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## Introduction to Spanish History

The Iberian peninsula is named for the original settlers, the Iberians who came from near Libya and were soon joined by Celtic Visigoths. Phoenicians also settled Spain, but were defeated by the Romans who eventually conquered the entire peninsula which they called Hispana. The Romans brought their language, their legal system and eventually Christianity. The Emperors Hadrian and Trajan were both of Spanish origin. With the weakening of Rome, in the 8th century, most of Spain was conquered by a Muslim army (Moors and Arabs) and the Muslim territory was known as Al Andalus.

Starting in the north, the Christians gradually regained lost territory in a process called the Re-

conquista. By the 13th century, the Christian kingdoms of Aragon, Castile, Navarre and Portugal were dominant. The marriage of Isabella of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon in 1469 which brought together the largest Iberian kingdoms (see map to the right) strengthened the Catholic cause and in 1492 the last Moors were evicted from Granada.

In the same year of course, Christopher Columbus set out to reach the East by sailing West and in the process discovered and claimed new land for Spain.

Ferdinand and Isabella also launched the Spanish Inquisition which was intended to maintain the orthodoxy of new converts to Catholi-

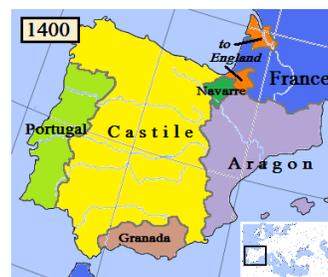
cism, but ultimately led to purges of Muslims and Jews, prevented the religious reformation from gaining any foothold in Spanish territories, and provided a convenient excuse for the takeover of the Americas.

From 1500 till the mid 17th century, Spain controlled the largest overseas empire in the world including much of the Americas as well as the Pacific islands.

Spain was an active political power in Europe, and ended up fighting Italy, France and England. Ultimate defeats in Europe (such as the defeat of the Spanish Armada) as well as wars of succession led to the weakening of Spain as a power in Europe toward the end of the 17th century

## UPCOMING MOOTS AND PRACTICE

- *Dance practice Dec 13 6:30 UWSP HEC 110*
- *Dec 15 at Lady Arianna & Lord Rogan's*
- *Jan 19 at Lady Alex & Lord Janvier's*



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## DEC 15 MOOT

1:00 Sunday at Lady Arianna & Lord Rogan's home.

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## THE CHRONICLER'S QUILL

Greetings from Mistress Ealasaic nic Phearsoinn,

This Mewsletter is out a little early as I am going to be out of town the end of November. It has been a really busy month. I would like to thank Lord Vincent for the delicious though not totally period Thanksgiving dinner at the moot. It was really great that the people from Evercon are so excited about our participation that they sent a guest to the moot. We will be having a special dance practice Friday December 13 to get ready for the dance part. We will be reviewing or learning for the first time a number of circle and line dances (bransles) so that we can demonstrate at Evercon and hopefully encourage the public to join us in the dances.

The next day was the demo at the Marshfield Public Library. There were many non-profit groups there and a good turnout despite the rain. We had far more stuff to show than would fit on our table so we took over the surrounding area for chain mail making, weaving, etc. We hope to get more space next time. Afterward we went out in garb to ElMezcal and attracted quite a lot of favorable attention. People are still asking us if we do an event at Wood Co Park! I wish we still did.

On little less optimistic note, I am concerned about communications within the shire. The messages going out on Facebook and the list are a little different from those on the website. Often the differences are minor (does fighter practice start at 6:30 or 7?), but still could be confusing for someone planning to attend. Sometimes information hard to find. This is the reason I would like to add directions or at least addresses to the moot announcements. We really need to have an updated populace section with contact information on the website. Updating permission to publish is the first step.

Your in service,

Ealasaic



### **Fighter Practice Fall/winter Locations**

6:30 pm Monday

UWSP HEC Room 110

NOW ALSO:

6:30 pm Friday

UWSP HEC Room 110

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Minutes from the moot held at Lord Vincent and Amina's home.

We had a special guest visiting us for this moot. A gentleman from Evercon came to talk about what they would like us to do for their convention. We will have the IMC all day. There will be an inn put on by the students and they would like us to set up some period games. We would also like to have a tavern brawl. There will be a clothing panel, a medieval life panel, and some others. We are also wanting to do some dancing. They would like us to have a schedule of what we are doing by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Evercon is on January 11, 2014.

We reviewed whether we wanted to have equestrian insurance for next year. This is contingent upon if we have an official marshal.

The elevation of the group that may be held at Haire Affaire was discussed. They are unsure if it is happening, so no decisions were made. We will be happy to help if the elevation does occur.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Got the information about hosting a demo on the 400 block in Wausau. The cost for what we would probably need would be \$100 a day or \$10 an hour. We will be doing some more research into this to see if maybe we could coordinate with another group who would be using the space.

Chatelaine: We will be having a demo on November 17 at the Marshfield Library (this went very well). She is sending out a weekly event calendar on Sundays of what is coming up for activities in the shire and gate. She is posting this to both the yahoo group and Facebook.

Chronicler: Would like to put the directions for the moot back in the Mewsletter. As always, please send anything you would like to see in the Mewsletter to her. Permission to publish forms will also be looked into. Is it necessary to fill one out each year, or is it needed each year. If you have not filled one out, please do so. They are available online.

Web-Minister: To go with the permission to publish for the chronicler, it is also necessary for her to publish pictures of you to the web that a form be completed. If we do not have one on file for you, she cannot use your image on the website. Please get any information about Haire Affaire to her as soon as possible so it can be updated on the web.

Knight's Marshal: We are holding practices and there is a lot of interest. He is interested in purchasing elbow and knee pads to go with the loaner garb. As the cost for these will be around \$30, this was approved.

Rapier Marshal: Research is being done about hosting a special Rose Tourney at Haire Affaire. This is still in the planning stages. If you are an authorized fighter in the shire, please send current information to the marshal so it can be included in the domesday report.

Pursuivant: She will be hosting a consulting table at the January moot. She is working on getting together an inventory of all of the heraldry books they shire owns.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Would like to do a banner for the new group if the elevation does occur at Haire Affaire. We are looking at doing some garb making nights, will update when we have dates and locations.

Haire Affaire:

Ealasaid made stuffed onions with chicken and period cheesesticks for people to try as possible recipes for the feast at Haire Affaire.

There are two classes already set for Haire Affaire. One is on cordial making and the other is about putting gores in tunics.

Yoshi and Janvier are both working on their tourneys for the event.

We would like to have an A&S table as well as a place to display the toy castle project.

Falcon's Gate:

They will be hosting a garb making night on December 5. There will also be additional practices on Friday, December 6 and 13 in the HEC.

They made 23 scroll cases that will be presented at Boar's Head. People also took home the makings for a few more. We are hoping to have at least 30.

Upcoming Moots:

December 15, 2013 will be at Lady Ariana and Lord Rogan's in Wisconsin Rapids.

January 19, 2014 will be at the home of Lady Alex and Herr Janvier's in Stratford.

February 16, 2014 will be in Marshfield at Lady Emelye and Lord Pedro's.

March 2, 2014 will be in Stratford at the home of Mistress Ealasaid and Baron Guttorm.

# EVENT CALENDAR



## December 2013

Yule Ball Sat Dec 7 Shire of Dreibruken (Bismarck ND)

Feast of Bull's Head Sat Dec 7 Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (West Bend WI)

Fighters Retreat Sat Dec 21 Canton of Blachemere (Ramsey MN)

## January 2014

Twelfth Night Sat Jan 4 Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey MN)

It's Only a Flesh Wound Sat Jan 25 Barony of Jararvellir (Jefferson, WI)

Imbolc: A Celtic Celebration of Spring Fri Jan31-Sat Feb1 Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg, MB)

## February 2014

La Festa del Amore Sat Feb 8 Shire of Midewinde (Minot ND)

Stellar University of Northshield Sat Feb 8 Shire of Rockhaven (St Cloud MN)

Herzkrieg XX Sat Feb 15 Shire of Svaty Sebesta (SD)

Fighting in the Shade IV Sat Feb15 Barony of Jararvellir (Madiosn, WI)

Lupercalia Sat Feb 22 Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)

## March 2014

Gulf Wars Mar 9-16 Kingdom of Glenn Abhann (Lumberton MS)

Las Aventuras de la Liebra Iberica (Haire Affaire) Sat Mar 22 Shire of Falcons Keep (Wausau WI)

## April 2013

Northshield Coronation Sat Apr12, location TBA

Provost Challenge Fri-Sun Apr 25-27 Shire of Coldedernhale (St Pierre SD)

## May 2014

Northshield Spring Crown Tournament Sat May 10, location TBA

Quest for Camelot Thur-Sun May 15-18 Shire of Schattentor (Sturgis SD)

Armored Combat Collegium Sat May 17 (Jefferson WI)

Lamb to Loom Sat May 24 Shire of Turm an dem See (Random Lake WI)

Mermaids XXI Fri-Sun May 30-Jun1 Shire of Turm an dem See (Valders, WI)

## June 2014

Border Skirmish Fri-Sun Jun 13-15 Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (Elkhorn WI)

Midsommar Fri-Sun June 13-15 Shire of Orlova Dolina (Park Rapids, MN)

Moorish Tavern Thur-Sun Jun19-22 Shire of Midewinde (Bottineau ND)

Over the River & In the Woods Hvitskrogar Sat Jun 21 (Ironwood, MI)

Hadrian's Field Fri-Sun Jun 27-29 Shire of Border Downs (Adrian MN)

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