If we do not receive any more membership dues, we are in a negative (\$ 2,484.12). The amount of \$ 6,570.38 is to identify accounts that we are holding for smaller subdivisions and designated budgetary accounts.

Based on today's economy, personal and small business accounts should maintain a minimum of one year's estimated expenses in reserve. Our reserve / savings is at 50% of estimated expenses.

Membership dues and applications should be submitted within 7 to 10 days of receipt at the local level. First: Because that is our main income. Could you manage your

same time. By June 30th, subdivisions should be able to complete year-end reports quickly. All questions should have already been asked and answered, and our CPA should be able to handle the IRS report easily and in a timely manner.

There appear to be many questions concerning the function of the Local Steward (and Imperial Steward). We have established a closed Imperial Steward Yahoo Group for all Crowns and Stewards for questions, resolutions, and discussion to update the Steward's Manual.

Lastly – please make it easy on your local steward and arrive at the event with the exact change for the site fee.

YIS
Dame Marion Leal Durius, Imperial Steward



(2,484.12)

Adrian Empire Corporate Savings Account

October 27th 2005	
Interest	20,530.54 8.72
November 28th 2005	
	20,539.26
Less Capital Reserve (6300.00)	
	<u>14,239.26</u>

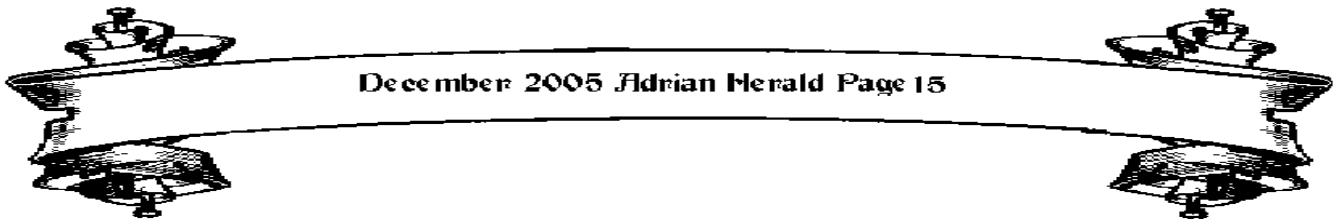
Adrian Empire Corporate General Account

October 27th 2005	
	18,014.96
Income-Memberships	1092.00
Refund of Coronation Advance	800.00
	19,906.96
Expenses:	(820.70)
November 28th 2005	
Balance of General Fund	19,086.26
Less Sub accounts	(6,570.38)
Subdivision Accounts	
Designated Funds	
Less Accrual for Insurance	(15,000.00)

Did You Know?

Carols and Caroling though very popular in the later middle ages, was at first frowned on by the Church. But, as with most popular entertainment, they eventually evolved to a suitable format, and the Church relented.

Christmas may owe its popularity in medieval times to liturgical dramas and mysteries presented in the Church. The most popular subject for such dramas and tropes was the Holy Family, particularly the Nativity. As interest in the Nativity grew, so did Christmas as a holiday.



A Message from the President and Vice President of the Adrian Empire Inc.

Greetings to the members of the Adrian Empire, Inc.,

We wish to present all of the mundane items in a separate report and open a line of communication regarding all aspects of club operations. Each month we will post a President/ Vice President Report on mundane issues.

We met with our attorney on December 19th, 2005. Following are items we have been working on and the resolution and advice from the attorney. Combat tests and liability. Dropping the age limit for Rapiar, Higher standard is better and will help reduce liability for the corporation. Combatants must sign that they have read and acknowledge that they agree to abide

by the rules and regulations set forth in the Combat Manual. We can include the words "understand" in the acknowledgement if necessary.

We can drop the age limit, but will have to change participation in "Knightly Combat" to 18 years of age to limit liability.

Do all Board members have to be present to hold a vote? Are advisors required to be notified of all discussions? All Board members do not have to be present to hold a vote and we are not required to notify advisory members, however the best course of action is to give everyone notice. This is something we need to address in the next meeting—March, so expect an Agenda item on this topic for clear definition. We will not allow proxies for Board voting purposes, as this is accepted common practice on many corporate boards.

Donation Letters:

Any donation made must be issued a letter. If the amount is under \$500.00, the local subdivision may issue the letter and must forward a copy to the Imperial Steward with the monthly Stewards Report. The authorized representative of the subdivision receiving the donation must sign these. Please remember, any donation of goods cannot be assigned a cash value. You may only notate what items were received.

If the amount of a cash donation is over \$500.00, or the goods received may have a retail value in excess of \$500.00, the Imperial Steward/Treasurer of the Corporation must issue the donation letter, and the Statutory Officers of the corporation must approve the donation. In the case of goods that exceed this amount, we must obtain an appraisal to accompany the tax receipts.

Reimbursement for Food Stamps? Food? Gas? Travel for Non-Statutory Officers?

There may be No reimbursement for food or gas. We may reimburse for mileage at the current rate issued by the IRS. The amount of miles must come from a source such as Mapquest, an Atlas, or other reliable resource, not actual miles traveled. You may not claim mileage for travel to a "local" Event. Only members required to attend, unless special circumstances arise, may be reimbursed for travel and/or lodging expenses. Under no circumstances may we reimburse for food stamps or WIC receipts.

Fireworks Sales for Fundraising:

We were asked to check into this for a subdivision and found that this involves too much liability for us to assume the risk.

Financial Reports and Authorizations:

All reporting must follow the Crown Policy issued earlier in this newsletter. If fiduciary reporting is

not done in a timely manner, the corporation reserves the right to demand any subdivision to relinquish its bank account. The corporation may also impose fines and late charges for failure to report.

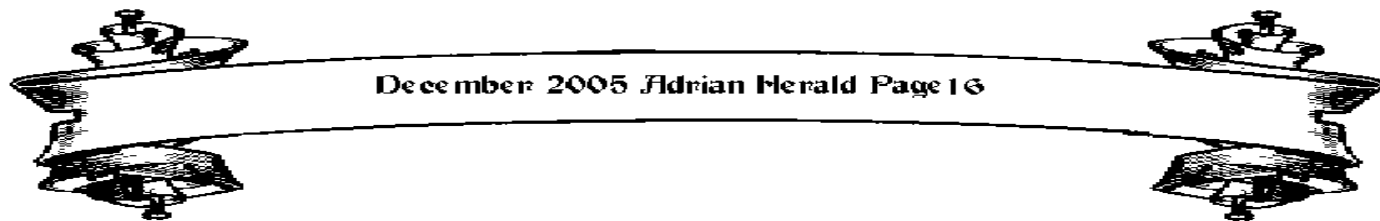
If you bank with the Empire/corporate banking, you must submit all money received. You may not reimburse yourself out of monies received. This deposit must be fully reflected in the Stewards monthly report. The Imperial Steward will issue a check to you within 72 hours of receipt of funds, accurate receipts, and budgetary authorization for expenditures. All budgets must include a full list of expenditures with a total amount not to exceed. Additionally, you must include a means for recouping those expenditures, i.e. Site Fee, Fundraiser specifically for this expenditure, previous donations from members earmarked for this expenditure, or any other acceptable means of remuneration. This budget, and a check request, must accompany request for reimbursement, as well as all receipts. You will never be reimbursed for any amount that exceeds the approved budget. We expect all budgets to be approved prior to any expenditure, unless a true emergency arises. No budget may be approved for expenditures made prior to the current Tax year, July 1st-June 30th.

All Bank Accounts need to be transferred to Bank of America, unless you submit, in writing, a valid reason as to why this is not possible. If you need to change your bank account over to BofA and need assistance, please contact the Imperial Steward.

If you have any questions concerning financial reporting requirements, please contact the Imperial Steward or us.

Thank you,

**John Agee-Ross and Andey Westfall,
President/ Vice-president, Adrian Empire, Inc.**



Out and About in Adria

Welcome to a new Feature in the Herald, periodically we will feature an individuals or individuals and do a spotlight on an activity they do outside of Adria Here are two such to get things rolling..

Greetings Sir Auberon, I have something that might be interesting for the Adrian Herald.

In addition to my years of service the Empire I am entertainer. It's I how I actually came to find out about Adria, while working at a faire playing a character I saw my first steel fight demo.

I just returned to the lands of York a few days ago, as I had been away for two months while I was Jousting with "Brothers in Arms" in Ohio at the Great Lakes Medieval faire. I have attached pictures for you to see.

Sir Alaric Thorne,

Knight Champion, Civil, and Archer



Greetings! This year saw Dame Isabeau and myself start a new enterprise, that of being Festival Producers and Promoters. Our First project was creating a Renaissance Festival in Rock Island Illinois called Four Kingdoms Renaissance Festival. Here you see us along with some of our Royal Court all decked out as King and Queen of the Festival.

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Sir Auberon and Dame Isabeau dela'Reve

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Corrections should be sent immediately to contact_list@adrianempire.org for correction in the next publication. This listing is the basis of the listings on the Imperial web site. However, only e-mail contacts (aliases where possible), and game names are listed on the web site. No mundane information (including name or phone number) will be posted publicly, though that information **should** be included here

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**Happy
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