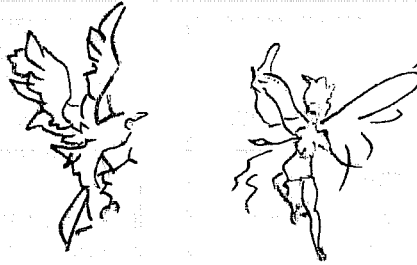
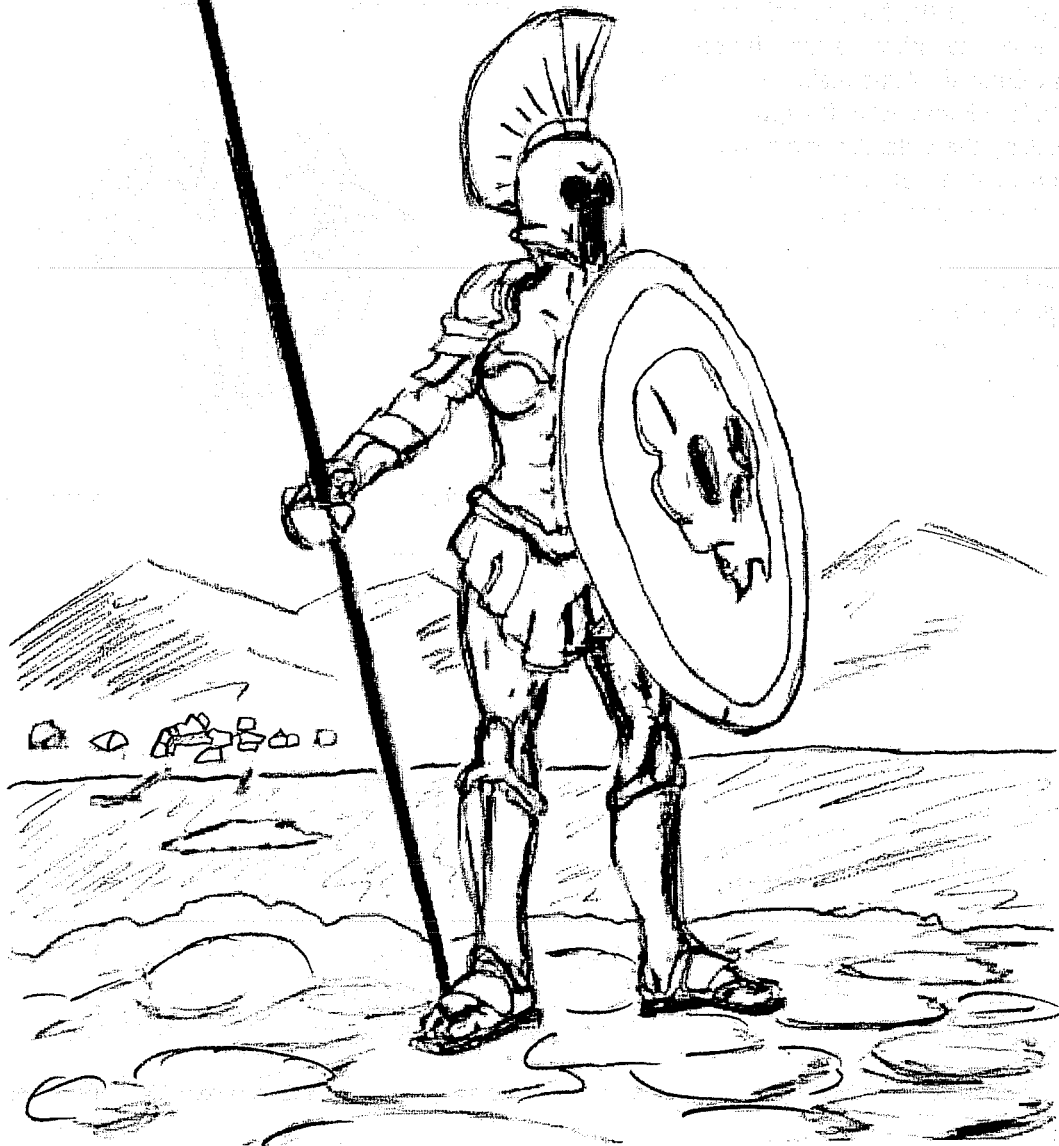


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News and writings from the illustrious Kingdom of the Emerald Hills – Issue 2 in the reign of Eclipse Blackfire and Ominique DeMurray



WORD FROM THE CROWN

Greetings:

Well we are a third into this Reign and I just wanted to say thanks again for electing me to office for another term. The Booty Battles have been a blast so far and I look forward to lots more fun in the next 4 months. I also want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who help out. Without your assistance there would be no fun to be had.

There is lots more going on this Reign so please check the Kingdom Calendar and come out to enjoy the fun! If you are a park Official, please make sure that your populace knows what is happening by checking the Calendar and making announcements at your park every weekend. See ya in fantasy land....

In Service.....

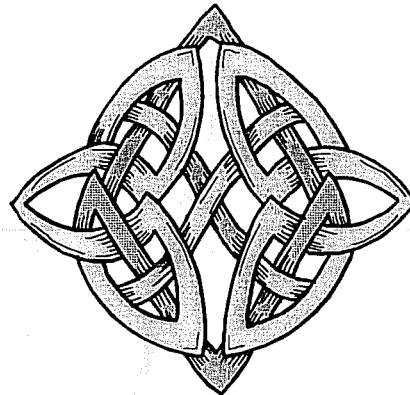
Eclipse Blackfire

Emerald Hills Monarch

I hope to see all you at our upcoming events. Don't forget Dragonmaster/ Weaponmaster on September 8th and 9th, as well as our Midreign the weekend after.

So far, I'm very glad to see that people took me seriously when I told them to ask me questions and actually use this position for what it is intended. Keep it up!

*Ominique DeMurray,
Emerald Hills Regent*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 1-2 Tanglewood Forest Roving Booty Battlegame
- 8 Midnight Sun (A-frame location): Weaponmaster and Dragonmaster & Althing
- 9 Eagleshire: Weaponmaster and Dragonmaster & Althing
- 14-16 Tanglewood Forest: Kingdom Mid-Reign
- 21-23 Valley of the Rising Winds: Ducal Coronation
- 23 Mourningwood Glen: Royal visit
- 29-30 Tanglewood Forest: Work weekend

October

- 12-14 Tanglewood Forest: World Banner Wars II
- 27-28 Tanglewood Forest: Work weekend

November

- 3 Finder's Keep: Roving Booty Battlegame
- 10 Midnight Sun: Royal visit
- 17-18 Somewhere: Crown Qualifications

December

- 1-2 Tanglewood Forest: Work weekend
- 1-2 Your Local Park: Elections!
- 9 Eagleshire: Royal visit
- 14-16 Tanglewood Forest: Royal Coronation

*For information on, or directions to, most parks in the Emerald Hills,
point your web browser at*

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/local.html>

Althing Agenda

There will be an Emerald Hills Althing the weekend of September 8th and 9th, at which the following issues will be addressed. If you are not able to attend the Althing, but still wish to vote, consult with the Kingdom Prime Minister (currently Bacchus Silvermane, bacchus@midnightsun.net) about the possibility of casting an absentee or proxy ballot.

Agenda Items for Vote:

--- Corpora Change ---

Proposed change to the Corpora of the Emerald Hills on behalf of the Knights Circle of the Emerald Hills, to wit...

Section VI, Item A, Subitem 3 on Page 12 to be changed from, "*Although not required, candidates for Knighthood should have achieved the criteria listed and have the approval of a majority of knights of that order*" to "*...and have the approval of a majority of the voted EH Knights Circle*"

This change achieves two goals:

- #1. It brings the corpora inline with the long standing tradition of allowing Knights other than those of the specified order to participate in the decision.
- #2. It allows the Knights Circle to gather votes as it traditionally has via its internal bylaws. (As currently worded, it requires that all Knights, regardless of whether they currently play or can be found, be included in the determinations.)

--- Cosmetic Corpora Adjustments ---

These items make no substantive changes to the Corpora and merely make it easier for these officeholders to see their duties at a glance.

Under Monarch, item 5.

"Has the power to break ties at the Althings" changed to "Has the power to break tied Althings and Elections"

Under Prime Minister add "Shall administer all elections other than the PM election."

Under Guildmaster of Reeves add "Shall administer the PM election."



Fayre Cookerye

This recipe comes courtesy of World Wide Recipes, a daily e-mail list of gourmet recipes (from all eras). You can subscribe to the list at <http://www.wwrecipes.com/>

Caboches in Potage (Cabbage Soup)

In the late fourteenth century a Frenchman known to us today only as "The Goodman of Paris" wrote a book on household management for the purpose of educating his 15-year-old bride. Here is the English translation of his recipe for cabbage soup done shortly after the book was published:

Take caboches and quarter hem, and seeth hem in gode broth with oynouns ymynced and the whyte of lekes yslyt and ycorue smale. And do therto safroun & salt, and force it with powdour douce.

"Powdour douce" is a recurring flavor theme in medieval cooking, and was usually a sweet combination of ground coriander, cinnamon, and sugar. Here is a modern revision of this ancient soup:

4 cups (1 L) chicken, beef, or vegetable stock
1 medium cabbage, cored and coarsely chopped
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 - 3 leeks, white part only, finely chopped
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) light brown sugar
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon
A pinch of saffron threads
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a large pot and bring to a boil over moderate heat. Simmer covered for 20 to 30 minutes, until the cabbage is tender. Serves 4 to 6.

Bon appetit from the Chef and staff at World Wide Recipes

"... It should be clear that the most severe penalty a man can suffer who refuses to govern is to be governed by someone worse than himself. I think it is the fear of such an eventuality that makes the better men agree to take office. They do not anticipate either benefits or enjoyment; rather, they assume political power as a necessary evil, for the reason that they can find neither better men nor equals to govern in their stead."

- Plato, The Republic

**Thinking of running for office?
Only eight more weeks till Crown Quails!**

WORLD BANNER WARS

OCTOBER 12-14

TANGLEWOOD FOREST

THE RULES:

Team Makeup: At least 10 and no more than 18 people per team. No more than one of any given spellcasting class per team.

Reeves: Each team must contribute a Reeve to assist when their team is not on the field.

Banners: Each team must field at least one banner (A personalized flag on a pole). Banners become permanent bragging trophies for the winner.

The Banner Tournament Rules: This is a one-life (last life) single elimination battlegame tournament. Only two teams compete at a time. Lives reset for each round. Will not incorporate the use of mass spells. Banners won in early rounds can be lost in later rounds. (In other words, winner takes ALL; so don't bring your \$200 banner to this fight.) Will not allow monsters (reincarnation, transform, lich...)

Rounds are won by: The opposing team holding your banner for 7 minutes OR one team having no remaining lives.

Rules Rape: Check with Warcrat Sir Logan (bgarbers@airmail.net) or EH GMR Rath (rath@midnightsun.org) before attempting your favorite rules rape (They can keep a secret, honest). We want the games to go as smoothly as possible. If you try something funny and don't check with them beforehand, it is on your head.

In any case, all EH (<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/library/EH-clar.pdf>) and IRCA (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IRCAList/files/IRCA_Rulings.PDF) rulings will be in effect.

