

Icenian News Network 5

It is time. The first paper in the Icenian News Network! In this paper we are going to answer the question: *What's going on?* First, a piece on Icenia's upcoming July Olympics.

Olympic Dreams

Icenia is hosting this years Olympics in July, but what will it take to host the events? ChrisChrispie was asked how Icenia would take on this feat. Chris said that they will 'go hard in the paint'. Next, I wanted to know what these events were expected to bring to Icenia. The Olympics will bring 'spreem', Chris mentioned.

How trustworthy *are* CivMC's news sources?

In this section, I decided to find out for myself how trustworthy CivMC's news is, if it is. To do this I read the last 3 publications from a range of nations, and independent sources, and checked through the content.

Firstly, I decided to read the last few issues of Salerno's *weekly bulletin*, which is in fact not weekly, in order to find out. I took the information from their publications in, and saw a general trend, which, expectedly is Salerno central, a reoccurring theme that will become apparent as you read on.

Next, it was on to the offering's by *The Diamond Chronicler*. Upon reading the latest article from their offering, which at the time was issue number 5, was 100% about the Imperial Federation, IF for short. I read the next oldest one, issue 4, was also fully IF. The next issue was the same. This brings to question? Are they biased? Is anything shady going on? I'll let you decide.

What is different about the Icenian News Network? We write stories. Yes, some may be about Icenia, but we also use stories from around the server, like this, from people who are around the server. Our aim is to provide a great, informative read for all. That's what sets us apart from other publications. We hope you enjoy the new chapter for our news.

What's Going On?

Recently, the ASN and Icenia have been vindicated from the incidents in Alaska that I reported on previously. Supposedly Salerno's leader, realmichael has made propaganda and false stories about ChrisChrispie. What does Michael have to say about this though? Michael wanted to call a meeting between him and Chris, as he is a firm believer In the 'three Os' of Icenia, which he put as 'open government, open dialogue, and overdose deaths'. He plans to ensure fairness and balance in the story that is being written by having both sides fact checked by the professional writer

DrBaconHair. He chose Markstefer and Br Bacon Hair to be in the meeting with him as they are 'visionary leaders' of Basaltington, and he thinks that it is important that his story is heard. I asked him what 'good faith' meant to him in the context of the meeting, to which Michael said that he just wants them to 'answer my question[s] as I ask [them], [and] not question anything.' It seems as if Michael just wants some answers here.

I also asked him what lessons he thinks the community should take from the Alaska situation, to which he said that it's 'too early to tell' and that he 'still think[s] they got banned for shit'. He seems to be skeptical about the situation, and he may have not changed his mind much yet. He also seems to believe that despite the official ruling, there were still serious problems. As well as that, he feels that it is too early to draw positive lessons as he still questions the fairness of the outcome.

Upon being asked if after the meeting he is still open to co-operation between him and Chris. He said that he will get his 'head out of [his] ass if [Chris] gets his head out of his ass'. This suggests that Michael is open to the aforementioned co-operation, but only if Chris also makes an effort. It also suggests that he sees reconciliation as a two-way street in that mutual responsibility is important to him. His tone also suggests that he wants honesty but is not sugar-coating anything.

It will definitely be interesting when the outcome of this meeting comes around, to see what either side agrees, and disagrees on.

Whelp, that's it for this week from the Icenian News Network! We hope you enjoyed this issue, as I certainly did enjoy writing it! Many thanks to all the people being interviewed in the making of this issue, as they freely gave up their time to answer questions. This has been INN, and you can read all future and past articles on our website: <https://iceniahosting.github.io/IceNews/>