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The COVENTRIANIAN GAZETTE #2

JOMMAR LYNN RETURNS TO COVENTRIANIAN ACTIVITY

Old Mariposan welcomed back into the fold

Leesburg, Cowperton, NAEmp. (XI/24/411) (KLST/MFA) -- Announcement was received today by the Office of the President that Jommar Lynn was again returning to an active rôle in Coventrianian affairs. "I wish to inform you," he wrote, "that I am once again taking on the full duties of Lord Leader of Linn; that Mathias Jons may act in my behalf, but only in such cases when I cannot be contacted personally.... Further, that as of (this) date, no official document may be signed in the name of Linn without my concurrence in the form of my signature, the sign of the satanic cross, and my seal -- except in times of dire emergency, and when it is impossible to contact me."

This was, of course, a repudiation of his famous Donation to Mathias Jons (see CHURCHMAN'S HANDBOOK ON LINN), and he further went on to correct it with the explanation of how he was nonetheless alive in spite of his failure to take rejuvenation treatments. "It has been a long time since I went to the Rim," he continued. "I am in need of rejuvenation and a good run-down on what has happened in Linn since I have been gone." Two rejuvenation periods are not fatal, he was informed, and he was assured of his immortality as a Coventrianian Empyrean member. He is a member of Coventry in long standing, from the days of the Mariposan Empire, and was mentioned in James Stanbery's Encyclopedia of Mariposa:

"...a citizen of the United (Nations) and a long-time associate of Paulus Rex. In November, 1957, he joined the Stanberian Republic to remain semi-active."

Although not a recipient of the Order of Mariposa, he is an honorary Base member of CIAWOT, Bishop in Southfathling, second member of the Upper Twelve as Regent of Linn, in which he is shortly to be made Lord Proprietor, Chief of Government of Coventry, and temporary Vice-President Cardinal for Deseret.

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The Cowperton Epistles

(A series of editorial commentaries by the President of Coventry: The Spirit of Coventry.)

It has been a long time since I ever tried to put out a fanzine. It was roughly four years ago that the great 200-page EQUATION II bogged down in the splendor of its own illegibility, and almost precisely three since I issued the first ten pages of that stupendous attempt. Then I gave up.

Now I am almost ashamed to be back. There are so many things to be done that I am not doing because I am spending time on Coventry. Coventry itself is a dreamworld out of my childhood, and sometimes it seems hardly moral to dredge it out of my memory and have it parade around at costume balls. But since there is so much interest in it now, I feel a great compulsion to keep a control on the scale of things, to try to present a balanced picture. Unfortunately, I am obscure in both language and use of terminology to the point of boredom; it is almost impossible to understand what I write. Imagine trying to get a picture of what America is like from a Congressional Speech on the Hell's Canyon Dam and you will get a general picture. I don't know what to say first.

What is the spirit behind Coventry? That's an important factor, not to be overlooked by people involved (perhaps too much) with making levels out of it and not looking far enough for the country they could fit (Jane Gallion definitely belongs in Rhin, not Moria), but trying to twist their own little Donatary state to fit their imaginations. Coventry has a little bit of almost everything. You just have to look to find it.

But I digress (What, again?) For those of you who missed the first issue of Johnstone's GIMBLE (and there were many) and those of you who don't really know what the whole business is about (and there are many), I present a second introduction: THE SPIRIT OF COVENTRY.

There's a word that fascinates me; it holds me spellbound when I hear it. When I see it in print I remember the electric tension, the colorful excitement I felt when I was a neofan and Rich Brown loaned me an Edmond Hamilton space opera. The word has six letters: EMPIRE. E-M-P-I-R-E. When I hear that word I see flashing white and gold uniforms, shining silver swords and glistening black boots, resplendent marble ballrooms decked with gilt trappings and crimson flags, beautiful women in beautiful rustling gowns dancing to beautiful music.

That's the world I see when I think of empire. And that's a world that was but a dream atop a volcano when it existed and now is a megalomaniac fantasy gone with the wind. For the forces that built the great empires on the Victorian battlefield of honor are gone -- burned away in the trans-continental struggles that have scarred our globe, signed away by the pens that scratched idealistic treaties into history books, blown away in the winds of great disillusionment and drowned in the blood pools of social upheaval.

Our world has changed since those days of empire -- changed so that the imperial dreams of the Alexanders and Napoleons and Disraelis and Frederick the Greats are just plain foolhardy. But there is one place they still exist for me, and there they are without the sting of death (that little detail that turned the wars for empire into nightmares to "La Valse.") There is one place where there can still be found the "leisurely, contemplative living and white-hot intellectual excitement" of Emerson and Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas. So whenever I think of that kind of gracious life I think of the Inn of the Prancing Pony.

Perhaps an explanation is needed. The Inn of the Prancing Pony is located in a strange place called Coventry, and Coventry is a disc-shaped city that journeys among the stars. On Coventry are gathered all the records and writings of Earth in a vast city of two layers, a thousand miles in diameter. In the lower layer lie the machines that power the city. In the upper are the living places of the people. Around Coventry cluster hundreds of satellite cities, acting as agents to other suns where the smaller cities work to earn fuel and food, helping the planets. Coventry is the great banking house for all these ships, where the children of humanity go to be educated, where knowledge and art is stored, where the interstellar government is located.

Coventry is divided into five continental regions, taking the shapes of land masses unknown to man, countries whose names are strange to his tongue. Sometimes these countries battle -- but in wars where no life is destroyed. It merely sleeps until the war is over. Coventry is a haven for the soldier and the artist.

Between the stars people must do something -- in Coventry they create.

One of the places where the creative souls among the Coventrians gather is located near the palace of the Master of Buckland, ruler of the New American Empire. It is near the sea and the breeze is carried inland through the tall pines and over the plains beyond. It is the Inn of the Prancing Pony.

The Inn is located a short walk across a meadow just north of the palace, and the Emperor (who, in this strange land, is not too special) often wanders to its oaken door. Inside, the firelight glows cheerily as one steps out of the cold and windy night. Inside, there are always a few people gathered. Tonight, for instance, the Tarpinian ambassador, who is a composer in his spare time, will be there, along with William Albert Williams, the negro Prince of Trantor who is an abstract artist and occasional Captain of the Ship; a noted physicist from Crimzoidia, cloaked in the clerical orange of the Coventrian Science Commission, who is presently discussing a play in blank verse he is writing, which concerns the Yalta Conference, with the resident Professor of Literature at the University of Coventry's Buckland branch; Count Hampton, a retired colonel of the First Columbia Fusiliers and an attaché at Westmarch's Fort Robin-croft (Brandy Hall) Embassy; and a silent visitor from Nhu Yawk (one of the star-travelling sister cities.)

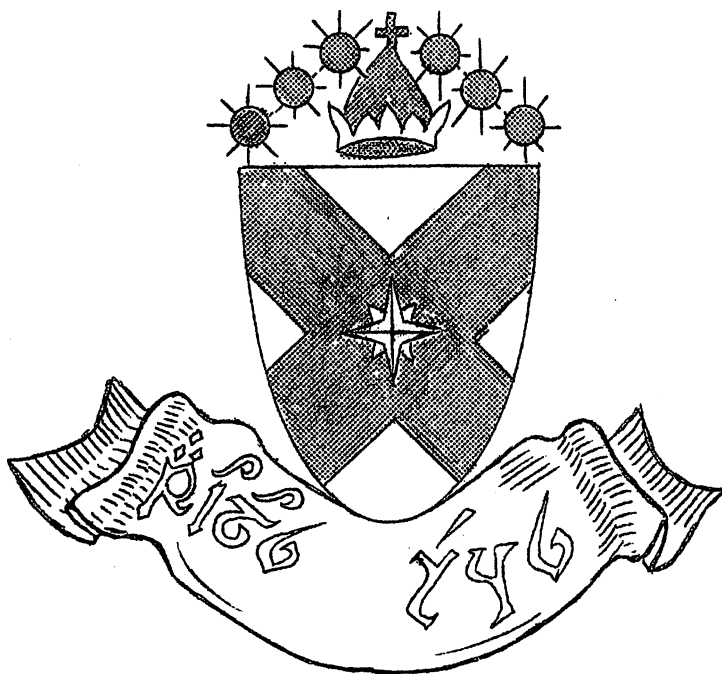
The Emperor comes in and sits down by the fire; he plays a game of chess with the Westmarch Count, which he loses. In the background, the Modern Jazz Protégés are playing a piano work by Ravel which Richard York arranged specially for them. The Tarpinian Ambassador begins to chat with the Emperor, and Williams shows them some sketches he has been making of the battleship Arthur Hammerhand off Tolfalas. The Westmarcher criticizes them as being a bit too violent and suggests a more impressionistic approach, capitalizing on the character of the ship rather than its purpose. The clergyman tells the quartet to play some Mozart, which they follow with Bob Prince and "Green Dolphin Street" and the evening goes on.

This is the life, the living force of minds meeting that excites me most about Coventry -- the intensity of a world where everybody can be seriously in-

terested in all fields of endeavor without pretention or compromise, and, in some cases, avoid the mediation of death in the search for further understanding of the universe and attempts to fulfill a human dream exactly. And the Age of Empire, of human supremacy and dignity, lives again.

The Embassy Club, similar establishment at Brandy Hall, served as a locale for GIMBLE #3, but EQUATION II, my unfinished symphony, had much to say of this Inn and of its people. But remember, this is only one spot of Coventry near where the Brandywine meets the Bay of Belfalas -- a tiny spot in a mighty microcosm of mankind, where Empire lies enshrined in states historic and yet unremembered.

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The Seal
of
Paulus Rex

BY-LAWS OF THE CIVITAS COVENTRANI
TERRESTRIALIS

By this document do we hereby proclaim the establishment of CIAWOT, and enroll those undersigned as charter members.

The CIAWOT Society shall be organized in five sections:

- I. BASE (Brood)
- II. SECOND (Wedge)
- III. THIRD (Arrant)
- IV. FOURTH (Verge)
- V. FIFTH (The Order of Mariposa: Amaranth)

1. After both the Glark and Brood Oaths have been signed and received by the Office of the President, Civitas Coventrani, the signer shall be enrolled at the Base Level of CIAWOT. To acquire higher phyle, he must:
 - For Wedge, attain ten **service credits** in Brood
 - For Third, attain sixteen service credits in Wedge
 - For Verge, attain twenty service credits in Third
 - For Amaranth, attain unanimous approval of the members of the Amaranth Society, after the grand total of seventy-five service credits during service in the CIAWOT group have been attained.
2. No more than one phyle step can be achieved in one year of service, to be begun upon the establishment date of the Society (Second Yule, 412), but credits shall never be discounted, and when unused in one year for phyle achievement they shall be carried over for the next.
3. Service credits may be achieved as follows:
 - a. To members of the Old Dominion, credits shall be granted according to the amount of land they possessed, at the rate of One Credit per city block, with which they may purchase phyle. Those who have received the Order of Mari-
posa, however, shall henceforth be Amaranth.
 - b. Credits may be purchased with United States scrip, deposited with the Treasurer-General for use in CIAWOT activity, not for Egoboo, at the rate of \$1.75 U.S. per credit.
 - c. Approved publications (i.e., those approved and received after publication by the Office of the President) shall grant to the credited publisher one service credit per eight pages of material.
 - d. Approved official or historical documentary work (including chronicles of all sorts) shall be granted service credits at the rate of one credit per page (approx. 700 words), one credit per Labor of State (as appointed by resolution of the CIAWOT General Assembly), one credit per approved map (8.5x11), one credit per calendar month of war (Coventranian war) in which the judge certifies adequate strategic action has taken place.
4. A member of CIAWOT performing actions judged by a majority of the Upper Twelve as dishonorable and against the Covenant shall be broken in rank by such penalties as are deemed fitting, though no service credits may be revoked.
5. The Chairman and Executive Secretary elected by the CIAWOT General Assembly shall take charge of the administration of these regulations in accordance with the CIAWOT Constitution, and amendment of these or any other articles of Coventranian government in any consort may be made only in accordance with the provisions of Article VII of the CIAWOT Constitution.
6. All provisions of the Executive Charter granted to Raiyn of the Tower shall hereby be clared valid only to the extent that they are herein repeated or otherwise implemented by CIAWOT law.
7. The Chairman shall entrust such duties as he wishes to the Executive Secretary, who shall serve as his assistant, and he shall serve as titular head of the CIAWOT organization, under the President.

These provisions are proposed by: PAULUS REX III, NEW AMERICAN EMPEROR --
PRESIDENT OF COVENTRY.

Agreed to by the following, who register with us as Brood members of the Order Amaranth:

Bradford Trenser (PROXY: Prinz Jerome of the Reach of Duel)
Paulus Rex
Mikhail II of Tarpinia
The Nancy Weil
Lakos Lakrimose I
Damon Ral of Cavarea
Bruziver of Heorot
Tedron of Methylonia

THE CHARTER OF FOUNDATION DONATION

The lands of Coventry, from the first and now property of the Founding Fathers, have now come to be distributed. To regulate them, certain offices shall be created with certain rights of appeal, representing the supreme jurisdiction of the Constitution over the President, and of personal freedom over custodianship.

ALPHA: The signers of the Third Treaty of Yerevan shall be granted such lands as named for their sundry territories in Mariposa as Lords Proprietor. Such a Lord has the right to veto any decision concerning the land granted him which the President may make, and to initiate any policy he may wish within his land.

BETA: All persons granted land not previously distributed or dealt with in the Third Treaty, or land reverted to the Presidency through the surrender of grants by retirement, shall be granted such lands as Lords Donatary. Such a Lord has the right to appeal any decision made by the President concerning the land granted him to a judge agreed upon by both sides, or if none is agreed upon to a judge elected by the Upper Twelve from at least one nominee made by the President and one made by himself, which judge shall decide which case shall be initiated within the grant.

GAMMA: All persons granted land by either a Lord Proprietor or a Lord Donatary within his grant shall hold such lands as Lords Palatine. Such a Lord has the right to appeal any decisions made by the President concerning the land granted him to the Upper Twelve, where a majority decision will make a case initiatable within the grant.

DELTA: All persons granted citizenship within a particular district by the President or by vote of the Assemblies shall treat his affairs as Freeman. Such persons shall have the right to appeal any decision made concerning him to the President or his authorities, whose rulings shall stand in his portions of the case.

EPSILON: All persons disobeying the oaths which they have made in connection with Coventranian citizenship shall be dealt with as Bindlestiffs. Such persons have no right of appeal concerning any decisions in his regard.

All persons have the right to appeal their classifications, as made by the President, to the Upper Twelve. No lands shall revert to any but the President upon retirement of their Proprietors, and the Cardinal for the power group in which the vacancy occurs shall serve as Lord Bishop in the region until a new Proprietor shall be named.

- - - PAULUS REX III, President.

A COVENTRANIAN QUIZ

PART I - - - From reading in GIMBLE and THE COVENTRANIAN GAZETTE

1. In what country (-tries) is Methylonia a state?
2. Name the last three Supreme Ministers of the Confederated Republics up until the present date (798 C.R.).
3. Name: a. The most powerful Coventranian naval power.
b. The two most powerful land powers.
c. The names of the Tarpinian colonies to W & E of Cape Neustrantor.

Part II - - - From general folklore.

4. Identify capital cities with the following countries:

a. Kingdom of Tarpinia	1. Brandy Hall
b. Confederated Republics	2. Victoria
c. Free State of Wilhelmsburg	3. Inner Wilhelmsburg
d. Empire of Westmarch	4. New Ilium
e. Antares Republic	5. Linn
f. Empire of Linn	6. Metropolis
g. Kingdom of New Scotland	7. Yerevan
h. New American Empire	8. Columbia
i. Kingdom of Philatea	9. Conqueror
j. Union of Buckland	10. Diaspar
5. Name the owner of the Castle Destrukto in the Land of the Cyclops in Linn.
6. If one could see Buckland to the east, and beyond that the towers of the Victorian cathedral; the rolling hills of the Bridgefields; and beyond that Gondor's shore, to the north; the land of Crimson to the South; and the forest of Woody End to the west, (a) in what country would he be?
(b) in what state?

PART III - - - For "Ins" and "Outs" with Smarts.

7. Name the New American states to the south, north-east, east, and south-west of Moria, as nearly as possible.
8. What islands comprise the Kingdom of Carpathia?
9. How many legions comprise the Linnan division?

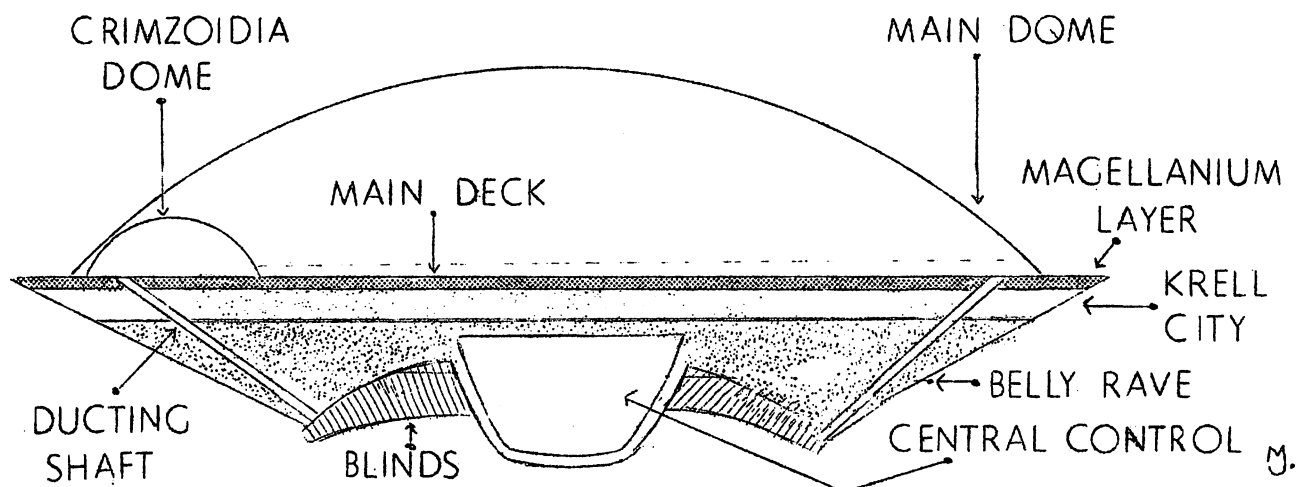
Part IV - - - For Experts.

10. In twenty-five words or less, not counting names, identify the social and political forces which stabilize feudalism in Trantor's domains, and draw a conclusion as to whether a reform attempt would succeed or fail. Cite historical examples (e.g., Sparta) if necessary.

 Score 10 points for Part I, 20 points for Part II, 30 for Part III, and 40 for Part IV. Scores of 100 will receive one service point toward advancement in CIAWOT phyle. Good luck.

Coventry and the Magellanium Layer

Coventry's gravitational field is maintained on its two flat surfaces by the use of a heavy element (about 250 times the density of water) called Magellanium, in a contra-matter state, contained in a force field between Coventry's upper and lower decks. The deflecting contra force is sucked off and conducted into the 33 mile outer rim of the ship (outside the dome and the 17-mile strip known as Rimland). It is then attracted down to the center of the bottom of the ship where its strength is controlled as negative force to repel the ship from various objects, as its gravitational mass attracts. Strength of the force is controlled by the use of blinds on the ship's underside. The mass attraction of the Magellanium, meanwhile, is used as a gravitational attractor to objects above and below it, the Magellanium itself being housed in small cells. This method of ducting off the deflecting force horizontally and still having a vertical mass attraction is explained in Zyskyn's Relative Relativity Theorem (GIMBLE #2). Thus the layer of Magellanium serves as both the gravitational core of the ship and its magnetic layer. Other power requirements, such as force field maintenance and maintenance of the contra-force deflecting and attracting fields are performed by the Krell city power plant. The entire operation falls under the supervision of the Ministry of the Ship.



SPECIAL NOTES:

To be specific about months of the calendar which appeared last issue, here are some preferable (i.e., widely used) names for them:

I - Frery (Afteryule)	VII - Cerveth (Afterlithe)
II - Solmath	VIII - Mede
III - Gwaeron	IX - Wedmath
IV - Astron	X - Harvestmath
V - Lothron	XI - Wintring
VI - The Summerdays (Forelithe)	XII - Yulemath (Foreyule)

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AN OPEN LETTER TO KAREN OF SEVAGRAM:

"CIJAGH" (ZED for I/412) is an interesting story. But a little proper Coventranian background is needed: In 2105 (555 C.R.) a barbarian named Czinczar from Futurania (it is supposed) invaded New Scotland and took it over. He also later succeeded in conquering Linn, making Clane its Lord Leader. In 2116, however, he died as a result of a strange malady¹ and Bertram, a count of Westmarch supported ~~in~~ his claims by Frederick William V of Prussia (who was visiting the castle of Wittenstein in Hyrkania's capital city at the time), took over the country. Bertram had a son, George, and George had a son, Bruce.

Bruce (who is in reality also a Mariposan of that name - Bruce Robertson) had a startling career in Mariposa, reviewed in the Encyclopedia of Mariposa as follows:

"Bruce the Conqueror...was King of New Scotland from 1955 to (the present time.) He headed this nation against various others, namely those of Paulus Rex (URNA, CRNA, GDNA) until (April 1957) when he reached his height with the overthrow of the Confederated Republics II (but was eclipsed with the rise of) the Kingdom of Tarpinia. In July, 1957, he allied with the Republic of Glorietta and sold about 40% of his land for \$5000. In late August he allied with the crumbling Kingdom of Jerandia-Parksburg in its fight against the Republic of Glorietta and paid back...\$3000 (of the \$5000) and broke the alliance (with Glorietta). Jerandia-Parksburg fell (to Glorietta) anyway, and he lost prestige. In later October, 1957, Glorietta annexed his lands, and on November 13, 1957, he joined the Stanberian Republic."

Bruce the Conqueror has, back in Coventry, retired to his harems and left most of the state business to Prince Donald of the House Teiwes.

But Czinczar had a daughter, who escaped the tyrannies of Bruce and his brothers (who ruled the four realms of New Scotland: Courland, Hyrkania, Argos, and Scythia.) That daughter was Karen of Sevagram. In her rages at the loss of the throne she attacked everyone possible, sought help from Westmarch (enemy of Bruce and his "Gangster" brothers.) She raged against the New American Emperor for refusing to aid her, and was particularly venomous against the Coventranian Church, which refused to recognize her.

¹He married an Ondine.

I. CLARK REGISTRATION FORM

I pledge to support Coventry by observing its establishments of persons, land, history, technology, and institutions according to the approval of the City Fathers and to perform no action on behalf of Coventry as a member which shall be deemed official and binding, without the written approval of the City Fathers, acting through the Office of the President.

Signed: _____

NAME (type) _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

DATE OF FIRST ENTRY INTO COVENTRANIAN AFFAIRS _____

BROOD REGISTRATION FORM ALSO ENCLOSED? _____

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I solemnly swear to serve, obey, and guard men from harm according to the Constitution and Covenant, and to uphold the ideals of Freedom, Conflict, Law, Conserv-ity and Achievement through the Foundation and its institutions. I swear never to live my life for the sake of another man nor to expect him to live for mine; I swear to conduct myself with honor and honesty within the Foundation, and never to use power over my subordinates, or undermine the authority of my superiors, in any but the Constitutional means.

This I affirm in the eyes of all Foundation members, and under the bond of my own sense of honor.

Signed: _____

GLARK FORM ENCLOSED? _____ SENT PREVIOUSLY? _____ DATE _____

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1. Kingdom of Tarpinia _____
Confederated Republics _____
City & Tower of Haidrqm _____
Free State of Wilhelmsburg _____
2. Empire of Westmarch _____
Antares Republic _____
Free State of Hobbiton _____
3. Empire of Linn _____
Kingdom of New Scotland _____
Futuranian Democracies _____
4. New American Empire _____
Union of Buckland _____
Kingdom of Philatea _____

I realize that to qualify as Freeman in such states I must pledge fealty to the Lords temporal.

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VI. SOCIAL CLASSIFICATION

I have applied for Glark, and wish to be notified of my social status, according to the Charter of Donation.

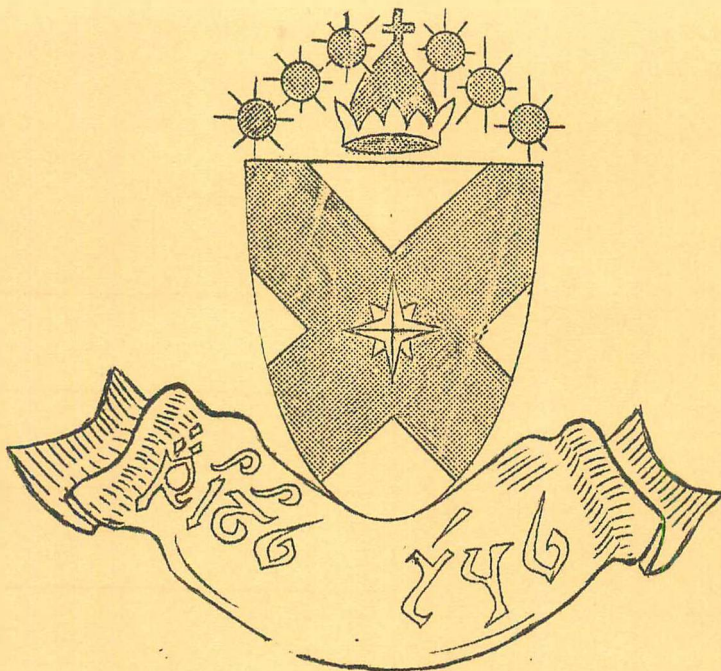
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Paulus Edwardum Rex III, Most honoured and official heir to the House Quantastan, Prince of New America, Grand Duke of Washingtonia, Lord Protector of Linn, Knight Commander of the Confederate Empire, Admiral-General of the Army of New America, Protector of New American Freedoms, Advisor to the Peoples of Mariposa and Coventry, and, by the Grace of God, Master of Buckland and Stanberian Emperor, in his capacity as Founding Father and President of the Civitas Coven-
trani Terrestrialis, to:

greeting. All those who may behold these presents, know that I have conceded to this faithful citizen all rights of

as they are stated in the Charter of Foundation Donation and expressed through the Constitution of Second Yule 412, concerning the land known as

The boundaries, resources, and culture of this land shall be set down according to the procedures of the aforesaid Constitution, but within its domain he shall have the rights of

which may be bequeathed by him, with our approval, to any person he shall choose to name, such approval appealable within the framework of the Charter.

I confirm also, that so long as he shall remain within the Civitas and shall abide by his oaths taken therein, and by the laws of the General Assembly and the Amaranth Society, for the future as in the past he shall remain in peace in the terrestrial city, and shall be brother Emphyreate in the universal city, as my citizen.

Signed:

Paulus Edwardum Rex III, President
At Leesburg.

Mikhail II, Chairman of the Amaranth
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