

# The Blade



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## Missive from the Crown

Greetings Galandor!

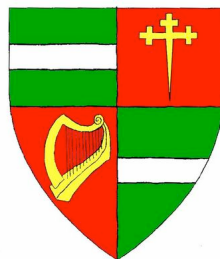
It is easy to see that the summer's heat is starting to affect our vast Kingdom. Things have been a bit slow and quiet as of late, but that just means our artisans are indoors working on their next pieces of art, and our fighters are carefully honing their skills, getting ready for pending battle in the next few months. However, in the far Northeast, Stahldrache is still very hard at work. They continue to promote both themselves and the knowledge they all possess by hosting demo after demo. We are all very proud of you. Please keep up the work, and by God teach us how to do what you do so well!

As for business as usual, as always, we can still use quality events on a monthly basis. If interested, please let me know, as all events need to be approved and published. Along those lines, this past month I announced a Crown Edict. In order for an event to be official, it must be published in either the Blade or on the Kingdom forum with no less than the date, time, site fee, basic line-up of events and theme. All publishing rules must also be followed as laid out in the L.G. Demos and social events, such as Arts and Armoring, are not affected by this rule. The main reason for this edict is that we are seeing a vast quantity of events lately that are lacking the quality. The idea behind this is that if an autocrat puts the thought into an event to publish these items then the event itself has that much more potential to be a success.

Until next time, keep strong and stay cool. We are halfway through the dark.

*Gerrit*

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## Calendar of Events

### August

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Zodiac Tourney (Solaris)  
HE Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Tourney of the Blade (Stahldrache)  
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Solaris Fight Night (Solaris)  
HE Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – A Knight in Sherwood Forest (Vega)  
Earl Sir Vladimir Tolos
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Zodiac Tourney (Solaris)  
HE Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Solaris Fight Night (Solaris)  
HE Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Solaris Seat Voting (Solaris)  
TE Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi and Seraphem

## Events

*August 13<sup>th</sup> – Zodiac Tourney*

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Zodiac Tourney for August is drawing near. For this month's tourney, I shall be combining ones cancelled or postponed with this months . . . therefore . . . **Aquarius, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, and Leo** will all be represented in some way. And the best part is that there is stuff for everyone to do, should they be willing to participate. So, bring your arts, and **ALL** of your fighting gear. **Site opens at 8 (to try to keep the heat down a bit for steel), court at 8:30. It will be at Kiwanis Park by Ramada #8 on Saturday August 18. And as like most of my other events, there will be no site fee.** However, I will only be providing water, so if you wish to bring other forms of refreshment, or sustenance, you are more than welcome to. Oh, and a special note . . . special points may be awarded if your arts entries have a specific relevance to any of the afore mentioned zodiac signs (other than the date they were made).

-Marcillius-

## *August 20<sup>th</sup> - Journey of the Blade*

Dear Populace-

Let it be known that on August twentieth in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven that there will be a tourney demonstrating the skills of blade and the pen at Highland Park in Kokomo. The event will begin at eleven in the morning with an opening court and go until four in the afternoon with a closing court. The site fee will be \$4 and all combatants and arts entries must be entered by fifteen minutes past eleven. There will be prizes for all tourney winners, most chivalrous, and best death. Each of the combat tourneys will be a counted blow weapons choice single elimination tourney. Only blows to the head, torso and groin will be valid and counted. Blows to the legs and arms are invalid and will not cause the loss of their use. There will be no stoppage of the fight between blows unless deemed for safety reasons by the marshal or if there is a question about a blow's validity. The first combatant to land five valid blows against their opponent will move onward in the tourney.

There will also be an arts tourney with all artistic period forms welcome. There will also be a specific award given to the best-written period poem or story of the day. Any bardic entries must preregister to the autocrat three days before the tourney to allow scheduling of their performance within the tourney timeline. Bottled water and a light lunch will be provided. If there are any questions please contact the autocrat Lord Sir Adon von Hesser at 765-438-7312 or [siradonvonhesser@yahoo.com](mailto:siradonvonhesser@yahoo.com).

In Service of the Dream,  
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser  
Knight Bannerette of Galandor  
Kingdom Combat Minister  
LoC of Galandor  
Order of the Sovereigns' Gratitude  
Vegan Order of the Stealth Sloth





# A Knight in Sherwood Forest

*Date: Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Located in Lovell Canyon  
 Off of State Route 160 and Lovell Canyon Road  
 See driving directions*

*Please RSVP for this event for guaranteed camping and any kitchen equipment from storage besides the grill.*

<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Feast Donation \$6.00 adult, \$4.00 under 12, 5 and under are free</i>
<i>Set up Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am</i>	<i>Appetizer - Marinated Cucumbers</i>
<i>Saturday        Opening Court 10:00 am        Open sing in for Arts and Combat 10:30 am        Arm and prepare for Shinai Melee 12:00 pm        Close sing in for Arts 12:00 pm        Combat Melee starts 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm        Target Archery Competition 3:30 pm        Interim Court at 5:00 pm        Feast and fire pit 7:00 pm (this is when the basic arts        will be presented and judged)</i>	<i>Entrée - Roost Beast and Roost Swine        English Egg Bread        Spiced butter        Spiced Cabbage &amp; Onion        Peas for a Meat day</i>
<i>Sunday        Arm are prepare 9:00 am Steel followed by rapier and        shinai        Closing Court 1:00 pm        Breakdown 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Dissert - smores        (21 years or older) Peaches in Wine        Mulled Wine        Apple Mead</i>

**RSVP to Vladimirtolos@hotmail.com by**

**August 26, 2011 !!!!**

**There will be group kitchen space available if you do not have your own equipment, but we will not be providing food. Please remember to pack a cooler for yourself and bring cooking utensils. All space is on a RSVP then first come first serve basis. Group camping with house members is encouraged! House Lords/Ladies can RSVP for these spaces. Thank you!!!**

**Driving Directions: From Las Vegas Blvd. and Blue Diamond Rd.**

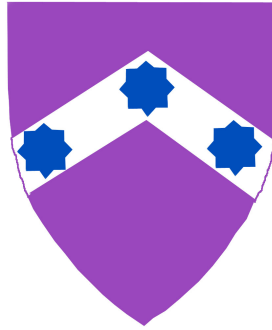
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| <b>1. Head west on NV-160 aka Blue Diamond</b>  | <b>2. Turn right onto Lovell Canyon Rd.</b>    |
| <b>Continue to follow NV-160 as if you were</b> | <b>LOOK FOR SIGNS starting at 8 miles.</b>     |
| <b>driving to Pahrump. Go 24.1 miles.</b>       | <b>Go 10.3 miles and turn off to campsite.</b> |



## Extras

### *Heraldry Corner*

It's time for another device to increase your heraldry knowledge. This month's device belongs to Inara al Zarqa.



Purple (*purple*), a chevron (*inverted 'V' section*) argent (*silver*) with three mullets of eight points (*eight pointed stars*), azure (*blue*).

Chronicler

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## *The Walls Have Ears*

- I like to thrust.
- One side's looser than the other.
- Does that make Anne the Red Queen?
- You're meet is hanging out.
- So you just took it off and played with it all night?
- Stop being so erect.
- The King is screwing under the tree.

## *Medieval Minute*

The movable type printing press is arguably the most important invention contributing to the Scientific Revolution and the general education of the masses. This revolution leads directly to the Industrial Revolution and our modern times.

Invented independently in Europe by Johannes Gutenberg it featured a system where individual letters could be moved around to easily reconfigure the printing press to print a variety of different articles. Gutenberg also was the first to make his type out of a lead, tin and antimony alloy that is still used today. Because of it produced relatively inexpensive, yet high quality prints, the Gutenberg press quickly spread throughout Europe and then the world.

The first major printing on the press, the Gutenberg Bible, was completed on 24 August 1456.

And that's your Medieval Minute

Chronicler

## *Announcement*

### *Letter of Intent*

The time is drawing nigh to choose new leaders for the Mighty Solaris. If you are interested in a challenge and want to get more involved, this is your chance. Please submit all letters of intent to the Chronicler at [blade@ecs-galandor.org](mailto:blade@ecs-galandor.org) by August 28<sup>th</sup> for publication in the Blade. All letters will be published in the September Blade for perusal. Then, at the September Fight Night, the vote (if necessary) for the new head of Solaris will take place. Get involved and help the Territory and the Kingdom grow.

TE Seraphem and Marcillius Evintorianalaxisabalandi

## Articles

### *Friday 13<sup>th</sup>*

**Why is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> considered an unlucky day?** : The answer to this question dates back to the medieval ages and the destruction of one of the most powerful crusading orders ever seen in Europe.

Hugh de Payens, a French Knight and a veteran of the First Crusades (1095-1099), together with several other Knights, swore allegiance to the Patriarch of Jerusalem and promised to protect Christian pilgrims traveling throughout the Holy Land in 1119. They took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. King Baldwin II of Jerusalem gave to these knights a headquarters that was located near the Dome of the Rock, allegedly the site of the Temple of Solomon. This small group would later become known as the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon or, as it is more commonly known to us today, the Knights Templar.



By 1129, the Templars were granted special privileges by the Pope and were formally organized into a military order, an order dedicated to both a religious and military life. They were one of the most powerful and wealthy of the Orders with outposts throughout the Near East, the Middle East, and Europe. They protected pilgrims and fought to defend the Latin Kingdoms in the Holy Land. They also invented several ingenious banking practices and became one of the first international banking institutions. They were answerable only to the Pope. After the fall of the city of Acre and the last Christian outposts in 1293, the Templars came under increasing criticism over their inability to keep the Latin Kingdoms intact.

King Phillip IV (also known as Phillip the Fair) was the King of France. He enjoyed living well beyond his means and his family owed money to the Templars due to prior loans. In July of 1306, he had ordered the confiscation of the monies and property of those of the Jewish faith within his Kingdom. It wasn't enough. He raised taxes on the French clergy. It wasn't enough. He ultimately imprisoned and seized the property of Italian bankers who had lent him money. It still wasn't enough.

On Friday, October 13, 1307, King Philip IV of France issued an order to arrest all Templars on several charges, including, among other things, the charge of heresy. If the charges were proven, the Templar properties in France would go to Phillip who desperately needed more revenue. The Templars were arrested, interrogated and tortured. The trial of the Templars in France didn't seek to discover the truth but to prove the charges of heresy. Pope Clement V was a weak man who bent to King Phillip's wishes and allowed the prosecution to proceed. He would ultimately formally suppress the

Templars on March 22, 1312 because the reputation of the Order had sustained so much damage in Europe. Many Templars were burned at the stake including Jacques de Molay, the Grand Master of the Templars. In one of the more ironic turns of fate, the “Chinon Parchment” was recently discovered in the Vatican Archives. This document had never been published before and had been lost for more than 600 hundred years. It demonstrates that the Templars were absolved of the charges of heresy in 1308. Heresy or “relapsed heresy” was the very crime that many of the Templars had been tortured and burned at the stake for.

On March 18, 1314, Jacques de Molay and Guy of Auvergne, the Preceptor of Normandy, were burned at the stake on a small island in the River Seine near Paris, France. Legend has it that de Molay called out, in his dying moments, for both King Phillip and Pope Clement to join him within a year and answer to God for what they had done. History shows that Pope Clement died by illness on April 20, 1314. King Phillip the Fair died in a hunting accident on November 29, 1314.

While the destruction of the Templars did manage to erase King Phillip’s debt to the Order, it achieved little more to ease his financial situation. In an ironic turn of fate, Pope Clement gave the properties of the Templars to the Knights Hospitaller thus denying King Phillip of the prizes he was willing to kill for. The origin of the superstition about Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> comes from the order issued by King Phillip to arrest the Templars. And that is a quick message from the History Corner.

**By Lord Sir Paul de Marseilles**

**Sources:** Helen Nicholson, *The Knights Templar, A New History* (Sutton Publishing, 2002); Malcolm Barber, *The Trial of the Templars* (Cambridge University Press, 1978); Malcolm Barber, *The New Knighthood: A History of the Order of the Temple* (Cambridge University Press, 1994); Piers Paul Read, *The Templars, The Dramatic History of the Knights Templar, The Most Powerful Military Order of the Crusades* (Da Capo Press, 1999).



# Hierarchy of Galandor



**CROWN OF GALANDOR** – HRM Gerrit Kendel



**Marquisette of Solaris** – TE Marquis Sir Marcellius  
Evintorianalaxisabalandi and Marquessa Seraphem  
-**Semag Hall** – Lady Dame Lorelei von  
Bremerhaven  
- **Peregrine** – Lady Squire Josceline Marie  
Tourneau



**Province of Stahldrache** – Noble Estates of Stahldrache  
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Province of Stahldrache –

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