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Editor's Notes – Tir Mara Rapier Championship

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The Tir Mara Raiper Championship was held on June 25th in the Barony of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant (<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2149>).

Within 24 hours, I received, in my bulk post from the IDD mail junket, a missive from the Event Steward, Dominus Tiberius Tarius Britannicus, which included the following:

“For those who are dying to know... Don Cosmano, defeated Don John Radburn in the final round of the tourney, winning the Rapier Championship for his THIRD time! All of their bouts were a pleasure to watch. Such displays of skill are rare to behold. “

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Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

Sept 2nd - 5th

Small Brawl XIII

Canton of Ynys Y Gwaed - Breadalbane, PE

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2154>

Sept 9th -11th

Anniversaire du Dragonet

Shire of Le Dragonet - Farnham, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2184>

Sept 17th

La Boustifaille à l'Auberge de Bonneval

Barony of Havre des Glaces - Quebec, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2163>

Oct 15th

A most Fortunate Fall Harvest

Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant - Pointe-des-Cascades, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2150>

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Other Events to make note of:

Sept 2nd

Harper's Retreat

Barony of Stonemarche - Peterboro, NH

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2152>

Sept 9th – 11th

Feast of John Barleycorn - Viceregal Investiture

Canton of Northpass - North Salem, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2103>

Oct 1st

The Coronation of Duke Gregor von Heisler and Mistress Kiena Stewart

Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2179>

Oct 8th – 10th

MSS 10 and King and Queen's Champion of Arms

Shire of Glenn Linn - Greenwich, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2143>

Oct 15th

Novice Schola: Strings and Things

Shire of Coill Tuar - Port Jervis, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2165>

Oct 21th – 23th

Closing of the Inne

Shire of Coldwood - Peru, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2180>

Tir Mara Championships

The following events are in need of an autocrat/event bid:

Tir Mara Archery Championships

(for Summer 2011)

Tir Mara Rapier Championship

(for Spring 2012)

Tir Mara Rattan Championship

(for Fall 2012)

Tir Mara Arts & Sciences Championship

(for Fall 2012)

*If you are interested in running an event to house any of these championships, please contact the current champion to see if they are interested in helping with the endeavor.

If there are any groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please advise the populace of the region, so that we, as the Crown Principality, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. We have a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

Contribute to the CP *Aurora Borealis*:

The next edition of the Crown Principality of Tir Mara Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by October 1, 2011.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than September 15, 2011. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the October issue.

Contributions should be sent to:

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The People in Your Neighborhood – Signore Capitano Cosmano

Don Cosmano is an Italian, born in the 1470's in Rome. He is low-born, to a servant woman and an unknown father. Being a bastard son left him little to inherit, and so wound up as a professional soldier. His meager abilities with sword and shield come from campaigns in Herzegovina against the invading Moors, Duke Robert the Bold of Burgundy in France, and in England in the Wars of the Roses with the Lancastrians.

In Renaissance Italy it was possible to move upward through the social ranks simply by being affiliated with a powerful household. However, on the mass-battlefields of that time, the best he could hope for was to stay alive. After a couple of close calls, one of which involved Swiss pike-men, he returned to Italy. There, he invested what money he had on clothes and an education in dueling in Milan. Finding rapier-play much more to his temperament, he gained employment as a hired sword for a merchant family in Milan. When the family fell on hard-times, he was released. He then traveled to Florence and with great fortune was hired by none other than the de Medici family.

He was fairly well paid by the de Medici, and was able to have the common sense to invest the money in learning to read and write. He served with the family for a few years quite contentedly. While not the most dangerous man in Florence, he gained a reputation at being extremely trustworthy and effective as rapier-fighter. Guilliano de Medici commented once that Cosmano could always be counted on to have one more knife than the opposition expected.

On Easter Sunday of 1496, Cosmano was part of the retinue attending high Mass with Lorenzo and Guilliano de Medici. Unknownst to anyone, the Pazzi family had conspired to kill the Medici brothers with Rome.

As the congregation bowed their heads at Communion, a Church bell was heard to toll. This was the signal. Several Pazzi assassins, including two priests, suddenly drew knives and sprang at Lorenzo and Guilliano. In the fray that ensued Lorenzo was wounded and Guilliano slain. Cosmano was wounded in the leg while trying to protect Guilliano.

Now since he is Christian, the idea that such an act could happen in a house of the Lord shocked him. Also, he had sought refuge from the afore-mentioned Swiss Pike-men in a Church; the singular reason he was alive was because those Swiss had respected the sanctity of the holy place. That there was no place safe or sacred to an assassin repulsed him. As a result, he despises the honorless churls. To confuse Cosmano with one is a quite an insult to him, in his eyes.

The events in the Church and subsequent two days ignited the Pazzi War. As I said earlier, open-fields warfare is not Cosmano's forte. As well, after the attempt on his life, Lorenzo became extremely selective about those around him. Shortly, Cosmano was left unemployed. So, sometime thereafter, he took to traveling. He eventually found his way to the East Kingdom by way of An Tir and took up residence in the Barony of Ruantallan.

As time has moved on, so has Cosmano's age. He ran a school of defense for a while, which secured him sufficient funds to become a mild patron of the arts, which is a fashionable thing to do for him. He has retired from sword play almost entirely, becoming a merchant of sorts, operating a small chandlery. It allows him a modest income, avoids worries about loosing a duel to a younger fellow, and leaves him with a respectable position within the middle class of merchants.

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