

The Blade



Dermot MacMurrough

May 2011

Missive from the Crown

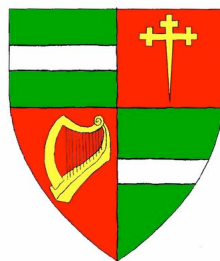
Greetings Galandor!

That is been both a very calm and busy month. My caravan made its way north for the first time to visit Stahldrache, Her Excellency Seraphem tagging along to make sure the people there know that the other parts of the Kingdom are watching and are encouraging their efforts. Like I told them, the whole Kingdom should be proud of what Stahldrache has accomplished. Their King's War Feast had 50 people attend, both members of the populace and visitors. Please keep up the great work. And also make sure to congratulate LORD Sir Adon on his new accolade and for his invitation to join the Knight Ministers. A new household was also formed in this Kingdom, the House of the Dragon's Blade, lead by Lord Squire Christoph. I look forward to see many more great things come out of every corner of this land.

And now we turn to war. In the coming weeks the armies of both this Kingdom and of Vega will be amassing and traveling to the high lands of the Kingdom proper to face an enemy that has not shown its face in our Kingdom for quite some time. Pirates are attacking once again. Please make sure to see the call to arms later in this newsletter. But please, do not take the threat lightly. Our homeland is under attack and it needs defending. I look forward to seeing you all on the battlefield and on the lakes and coves of our country.

Gerrit

Ard Ri



Calendar of Events

May

7th – Crane Cultural Center Demo (Stahldrache)
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser

8th – Arts and Armouring Day (Solaris)
HE Seraphem

15th – Birth of Stahldrache Tourney (Stahldrache)
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26th – Western High School Demo (Stahldrache)
William Black

27th – 30th – Banner War
HRM Gerrit

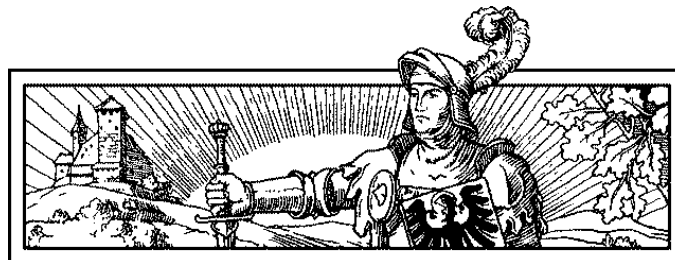
Events

May 7th – Crane Cultural Center Demo

Dear Populace-

The Crane Cultural Center in Wabash, IN has invited the ECS to do a combat demo for their Martial Arts school on the 7th of May. Please contact Lord Sir Adon von Hesser at 765-438-7312 or siradonvonhesser@yahoo.com for further information.

In Service of the Dream,
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser



May 26th - Washington High School Demo

Dear Populace-

Western High school here in Kokomo has invited the ECS to hold a combat demo during their Medieval nights festival that they have had for the past 17 years. The demo will be held May 26th and the event will run from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Please arrive just before 5pm to prep. If there are any further questions please contact William Black (Nickolas Losekamp) at 513-519-1571.

In Service of the Dream
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser



May 27th - 30th - Banner War

Greetings All!

The lands of Galandor, after years of peace, are once again under attack by pirates! I am pleading for every able body to take up arms to defend our lands. My scouts have discovered where they are making port and we will strike when they are not expecting. Because what do pirates do best? They revel. So we will attack when they are at their weakest. Join with me as we head to war and ensure the safety of our lands. Weather you are fighter, artisan, privateer or child, you are all needed as we head to war!

Plain and simple, this year's Banner War will be a slightly different format. Instead of waging war amongst each other, we will join together to fight a common enemy....and have lots of fun while doing it. So every event will be geared towards doing just that. We will be bringing back the long, goal-oriented res-battles. There will be an archery tournament. Saturday night will be a good old fashioned Pirates revel. And I will be trying to have some arts classes and discussions going at different times on both Saturday and Sunday.

I fully encourage lots and lots of discussion and collaboration on this event. I realize we are really close to the dates, but with that aside, I can promise a great time to be had by all. Here is a general rundown of what will be happening. A more detailed schedule will be posted in the coming weeks.

Friday site will open at noon. We will be at the same site as we were last year at Willard Springs, about 12 miles south of Flagstaff. Take I-17 to exit 326, Willard Springs Road. Take exit to the west side and go on the paved Forest Road 253. Continue up the hill past the trash station. Go through the gate and turn left at the first road and proceed to Troll. For those coming from Vega, take I-40 to I-17 south and proceed to Willard Springs.

That evening we will have a torchlight shinai tournament. However, if we do not have enough fighters, we will open it up and it will be changed to a shinai Munchkin Tourney. Later that night will be a generals meeting where the generals will meet and discuss tactics and to go over the rules and such of the event. This meeting will be open to the Crowns of each Kingdom, the territory heads and any official champion or general of armies. Please let me know who will be joining, as I am planning to provide refreshments for this war council meeting.

On Saturday we will start with a Rapier List, then Melees. Later that day will be the grand shinai melee and the archery tournament. The Arts tournament will occur throughout the day so that judges may partake in the different events as well. That night will be the Revel. Please bring stories and plunder to share.

Sunday will be a shorter version of Saturday, where we will have a Steel list and melee in the morning, and shinai melees in the afternoon. Arts discussion and classes will also be offered at different times on both days. After closing court on Sunday night the event will be officially over, but site will remain open until 12pm Monday.

Oh, I suppose I should also mention, since this is a pirate event there will be booty and treasure available to everyone that stakes a claim to it. This will be explained in further detail on site, but just know that the pirate that closes out the event with the most treasure will be given a very healthy reward. You can get treasure by finding it around site, stealing from fellow pirates, winning battles, and by creating arts. I am very excited about this new twist to Banner war that I am sure everyone will enjoy, fighter or not.

Thank you.

In Service,
King Gerrit Kendel, Ard Ri

3rd Annual Birth of Stahldrache Tourney

Dear Populace-

Let it be known throughout the land that Stahldrache, on the fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven, will be holding its third annual Birth of Stahldrache Tourney. The event will begin at 2 pm at Highland Park with an opening court and then will be directly followed by a sign in for arts, padded, shinai, rapier, and steel tourneys. The site fee will be \$4 with prizes provided for all forms as well as most

chivalrous and best death. All combat events will be a best two of three single elimination tourneys. There will also be a special prize for the winner of the arts.

If there are any questions please contact the autocrat Lord Sir Adon von Hesser at 765-438-7312 or siradonvonhesser@yahoo.com. May prosperity and peace be with us in this new year of our group.

Sincerely,

Lord Sir Adon von Hesser

Knight Bannerette of Galandor
Combat Minister of Galandor
Bearer of the Sovereign's Gratitude
Order of the Stealth Sloth



Announcements

Agenda for Kingdom Estates Meeting

Meeting of the Estates General of Galandor

5/29/2011 (Subject to change at Banner War)

Roll Call:

Landed:

Crown of Galandor
Seat of Solaris
Lady of Semag Hall
Lady of Peregrine
Lord of Dragon's Blade

Personal:

Duke Sir Gaelen O'Flaharty
Viscountess Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
Viscount Sir Reinhardt von Konrad
Viscountess Dame Ewhaz Braggisdotti
Lord Sir Adon von Hesser
Lord Sir Richard "Rabbit" Kirk

Officer Reports:

Herald
Arts and Sciences
Combat
Rolls
Sovereign of Arms
Exchequer
Hospitler
Chronicler
Web Minister
Secretary
Regalia

Mundane Officers (Kingdom Bank Account):

President- Dave Reines
Secretary- Chris Stuckey
Treasurer- Ashley Hutchison

Old Business:

- I. Change section VII, D of the LG.

Add the following to the current wording:

If no meeting is allowed due to quorum not being met, another circle may be called with the same agenda. The same time of 2 weeks is to be allowed before the next circle, however, any business discussed at this circle is official and the standard quorum rules do not apply.

Reasoning- Recently, there have been some issues getting peer circles together. This is due to multiple issues, but the main problem is peers not sending in proxies. This will allow the active circles to continue without relying on less active peers to read agendas and send in proxies.

Submitted by Baron Sir Gerrit Kendel, KMn, KB

Tabled. It was unclear to members what this proposal would do to the current circles. It is thought that the circles should have the ability to monitor themselves, and to make sure members know that a circle is approaching. More communication should be made within the circles, not just my e-mail, but via phone as well.

New Business:

I. None

Discussion:



Extras

Solaris Edge

Well another month has gone by. Please do not forget Arts and Armory on Sunday May 8th. It will be held at my new Keep. Site will open at 1pm. Please see me if you wish to come early. I hope to see you all there. The address is as below. The apartment complex is on the east side of McClintock, south of Southern. Contact me with any further questions.

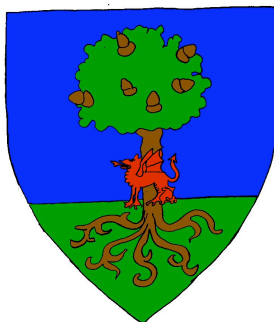
Thank you,

Seraphem

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Heraldry Corner

It's time for another device to increase your heraldry knowledge. This month's device belongs to Thomas a'Boch.



Per fess (*vertical field division*) azure (*blue on top*) and vert (*green on bottom*), an oak tree eradicated (*roots showing*) proper (*the way it looks in real life*) in fess (*centered in the device*), over all (*on top of everything else*) a dragon statant (*standing with all feet on the ground*) gules (*red*).

Chronicler



Medieval Minute

Diarmait Mac Murchada, anglicized as Dermot MacMurrough, was the last Irish King of Leinster. After becoming King of Leinster on the death of his older brother, the young king found himself the unfortunate target of the High King Toirdelbach Ua Conchobair who feared Mac Murchada power. Because of the the High King (or Ard Ri) enticed Tigernán Ua Ruairc to conquer Leinster. Ua Ruairc lead a campaign into Leinster, ousting Mac Murchada from the throne in 1132. However, Mac Murchada was able to regain his throne with help from the clans of Leinster.

After two decades of uneasy peace war broke out again. The current Ard Ri and Leinster ally, Muirchertach Ua Lochlainn, had fallen and Ua Ruairc leading a coalition of Irish clans attacked again, easily ousting Mac Murchada from Leinster. Following this, Mac Murchada made his way to the court of the Norman King Henry II, begging men and arms to help retake Leinster and become Ard Ri. Henry II agreed sending Richard de Clare, 2nd Earl of Pembroke, alias Strongbow, along to help. Years later, Henry II would send Strongbow on two campaigns to take Ireland for himself.

Because he let English troops into Ireland, Mac Murchada was widely regarded as a traitor to Ireland, but only centuries later. Diarmait Mac Murchada died 1 May 1171.

Chronicler

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 Northwatch –



Province of Stahldrache – Patrizio Santo Este
-**House of the Dragon's Blade** – Lord Squire
Christoph Vuhselin

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Minister of Rolls – open – rolls@ecs-galandor.org

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Royal Exchequer – – Lady Squire Josceline Marie Tourneau – exchequer@ecs-galandor.org

Royal Hospitler open – hospitler@ecs-galandor.org

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Kingdom Secretary—Lord Sir Kheldar– secretary@ecs-galandor.org

Kingdom Regalia – open

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Province of Northwatch – open

Province of Stahldrache – Patrizio Santo Este

ECS Websites

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Kingdom of Galandor:	www.ecs-galandor.org
Kingdom of Vega:	www.ecs-vega.com