

The Blade



Mary and Jesus

December 2009

Missive from the Crown

Galador, it is time.

There are contenders for the Crown of Galador.

Letters of intent have been submitted for your approval and vote. They can be viewed later in this Blade and a ballot will be distributed by January to be either mailed in by or turned in at the Crown War.

Once again the outlying territories will be hosting their war in the first two weeks of January where as the homeland will host its war in the last two weeks. We are looking forward to seeing how our document and the War unfold.

We hope your holidays are progressing well and your times with family and friends are pleasurable. We do want to remind you to check in the Blade and on the forum for a few events happening this month that if you are able to, please attend.

Gaelen

And

Anne

Rex

Regina



Calendar of Events

December

- 5th – Champion's Tourney (Solaris)
Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
- 12th – Winter Festival (Altiora)
Lord Sir Richard "Rabbit" Kirk and Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa'
- 12th – Tourney of the Winter King (Stahldrache)
Graf Sir Adon von Hesser

January

- 30th – Principality Ball (Norhtwatch)
HRH Robert Sanguin

Events

December 12th – Journey of the Winter King

Come celebrate the Yule and showcase your feat of arms. Join us December 12th at 2:30 pm at the Kokomo Academy of Martial Arts for the Tourney of the Winter King. Site fee will be \$2 with prizes for 1st place in rapier and shinai and award for the most chivalrous and best death. Contact Graf Sir Addon von Hesser at 765-438-7312 or siradonvonhesser@yahoo.com.

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December 12th - Winter Festival

Greetings unto all! The joyous holiday season is upon us and much celebration and merriment shall be ensuing in the coming days. To honor the Winter Solstice We, Lord Sir Richard Rabbit Kirk and Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa' shall be hosting a Winter Festival. We wish to incorporate some combat, some arts, dancing and revelry into this event. Details are as follows:

- Time: Site opens at 4pm, court at their Majesties leisure
- Location: Our keep; 3225 E. Fairmount St. Tucson AZ 85716
- Site fee: Bring a dish to share to serve at least 10 people (we will provide beef and chicken to be grilled as a main dish)
- Combat styles: Shinai and Rapier
- Arts tournament: if we have enough entries
- Wet site, BYOB (or perhaps we can inquire about Baron Sir Gerrit or m'lord Cyris about bringing some of their home brews to share?)
- Bring chairs to sit in as we do not have very many at our abode.

We are hoping to have both a shinai and a rapier tournament before the sun goes down in addition to an arts tournament occurring during the fighting. Following combat we shall have feasting and merriment. In addition we shall be having a drum circle with belly dancing from 7 pm – 9:30 pm. There will be a fire pit (if anyone wants to bring marshmallows they are welcome to) and a bardic circle going on, we also welcome anyone to share stories that they may have (we love our "No s*it there I was tales"). We encourage members to share their performances, their dancing, and on a whole have a good time celebrating the solstice.

Directions from Solaris: Take the I-10 towards Tucson and exit at Speedway Blvd. Go Left on Speedway (east) and take it down to Country Club. Go Left on Country Club (north) and take it to Fairmount (it should be the second street). Go Right on Fairmount (east) and pass through the 4 way stop. We are the third house on the left.

Lord Sir Richard "Rabbit" Kirk
Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa'



Announcements

Letters of Intent for Crown

Please see the following two letters of intent for Crown War.

TRM Gaelen and Anne

Greetings unto the populace of Galandor,

It has been nearly a year since Our reign as monarchs of this Kingdom began. In that time We have endeavored to find common ground between two distinct factions that have arisen. We firmly believe that there is room for people of varying points of view within Galandor—that diversity benefits us all. Unfortunately not everyone shares this open-mindedness. Where once We saw the possibility of compromise and consensus, We now see intolerance and discord. Where once We saw enthusiasm and camaraderie, We now see frustration and mistrust. This Kingdom teeters on the edge of self-destruction. It is up to every single populace member, from Knight Champion to the newest recruit, to make a decision to either fight for a unified Kingdom or allow Galandor to fall.

Some might say that We are painting a very bleak picture of life in this wonderful Kingdom. Perhaps they are right...but what if they are wrong? This Kingdom has been dying very slowly; recent ideological differences have only brought to the surface what has been happening for many years. One needs to look no further than the cyclical nature of Altiora, each rise and fall not quite attaining the prominence it had before.

This is not to say that no bright spots exist amidst the darker landscape. The Province of Stahldrache has sprouted from a seed that lay dormant many years. There, that sense of enthusiasm has been recaptured; it is a remarkable thing to behold, even from afar. In the other territories of the Kingdom too, talented members have challenged us all to rise to new levels of accomplishment by completing ministry projects, masterworks, and joining the ranks of knighthood.

At this point, you are probably thinking, is this not supposed to be a letter of intent for the Crown of Galandor. YES IT IS. We fully take responsibility for the present state of the Kingdom. We acknowledge that We could have made different decisions. Those We made were always done in the best interests of the Kingdom. We want to lead this Kingdom in overcoming its current difficulties. We have learned a tremendous deal in the past ten months that would help us in another reign. However, We do want to be perfectly clear; We will no longer defend those members of this populace who choose to be intolerant or closed-minded to other's ideologies. This Kingdom needs everyone if it is to survive.

“We know what we are, but not what we may be.” W. Shakespeare

Respectfully Submitted,

His Royal Majesty Gaelen O'Flaharty

Knight Champion of the Empire

Baron of the Court of Galandor

Awarded Companion to the Order of the Knight's Bachelor

Recipient of the Sword of Theseus

Twice recipient of the Sovereign's Gratitude

Member of the Imperial Order of St. Michael

Her Royal Majesty Anne of Brackley

Knight Minister of Galandor

Baroness of the Court of Galandor

Awarded Companion to the Order of the Knight's Artisan

Recipient of the Rock of Sisyphus

Thrice recipient of the Sovereign's Gratitude

Member of the Imperial Order of St. Jude



Lord Sir Richard and Lady Dame Inara

Unto their Royal Majesties and the Populace of Galandor:

We, Lord Sir Richard 'The Rabbit' Kirk (Kevin Kestler) and Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa' (Kelli Daher), do humbly hereby submit this letter of intent to vie for the Crown of Galandor.

Together we have been active members of this great organization for a combined amount of almost 15 years; Sir Richard joined in 2000 and Dame Inara in 2005. Sir Richard immediately became involved with the combat arts, while Dame Inara found her calling within arts and ministry. Both of have excelled in these areas as Richard is now a Knight Bannerette, and Inara a Knight Minister and she has also recently had a masterwork arts project pass. Both are distinguished members of various orders within the realm, including the Order of St. Jude, Order of the Golden Feather, Order of the Sovereigns Gratitude, Order of the Star of Vega, Order of Sophia, and the order of St. Michael. Dame Inara is a Lady of both Vega and Galandor, and Sir Richard holds the title of Lord of Vega. Positions of leadership have been held by both in territorial and officer positions, and have also both had the opportunity to serve as members of the royal court in various positions.

As sovereigns, we would like to focus on the encouragement of current members to excel in the areas they currently study in order to further progress within our great kingdom. In addition, we would like to offer as much guidance as possible regarding the recruitment of new members. We believe that by making our main focus on these two areas, we shall be able to help the kingdom grow and prosper. We would like to also advocate honoring those who have differing opinions of our own, and will be willing to listen with open ears. We are a very spread out kingdom and therefore would like to also encourage the growth and communication between all our territorial leaders.

There has been a great deal of interest in varying areas of medieval history, specifically combat and arts. We would like to encourage our members to further their studies within these areas and teach their knowledge to all. We both greatly enjoy our own studies and therefore would like to see others educate as well. Having more arts and amouring events, classes, tournaments and feasts in which the focus is on how things would have been done in the Medieval Times is something we would like to pursue.

We wish to offer thanks for being granted this opportunity to run for Sovereigns. We look forward to a year of education, enlightenment and fun.

With kind regards,

Lord Sir Richard Rabbit Kirk and Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa'

Message from the Chronicler

You will notice that this Blade is much abbreviated compared to previous months. Because of issues with the website, I have forgone many of the regular features of the Blade in order to create a document that would be easily posted in the limited method available. Do not quail, your favorite feature will return next month.

Chronicler

Hierarchy of Galandor



CROWN OF GALANDOR – TRM Gaelen O’Flaharty and Anne of Brackley



Principality of Northwatch – TRH Sir Robert Sanguin and Dame Mina Lavigne
– **Great House of Northwatch** – Lady Squire Elix DeVries



Marquisette of Altiora – HE Jarl Sir Jaster Mereel
- **Stormdragon** – Lord Squire Giovanni Visconte
- **Zaralexix** – Lady Dame Inara al-Zarqa’



Marquisette of Solaris – HE Marchioness Dame Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
- **Semag Hall** – Lady Dame Lorelei von Bremerhaven
- **Peregrine** – Lady Squire Josceline Marie Tourneau



Province of Stahldrache – Graf Sir Adon von Hesser

Royal Officers of Galandor

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Minister of Rolls – Princess Dame Mina Lavigne – rolls@galandor.org
Sovereign of Arms – Lady Dame Lorelei von Bremerhaven – fleur@galandor.org
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Kingdom Water Bearer – Sabine

Current Listing of Galandorian Royalty

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Principality of Northwatch – TRH Sir Robert Sanguin and Dame Mina Lavigne
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Marquiesette of Solaris – HE Marchioness Mynwyn verch Gruffydd
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Province of Stahldrache – Graf Sir Adon von Hesser
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ECS Websites

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