

# ROOKIE ROYAL IMPACT TODDLER OF THE YEAR!

Who walks, talks, counts to ten in Spanish & English, has his own opinions, and has been to his first Penn State football game? His Royal Highness, the young Lord Grant, Prince of Tedescovia, of course! It has been a big year of firsts for the G-man and the Queen and her Consort have enjoyed being close at hand to share in the excitement. Most Wednesdays, the Queen steals the young Prince and takes him on an adventure of some kind before depositing him at daycare where he is thriving. G's mom keeps him fashionably dressed at all times, but the young man does not let that prevent him having fun. He loves to go on a walk, especially if it is to the mailbox or the playground. He enjoys playing ball, reading books, and doing puzzles. Most importantly, he's definitely got a sense of humor and he loves watching football. Holiday-wise, Halloween grew on him, but Christmas has been a big hit so far! G-Man also made the traveling squad this year with "away games" in Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Ohio. Not that his mother is keeping score, but in a first for any scion of the Tedescovia Royal Line, the young Prince is firmly pegged in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in both height and weight (thanks, Chas!).



In related news, Charles and Rachel, the Duke and Duchess of Carsonderry, took a vacation to his ancestral Irish homeland this summer. More importantly, Nonna and Nonno got to enjoy a week of unlimited Grant access while Momma and Dadda were dancing with sheep. That week coincided with Lianne being placed on injured reserve (see below) but fun was had by all nonetheless. This year, the Duke and Duchess also purchased a new, larger castle as Lord Grant and his paraphernalia overflowed their starter-castle. It has been a bit of a "fixer-upper," but as those of you who follow HRH Rachel on "Insta" already know, she's been enjoying the challenge and delivering HGTV-worthy results. The move, as all are, was a bit of a pain for the extended Royal Family, but we've all enjoyed the added space as well as the pool and the expansion of the Tedescovian Fleet it supports. Finally, the Duchess took on a new role supporting the School of Law at the University of Texas at Austin this year. Meanwhile, Chas continues to pile up certifications and plaudits at Netsuite. His presentation at the company's annual SuiteWorld event in Las Vegas was reportedly a BIG hit. A thunderous HUZDAH to the Duke!

## OLD SOLDIER GETS BUSY...ER



The aging King Consort of Tedescovia leads a comfortable life. He is happily married and lives minutes from the young Prince and his parents. At work, he leads geeks onto paths of military planning righteousness. Off duty, he enjoys his Belgian ales, smokes/grills chunks of meat to feed the Queen, and berates citizens who park in bicycle lanes. What more could a guy on the cusp of turning 60 want? Well, in an unexpected turn of events, this year he added Honorary Colonel of the 37<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment to his palmarès. For our civilian readers, this is a honor bestowed old war horses that comes with the responsibility for connecting current Soldiers with the history, traditions, and alumni of their Regiment. As the

37<sup>th</sup> Tank's history is unmatched and its alumni membership large (5k+) and very active (annual reunions, fundraising for a monument, etc.) being the "not-so-pretty" face of the Regiment is going to take some time and work. For instance, the King is off to Germany for a week in January to visit deployed 1-37 AR Soldiers at Graf (good times!) as well as all 9 old kasernes the regiment's battalions once called home. This summer a huge reunion with both active battalions at Fort Bliss is in the works, so the Old Man is going to have his work cut out for him. In all seriousness, I am absolutely humbled by this honor and hope I can fill the huge shoes of my forebears.

## WATCHING, JUDGING... AND REPORTING?

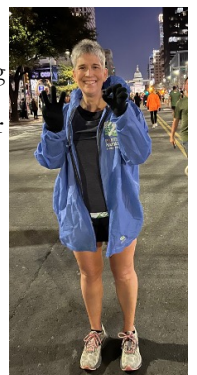


It has long been clear to the residents of Tedescovia that the domestic felines were up to something nefarious, but only recently has new information come to light that suggests what they are about. With both the King and Queen working from home full time, we get a lot of "supervision," with each of the Boys focused on keeping tabs on "their human" as they work. We thought this was innocent, even affectionate behavior until the Tedescovia Ministry of State Security (T-Stasi) caught each of the Boys separately activating Siri on one of our HomePods. Under interrogation, both insisted they just wanted to hear some classic rock (in the middle of the night?), but a T-Stasi review of the device logs show

communications with Inova and Battelle, our employers. The Boys insist they have done nothing wrong, are the subject of a "witch hunt," and insist they have executive immunity from prosecution anyway. Stay tuned as we litigate this in the months ahead. The Cat of the Year election next November will be impacted, but how we can't yet say.

## HER PAIN IN THE A\$\$ IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

Much like the Energizer Bunny, for decades Lianne has kept running and running. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays her from pounding the pavement. Remember when she ran her first marathon days after getting out of a walking boot for a broken foot? Well a freak hip injury in the weight room this Fall led to weeks off her feet and road. Thanks to the magic of time, physical therapy and dry-needling, she back at it, though she missed a planned marathon. As your editor types these words, she is out trying to beat a recalcitrant "butt muscle" in to submission by running 50+ miles a week "until it is fixed." And you all thought, I was her "pain in the a\$\$!"



Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all!