

Adoran Marshal's Report

Meeting March 2017

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1. Fields of Gold 2016 was well attended by Adoran fighters. We had at least three representatives in the tournaments, and more than a couple fighters doing pick-ups in the afternoon. There was also some of our trainee fighters getting training from various Knights of Lochac on the Sunday. All things considered, fighting-wise, the weekend was a great success.
2. The recent event in Stowe on the Wold (Feast Fit for a Basileus) was also attended by at least three Adoran fighters. The results of the tournament didn't reflect the effort put in by our fighters, who gave it everything. To the point where the only pick-ups I'm aware of that happened afterwards, was with His Majesty and the Adoran WarCaptain. There was also some training for our non-authorised fighters as well.
3. Border War was well attended by the Adoran Warband. All reports (& videos) show that Adoran fighters are making a good showing of themselves. The group worked well together, fighting alongside & helping each other out. The Warband fought with His Majesties forces on the war-field, and gave every effort in the tournament.
4. Fortnightly fighter training has been modified into pre-Festival War training. This means that once people get into kit and warmed up, we are running small scale war training scenarios. This mostly consists of practicing shield-wall tactics while being faced with pole-length weapons such as long-axes or glaives. I'd like these traingin sessions to be better attended by the populace, for the purposes of talking to the mundanes & potential new recruits, but it's not essential.
5. We are now having more War-training sessions held roughly every six weeks (I think) at a venue in Dapto. I'm hoping this will continue post-Festival as our regular War-training session. The advantage of this training venue is that we are able to include combat archery in our scenarios, something we are not able to do in our fortnightly sessions. These War-training sessions seem to be well attended, and I hope this continues on into the future.
6. The College of St Malachy is showing great promise with a few new fighters in various stages of training. I will continue to encourage and train those that wish to learn the martial activities we practise.
7. Combat archery is starting to make it's presence felt with our Dapto War training sessions. I hope this continues, and encourages our existing archers to greater efforts, on and off the battle field.

8. Rapier is something that needs encouragement in our Shire, but I'm not aware of anyone who wants to learn this particular skill. If/when someone shows an interest, I will endeavour to help them learn, and then encourage them to pass this skill onto others.
9. Loaner gear needs attention. The two new helms need padding, strapping & war mesh. War mesh will need to be sourced. Des Howard is selling this for \$5/square at Festival, I suggest we obtain four pieces.