

# THE UMBRIAN MUG

## *Greetings and Salutations!*

Welcome to this edition of the Umbrian Mug. This edition covers the month of March 2001. If you know of a Kingdom member who isn't getting the Umbrian Mug, please let the Royal Chronicler know so that the problem can be rectified.

## **Collegiums & Demonstrations**

*Unless otherwise noted, collegiums are held at Encanto Park Fighter Practice, beginning at approximately 8:30 p.m.*

**March 7:** Dame Draconia and Sir Pavo, "Heraldry."

**March 14:** Sir Phillipe, "Revised Combat Manual." There will also be a weapons demo, and therefore a Combat D.P. is available.

**March 21:** Sire Charicce, "A Sire's Interaction with His/Her House."

**March 28:** Dames Kate and Serene will be holding a class on food. Bring your own spoon and bowl. (*Rescheduled due to rainout.*)

## **IMPERIAL RECOGNITION**

Their Imperial Majesties, Empress Elisabeth and Emperor Erick, recently gave Awards of Recognition to members of the Adrian Empire for Service and Skill. Congratulations and HUZAH! to Black Arrow who was inducted into the Order of the Talbot in recognition of his Archery skill.

## Greetings From His Majesty

Greetings to the Populace!

Well, as you can see, We survived the Civil War. As such, the next War will be a Crown War, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (and if necessary, 3<sup>rd</sup>) 2001.

We have chosen this date due to the multitude of Events happening in May: Clan Gathering, Kingdom Tourney, and Banner War 2001.

There are several names being bandied about already concerning potential contenders for the next Crown(s) of Umbria.

We suggest that all who intend to run should declare openly more than 30 days in advance. With our Umbrians in the Colony of Trinacria (Sicily, Italy) participating in the Crown War (they will have a percentage of the points), it is important that they, as well as the rest of Umbria, have plenty of time to hear from the contenders, and make informed choices.

For the Artisans; those of you who attended the Civil War got a better sense of what the participation of a few Artisans can do – several points were decided on the basis of one or two entries alone. You CAN make a difference, Artisans! Participate, not for the points, but to make your voice known – participation is tantamount to voting for the next President – only this time, all votes are counted and necessary!

We have noticed that several of Our Ministers are having difficulty attending events, and some seem to delay turning in their reports. We have also noted the lack of participation at the Crown Tourney – the most important Tourney of the month. Therefore, if there is not a notable change in the attendance of Umbrians at the

Crown Event, then We will cancel the Canton Events. By Imperial Bylaw, the Kingdom Event must be held every month. The Canton events are merely for the benefit of the Populace, to give them more chances to earn their points. We will dissolve the Cantons to protect the Kingdom Event, unless steps are taken rapidly.

We are in need of a new Chancellor at this time. Sir Michael Sinestro, as he details in his words found elsewhere in the Mug, has resigned his post. If you wish to petition for the job, contact myself either in person, via email, or via telephone.

The next Estates Meeting is currently scheduled for after the Kingdom Tourney, in April. We will be bringing forth several items for the Kingdom to consider, including the Estateholder's Manual, the Ministry Manual and an Umbrian War Manual.

In the interest of keeping the populace fully aware, and allowing them to make informed choices, We suggest that the old practice of "springing" new legislation upon the Estates be stopped. We have voters in Trinacria that will be relying on the Agenda and proxies to make their voice heard, and to only propose laws "on the spot" during the meeting is detrimental to the process. Get your proposals in early. If you have items you wish to be included in the Agenda for the April meeting, see Us, or Our Chancellor (once one is appointed).

As always, if you wish to speak with Us about any concerns, rumors, wishes, gripes or complaints, feel free to contact Us either in person, via email, or via telephone.

Remember, communication is the key to success.

Sir James the Red, King

## CIVIL WAR RESULTS

Long live the King! Congratulations to HRM Sir James the Red and His army. Sir Cameron and his army fought valiantly, but were overcome by the defenders of the Crown and Kingdom.

### Archery:

Archery points were split – one to each army.

### Arts:

Twenty-five arts were entered & judged.

#### POINTS FOR CONTENDERS:

\*denotes winner

##### MASTERS LIST:

	King James	Sir Cameron
Food	* 53.49	0
Crafted	28.33	*58.50
Fine	* 29.33	0
Bardic	* 29.50	0

##### KNIGHTS LIST:

	King James	Sir Cameron
Food	29.33	* 80.66
Crafted	*147.81	57.32
Fine	59.50	* 63.66
Bardic	* 29.50	28.16

Point Subtotal: 5 3

### Combat:

King James and His army won the following battles: (4 points)

- Steel Champion
- Steel Resurrection
- Renn Champion
- Shinai Open Field Resurrection

Sir Cameron and his army won the following battles: (5 points)

- Steel Crossroads
- Renn Crossroads
- Renn Bar Room Brawl
- Shinai Crossroads
- Shinai Bridge

### Grand Total:

King James – 10 points

Sir Cameron – 9 points

## Imperial Estates Meeting, Feast, & Collegium

In November Of 2000 the Imperial Estates voted to meet on March 10 & 11, 2001. The Meeting will be held in Henderson, Nevada, a suburb of Las Vegas.

Please look over a copy of the agenda and let your opinion be known. HRM James the Red holds the Kingdom vote; Dame Draconia de Vona, Baroness of Dragon's Lair, and Sir Morgan, Count of Falling Star hold Umbria's two Estate votes.

An Imperial Collegium is being held in conjunction with the March 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting. Artisans from all over the Empire will be bringing their artistic talents and expertise to the Imperial Estates Meeting. It is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the rich diversity and artistic talent of the Empire.

Anyone interested in displaying armorial devices needs to RSVP. No exceptions. Please contact HRM Dame Serina as soon as possible.

Dinner will be an informal potluck feast/ arts tournament whose entries will be used to feed the assembled Imperial Estates and populace. Entries to the arts tournament are limited to food and beverages. Food entries should be large enough to feed ten to fifteen people. All entries will be judged prior to dinner. Please contact Squire Nutmeg and Squire Rosa Ravenfeather, via e-mail at [seafish7@aol.com](mailto:seafish7@aol.com).

*EDITOR'S NOTE: According to the autocrat, the potluck is open to all – the food is to be provided by the artisans participating in the tournament! You do not have to enter the tourney to eat. So bring your feast gear and enjoy.*

## THE CONTINUING SAGA OF...

## DEMETRIUS



As my father and brothers approached the gate, my father told my brothers to wait there as he went ahead to look through one of the many windows on the huge ground level. Looking inside his heart began to race, in the room behind this window was a group of men, about sixteen to be exact, but two of whom my father recognized plus the man they followed. My father watched as this man spoke to the other men in an aggravated fashion, the other men became irritable and began to move about frantically. One of the men glanced toward the window where my father was, my father recognized the man and out of fear, turned to run but slipped on a stone and fell to the ground with a clatter. The noise was so loud that the men inside heard and got their swords and headed for the door.

My brothers ran to help my father up and just as they got to him the men came running out. The man they followed began pointing and shouting "That's them! That's them!" My brothers drew their weapons in order to defend themselves as the men laid into them. A clang of steel on steel, the whoosh of blade cutting air, clothing ripping, a shriek, one of the men as he falls writhing in agony while a blade withdraws from his abdomen, no one takes notice. My father finally gets to his feet and yells for my brothers to retreat. They back off and head toward the gate, in doing so, Antoan takes a blade in the left shoulder deeply and with a cry of pain, thrusts his sword directly into the head of his foe. My father and brothers turn and run as fast as they can toward the tavern with the men tailing them. As they round the corner, Stephaan slipped and was hurled into the side of the building. The men converged upon him like ants to a piece of cheese. They began slashing with their blades like madmen repeatedly at poor Stephaan. By the time my father realized what had happened, it was far too late. The men yelled insults to my father, my brothers were anxious to go back to the men but my father held them back.

Fear was the only thing keeping my father and brothers alive. "Tiberius!" one man shouted, "We will come for you soon! We know you!"

At home my father sat in the main chamber of our castle quietly sweating with fear. My brothers began fighting with each other as to why no one went to Stephaan's aid, each blaming the other for not taking the initiative. No one trusted each other any more. The next night my father called everyone to meet with him in his chambers, "All of you need to look out for each other and yourselves. I know something terrible is about to ensue but I don't know when." "But father," Antoan said, "what do we do about Stephaan?" "There's nothing we can do!" shouted my father, "now leave me be!"

"God, if you had never heard my prayers, please hear this one, I beg of you. The predicament that surrounds this household is a serious one and I have no doubt that my sons and I will be joining you soon, but knowing my sons that are here with me I do not ask for mercy for us. As for my wife and youngest son Demetrius, please look over them." After this prayer he began to write a letter, finished, sealed, and had his servant deliver it to a friend in town.

The night was cool and quiet; a soft breeze blew through the street. A lone soul was walking the streets, one can tell by the way this person walked that he felt that something was wrong. It was a little too quiet for his comfort. "A few more steps and I'll be there, I hope they have something to drink..." and with the completion of that thought, he heard the sound of wind ripping. He turned his head just in time to see the eyes of a very large man with a club. ...*To be continued*

## **Membership Dues Are Due Soon For....**

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This section is to announce to the Populace the memberships that are due for continuing the fine Adrian experience. There is a 30-day grace period; please get with the Royal Steward, Squire Iella, promptly and renew! If you have already settled your membership with the Steward, then just smile when you read your name! ☺

### **FEBRUARY:**

Frances Burns  
Brian Lehmbecker  
Michael King

### **MARCH:**

Matt Schlobolt  
Phillip Smith  
Wayne Winchester  
Colleen Winchester  
Danielle Haines  
Stephanie Westover  
Chris Azimi  
Caitlin Azimi  
Meri Azimi  
Clark Edwards  
Stacy Kirschner  
Roslyn Kirschner  
David Kirschner  
Carla Crowfoot  
David Crowfoot  
Williard Gustafson  
Alice Gustafson  
Joanne Myers  
Michael Atkins  
George Leach

### **APRIL:**

Marquita Ayala  
Robert Jackson  
Candi Palmer  
Jason Palmer  
Preston Palmer  
Brian Smith  
James Smith  
James Wintermute  
Linda Wintermute  
Andrew Zerber

Welcome to Our Newest  
Members!

Wolgar Dragonlace  
Brennan McFadden  
Alexandria Rosalia  
Bavol Rosalia, Prince of the Gypsies

We have two members that have moved  
here from Terre Nueve  
Lt. Rudger Grunewald &  
Lady Dame Josephine O'Dohery.

Please extend your kindest courtesy and  
welcome to these new Umbrians!

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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Birthday greetings to the Members of the  
Kingdom for the months of ...

### **March**

Pellinore – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sir Cameron – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sir Waldham – 25<sup>th</sup>

### **April**

Sir Logan – 7th  
Lady Aislynn – 10th  
Dame Roawyn – 14th  
Squire Gaston – 21st  
Dominaka – 23rd  
Sir Ievan – 24th

Note: Please contact the Royal Steward,  
Squire Iella, or His Royal Majesty, King James  
for entering your birth date into the Kingdom  
records. We will not ask which year, in case  
you are afraid of us knowing how ANCIENT  
you truly are!

## **Three Huzzahs to...**

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...Dame Dianna for receiving 2  
Masterworks this month; Landsknecht and  
Tucked Embroidery

...All the Participants and Winners of this  
month's Tourneys!

Aislynn Asks...

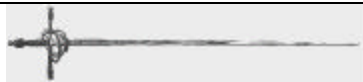
## **Truth or Rumor?**

### **Rumor:**

Comtessa Justina danced *au natural* at  
Estrella War/a bar/JB's.

### **Truth:**

No way! I heard it was Sir Ievan...  
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## MINISTRY UPDATE

### **Sir Michael Sinestro Resigns from the Office of Chancellor**

For those of you who have not heard yet, I have resigned as chancellor.

In the interest of open communication in Umbria, I would like to make clear WHY I resigned. It was NOT because of anything Sir James or anyone else in the game did or didn't do, nor was it a result of 'burnout' or a desire to get out of the job. I was very happy doing the chancellor's job and feel that I was doing it pretty well.

The problem is that ever since I took over as chancellor, my performance on my mundane job has been slipping. I have been in denial of this fact, and kept hoping that I could get it straightened out, but the fact is that I take the job of chancellor, like everything else, too seriously, and this time it is encroaching on my mundane life, something that I cannot allow to happen.

I would love to be able to walk away from my mundane job and pursue the game full time, but it is the mundane job that makes it possible for me to pay the game, so when there is a conflict between the two, the game must give.

I still intend to help Umbria in any way that does not involve taking the game home with me, but major ministry positions or the Crown will have to wait until retirement. It's time for me to stop trying to be Superman.

Sir Michael Sinestro  
- Even knights are human.

## NOTE FROM THE ROYAL ARTS & SCIENCE MINISTER

I would like anyone who is interested in becoming the next Royal Arts and Science Minister to please contact me so I can help you prepare for the position.

Duties are:

- ❖ Report to Imperial A & S Minister every month
- ❖ Report to Umbrian Crown(s) every month
- ❖ Schedule Classes
- ❖ Run the Kingdom Tournament (i.e.: get judges, do paperwork for scoring, announce winners in court)
- ❖ Cantons (autocrat event if none is appointed by the Viceroy)
- ❖ Report to Rolls Minister every month
- ❖ Report to Mug every month
- ❖ Handle all complaints on scoring,
- ❖ Handle any Masterwork Projects
- ❖ Autocrat any Wars for the year
- ❖ Teach a collegium once a year for judges and artist
- ❖ Keep in contact with Imp Deputy A & S Minister re: New Draft Arts Manual
- ❖ Propose laws in Umbria that coincides with new laws.

Check the by-laws for any further duties I may have missed listing here.

It will be an easier transition for the new Royal A & S Minister if you work with me now.

### POINTS FOR WAR:

As you look over the Report from the Civil War held on Feb. 10, 2001 you can see that several of the war points were won because of ONE entry in that category or no entries from one of the contenders.

Masters: Fine, Bardic and Food had entries from only one of the contenders.

Knights: Bardic had only one entry per contender.

I'm sure you can see by the points scored how important arts are to the war. The

total score for war was King James 10 and Sir Cameron 9. One art entry could have tied the score and two more art entries could have changed the outcome.

We will be having a Crown war in a few months. Be sure to enter arts. Your one entry counts heavily towards the contender of your choice.

Dame Serene,  
Royal A & S Minister

## Chronicler's Corner

Please do not take a paper copy of the Mug if you receive a PDF copy – we are paying for copies again and the idea is to save money. I do not plan for you in the number of copies I make if I have emailed you one, and I have been running out. If you have been receiving a PDF, but don't want it/can't access it, please let me know, and I will take you off the mailing list. Thanks!

I understand that several Umbrians had personal ties of friendship and fealty to the people who passed away at Estrella War. To you, I extend my heartfelt condolences.

***Kingdom Event Report...***

FEBRUARY	ARCHERY	HUNTSMAN	DAME ROAWYN
		BOWMAN	MICHAEL CU CAMPBELL
	ARTS	KNIGHT'S CRAFTED	DAME DIANNA - MASTERWORK

***Civil War Tourney Points...***

TOURNEY	ARTS	KNIGHT'S FINE	DAME DIANNA - MASTERWORK
		KNIGHT'S FOOD	DAME SERENE
		KNIGHT'S CRAFTED	DAME SERENE
	COMBAT	KNIGHT'S STEEL	SIR KEEGAN

***Canton of Thunar Tourney Report...***

FEBRUARY	COMBAT	KNIGHT'S RENN	SIR DUNCAN
		KNIGHT'S STEEL	SIR CAMERON
	ARTS	KNIGHT'S CRAFTED	2 EP'S / NO LIST

***Canton of Westraheim Tourney Report...***

FEBRUARY	COMBAT	KNIGHT'S RENN	SIR DUNCAN
	ARCHERY	HUNTSMAN	SIR MORGAN
		BOWMAN	SQUIRE GAWAIN

***Canton of Inverness Report...***

Inverness graciously hosted the Kingdom Tourney in place of their regular Canton Event.

***Canton of Valle de Luna Report...***

The Canton of Valle de Luna was cancelled due to the Estrella War.

***Canton of Trinacria Report...***

Please take a moment to check out the new website,  
[http://www.geocities.com/tyturner\\_2000/Trinacria/trinacria\\_main.html](http://www.geocities.com/tyturner_2000/Trinacria/trinacria_main.html)

**March 2001 Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Canton of Westraheim Loma Linda Park 10 a.m.
4	5	6	7 Canton of Thunar Encanto Park 8 p.m. Collegium	8	9	10 Imperial Estates Meeting Las Vegas
11 Canton of Valle de Luna - TBA Imperial Estates Las Vegas	12	13	14 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m. Collegium	15	16	17 Kingdom Tourney Cactus Park 10 a.m.
18	19	20	21 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m. Collegium	22	23	24 Archery Tourney Time TBA
25	26	27	28 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m. Collegium	29	30	31 Aragon Fool's War

**April 2001 Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Aragon Fool's War	2	3	4 Canton of Thunar Encanto Park 8 p.m.	5	6	7 Canton of Westraheim Loma Linda Park 10 a.m.
8	9	10	11 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m.	12	13	14 Canton of Inverness Deer Valley Park 10 a.m.
15 Canton of Valle de Luna -TBA	16	17	18 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m.	19	20	21 Kingdom Tourney Cactus Park 10 a.m. Kingdom Estates Mtg.
22	23	24	25 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 8 p.m.	26	27	28 Archery Tourney Time TBA
29	30					

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