



THE UMBRIAN MUG

Greetings and Salutations!

Welcome to this edition of the Umbrian Mug. This edition covers the month of November 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. Copyright 2001

Royal Champions Tourney

The 1st Annual Royal Champions Tourney will be held November 10-11, 2001, at Estrella Mountain Park. This will be a camping event for those interested.

There will be Umbrian security on site Friday evening for those wishing to set up early. (A volunteer for security detail Saturday night would be most welcome.)

Saturday will see Opening Court at 11:30, followed by the Sword Oath. The tournaments will begin at 1:00. A&S judging will begin at 3 pm, and there will also be a chicken toss.

At 6:00 pm there will be a feast accompanied by entertainment. The Head table will be served a meal provided by the Culinary Guild of Umbria. The populace is welcome to partake of the main course, Lemon Chicken, for a \$5 fee, due November 6. Please bring a potluck item to share, or feel free to bring your own complete meal. Please bring a table and chairs. There will be an award for the Best Feast Table.

Champions in Archery, Arts and Combat will be declared in court on Sunday. You will need a consort to lead into court if you win, so start looking around for an arm-bauble now!

For more information, please contact the Autocrats: Sir Black Arrow and Dame Margarita.

KNIGHTINGS!

There has been a plethora of knightings in Umbria in recent days. Congratulations and welcome to the following members of the Chivalry:

Dame Roawyn received her Knight Minister and Knight Archer belts; Sir Waylon earned his Knight Archer and Knight Civil belts. Lady Knight Keara Craig has been belted as a Knight Artisan and a Knight Civil, while Michael Cu Campbell is now Sir Cu, Knight Minister.

At the Kingdom Event, Lord Black Arrow accepted his belt as a Knight Forester, after which Margarita was dubbed Knight Archer. Sir Frederick Von Burg earned Knight Robe. And last, but certainly not least, HRM Dame Justina released Lady Iella as her squire she that she could accept the accolade of Knight Minister (Baby Knight!!)

Imperial Honors & Awards

The following awards were bestowed on our fellow Umbrians at the last Court of TIM Dame Elizabeth and Sir Erik:

To Dame Roawyn: Imperial Order of the Nebula, given for outstanding contributions to the betterment of Adria.

To Lady Celeste the Nightengale: Imperial Order of the Harp, for her Excellence in the Arts.

The following honors were bestowed during the Opening Court of the Reign of TIM Dame Maedb and Sir Karl:

To Lady Celeste the Nightengale: the privilege of serving as HIM Dame Maedb's Lady-in-Waiting.

To Sir Michael Sinestro: The distinction of being named the Imperial Bard, in recognition of his continuing excellence in the field of Bardic performances.

From Her Majesty...

Her Majesty, Queen Justina would like to thank all the folks that participated in the park's Halloween party for the smalls. Their involvement made it a success! We are hoping to do a December party also, these park parties include all of the gamers at the park and afford Umbria the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the other organizations, and the public that come out to observe. Great recruiting potential and fun too!!

Remember Devonshire is coming up, contact Dame Iella to offer your services. All help is welcome and needed. The Champions battle is also at hand. Contact Sir Black Arrow for details.

Royal Awards:

The following Kingdom awards were given in opening court of the October Kingdom Tourney:

To Richard Corazon Del Oso: The Royal Star, an award given to a new member who has shown outstanding enthusiasm and dedication.

To Sir Michael Sinestro: The title of Court Baron, for service to Sir Philippe.

Fundraising in Umbria

The Knight's Auction was held at the October Tourney – approximately \$200 was raised for our Kingdom coffers. Thanks to the following Knights who put themselves up on the Auction block for this great cause: Dames Margarita, Iella, Aislyne and Keara Craig, and Sirs Aramis, Black Arrow, Morgan, Waylon, Logan, Duncan and Puck. Thanks also to all who bid, especially the lovely Dame Delia who is so gracious that she would never ask the Knight she bought to do anything weird. (Ahem...did it work?) ☺

Raffle tickets will be sold for the privilege of being "Crowns for the Day." The drawing is to be held at the Champions battle in November.

Devonshire Renn Faire

Hello everyone!! Just wanted to remind everyone that the Faire is November 17 & 18. There will also be a get together for the Local TV show "Sonoran Living" at 8:30am at news 15 studios, on Thursday Nov 15 to promote the Faire. The Faire committee is asking for as many people as we can get. So Anyone want to go?

Also we can set up our booth on Friday the 16th. I plan on camping Friday and Saturday so that way we can keep the transporting to a minimum. I will post more info after the 6th of November. As that is when the next committee meeting is.

Also, if you are planning to attend or now of someone planning to go, please let me know before the 6th, otherwise you will not be able to get in for free. Also, keep in mind that if you give me your name, you will need to work our booth on both days! That is all for now.

Lady Dame Iella

The Imperial Experience

By your Nightengale

Oh to be in Terre Neuve on the weekend of Nov. 3: Umbria's showing, though small in numbers, were LARGE in heart!

First, we find it takes about 5 hours to travel from our castle to theirs in our brand new silver chariot, but the ride was very special, three Umbrian Ladies were there, and here was one of their experiences:

The Estates meeting on Saturday morn was long and really very educating. Good Prince Jehan of served as a well-versed Chancellor due to the lack of voice in the ever serving, ever devoted Princess Katherine Marshall. Comments were made, arguments heard, and they were courteous and very interesting. Now Princes of Umbria, Elizabeth and Erik resided with much pomp, and humor. An excellent balance. It was wonderful to see Empress Maedb with an unending supply of Smarties and Prince Erik wasting away the stash of Chocolate Oreos two ladies

from Umbria brought.

NOW for the feast and celebration of our new Imperial Majesties:

The dress was fine, the meals well timed, and the musicians played, and the ladies served the high table.

That was my lame attempt at poetry!! Now really, Umbria looked good this night, Sir Fredrick and Dame Delia were stunning in blue, along with "Sir" Binky, who wore a burgundy tunic, and complimented the new Imperials first official court with his presence, which was a major plus!! Then, Comtessa Roawyn requested a boon from the good Imperials - her's was the wish to be the Imperial Court Fool, which was most emphatically denied, for no one will call Dame Roawyn a fool, said a brand new Empress. But wait, there is more! Look at that woman in white and gold!!! That can't be any lady from any place in our Adria, but yes, and only that kind of beauty exists in Umbria, why it is Dame Aislynnel! She represented Umbrian Ladies with grace and style. His Majesty, King Philippe, with much graciousness, invited Dame Roawyn to the high table, and, her beauty runs in the family, I hear, so she also represented Umbria in a gracious and delightful manner. I had the honor of watching this all take place, and it was a deep joy. (and darn it, it was a parteeeee to be remembered!!!)

The next day, the continuation of the Estates Meeting, and again, for the time I could be there, it was very educational!!

Imperial Succession Confounded!!

As we read in the Herald, the Imperial War was over the (then) HIM Dame's Elizabeth's right to retire to a nunnery, or whether she was to be sent to the nunnery in disgrace.

As it turns out, Dame Elizabeth was granted a divorce from Sir Erik and retired in full glory and honor and was named Abbess for the Order of St Joan. HIM Sir Karl was then granted Dissolution of Marriage from Dame Elizabeth by the

Church of Adria. All bishops not present were declared to be in rebellion (look out, Sir Michael!). Saint Warhammar and his Church refused to acknowledge the Divorce, so Sir Karl took over the Church of Iglasias Soldato, naming himself head of that Church.

Ok. So? Well, as it happens, Dame Elizabeth apparently had a daughter, Princess Portia (aka Sassy), who was disinherited by Sir Karl when he set her mother aside (shades of Henry VIII, anyone?). He then named his son by Dame Maedb, the Infanto Infante (a boy child named Baby), to be the successor to the Imperial Throne.

Thus is set a scenario for Banner War West – who will Umbria support?

The Continuing Story of Sir Michael Sinestro The Wreck of the Raven's Roost Part 2

(Last month, we read how Sir Michael and his companion located the Sea Raven, completely abandoned.)

Seeing that her (the Sea Raven's) boat was ashore, we went ashore in our own boat to investigate. Surveying the island, for a small island it proved to be), we found on the other side another harbor, deserted, but with signs of recent habitation – and of a fierce struggle. We found on the beach tokens of our lost shipmates from the Sea Raven. Who took them captive we knew not; whether dead or alive we knew not. We mean to find out, but that is another story.

We briefly returned to the Raven's Roost and, judging her unfit to sail and unrepairable, we scuttled her and took ship aboard the Sea Raven. We found she was not completely abandoned, for her captain, Squire Hamish MacPherson, was still aboard. He informed us that he sent his crew ashore three days before to top off the provisions while he made ready for the voyage home, but they had never returned.

After we told him what we found, we agreed the best course of action was to return home for a new crew and reinforcements before going in search of our shipmates, and I being a knight, Hamish offered me command of the Sea Raven, which I accepted, immediately installing him as pilot. We then returned to the Sea Raven's homeport at the Boon Docks of Inverness.

Following a maritime board of inquiry, which found us totally blameless for the loss of the Raven's Roost, and the disappearance of the crew of the Sea Raven (though they did take me to task for the loss of the parrot – just kidding), the Admiral saw fit to give me command of the Sea Raven and to provide me with a new crew. The task force to search for our missing shipmates is still being assembled.

As mentioned in the report, I have been given command of the Sea Raven, and now sail the Spanish Main with the Elizabethan Sea Rovers, bearing a letter of marque from my liege (and now king, Sir Philippe), authorizing me to plunder the ships of my former countrymen (while, of course, searching for the lost crew of the Sea Raven). Which creates a dilemma for the Spanish – if they capture me, do they hang me as a pirate or burn me as a heretic? Hopefully they will never face that choice.

Roasted Carrots

Who: This would have been prepared by cooks in the castle as a dish that would have been eaten by lords and nobles.

When: This dish would have been made throughout our time period.

Where: This dish would have been served at the evening meal, if the nobles were fortunate enough to have three meals a day.

How: Roast Carrots in the coals, then peel them, cleaning off the ashes and cut them up. Put in a dish with oil, vinegar, and a bit of wine, scatter a few mild herbs on the top.

Ingredients: One pound carrots
Two-three tablespoons olive oil
Two-three teaspoons white wine vinegar
Two-three tablespoons chopped fresh herbs.

The carrots would have come from the garden. Wine vinegar would have been purchased at market, and the fresh herbs would also have come from the garden.

Source: *Pleyn Delit Medieval Cookery for Modern Cooks* No 40. (1996)

Gingerbread-Making

It has occurred to me that some have had trouble with interpretation of the gingerbread recipe in *Pleyn Delit*.

The original recipe indicates after taking the honey and breadcrumbs off the heat and adding the spices “and temper it up with pinhandes;” this is a very important piece of information that is left out of the translation. If one cooks the honey and breadcrumbs until “...thick, well blended mass...” then it will more than likely cool and become too hard to eat. To temper with your hands is to knead more breadcrumbs into the mixture until it is the correct consistency to be formed, but still able to be cut and eaten. Medieval gingerbread is more like a candy than it is bread.

Also, the food coloring “saundres” is basically powdered sandalwood, which gives a slightly red color to food.

A friend, when I first read the recipe to her and came to the part “impossible to get ‘long pepper’...” said, “I wonder if that could really be vanilla bean pod as it tastes peppery before you open it?” To that end, when I make this recipe, I use cinnamon, ginger, and ¼ to ½teaspoon of vanilla extract.

By Kate MacPherson MacIntosh
Co-Mistress of the Cooking Guild of Umbria

Weaving Guild

Maliaka has announced the formation of the Royal Weaving Guild. Please contact her if you are interested in learning more about weaving, naalbinding, etc.

Culinary Guild

The Imperial Culinary Guild has reformed with a local Royal Guild here in Umbria. Please see Dame Aislynn or Dame Kate, Guildmistresses, for more info.

Royal Minister Reports

Arts and Sciences Report:

The month of October saw fewer artisans participating than had participated the past couple of months.

The Canton of Thunar tournament saw no entries, while the Kingdom tournament had a single entrant. Sir Michael Sinestro entry of calligraphy of the Knighting Oath was a winner.

My thanks to all the judges, scribes and of course, the artisan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate MacPherson-MacIntosh
A&S Minister

November/December 2001 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2 DEADLINE NOV. MUG!	3 Imperial Estates/Coronation
4 Imperial Estates	5	6	7 Canton of Thunar Encanto Park 7:30 p.m. Mug Published	8	9	10 Champions Tourney Kingdom Event Estrella Mtn Park
11 Champions Tourney Estrella Mtn Park	12	13	14 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Devonshire Renn Faire
18 Devonshire Renn Faire	19	20	21 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Archery TBA
25	26	27	28 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	29	30 DEADLINE DEC. MUG!!	1 DECEMBER 2001 Canton of Westerheim 10 am Loma Linda Park
2	3	4	5 Canton of Thunar Encanto Park 7:30 p.m. Mug Published	6	7	8 Kingdom Tourney Cactus Park 10 a.m. Estates Meeting
9	10	11	12 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Yule Feast
16	17	18	19 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Archery TBA
23	24	25	26 Fighter Practice Encanto Park 7:30 p.m.	27	28 DEADLINE JAN. MUG!!	29
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Three Huzzahs to the following tourney winners:

Kingdom Tournament			
September	Combat	Knights' Steel	Sir Keegan
		Knights' Renn	Sir Ievan
October	Archery	Huntsman's List	Dame Margarita
		Bowman's List	Sir Black Arrow
	Combat	Knight's Renn	Sir Keegan
		Sargent's Shinai	Squire Anna Marie
Canton of Thunar			
September	Combat	Knights' Renn	Sir James the Red
October	Combat	Knight's Steel	Sir Keegan
		Knight's Renn	Sir Duncan
Canton of Westerheim			
October	Archery	Huntsman's List	Margarita
		Bowman's List	Christof the Meek
	Combat	Knight's Renn	Sir Ievan

Royal Ministers...

Their Royal Majesties have split the Ministers into "His, Hers, and Theirs." "His" and "Hers" are listed under TRM's names. "Theirs" are in the 3rd column.

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