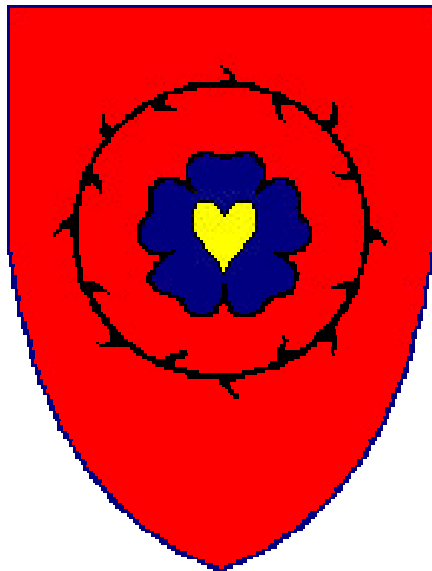


The Adrian Empire, Inc.

# DOMAIN OF THE BLUE ROSE

## Domain Charter and Rules



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## CHARTER

The Domain of the Blue Rose was chartered in 1994 by Their Imperial Majesties. This document shall serve as official endorsement of that charter. According the laws and customs of the Adrian Empire, a proposed guild must provide a stated purpose, membership requirements, methods for joining and leaving the guild, and have submitted arms to the Sovereign of Arms. Having found all these requirements to be contained herein, We are satisfied and do hereby officially acknowledge, charter, and grant existence to the Domain of the Blue Rose on this, the 10th day of July, 2002.

So say We,  
 Maedb Hawkins, Empress of Adria  
 Karl von Katzburg, Kaiser of Adria

## I. PREFACE

Well, I suppose I'd better explain exactly what the Domain of the Blue Rose is. The Blue Rose began as a single household in 1988, quickly grew into a barony, and in 1994 we were granted Domain status. As an Imperial Domain we have a charter that allows us to extend the rights and powers of our original Barony (minus the estates votes) anywhere in the Empire. The Blue Rose is the means by which our members show their brotherhood (and sisterhood). It is also a platform for us to spread our philosophies and ideas throughout the Empire.

So what great ideology does the Blue Rose proliferate throughout the land? Most importantly - this is a game! As with all games, Adria is supposed to be fun. Those who don't understand that should not be Blue Rose. Often times, people complain when they lose and don't when they win. Nobody likes sore losers. If you play any game long enough, you are going to lose. We accept this reality and encourage others to do the same. This does not mean that any of us enjoy losing. Only that when things don't go our way, we should react with class and dignity. Being men and women of outstanding character helps make this game more enjoyable for everyone.

That same character means that we our people of honor and honesty, that is, we mean what we say and we say what we mean. Unlike some in Adria, we are not big on oaths of fealty. Not because we don't believe in them but instead because we do believe in them. If a member of the Blue Rose vows to do something it will be done. Our word is our bond. Hence we choose our words carefully. The words in the Blue Rose Initiation Ceremony were carefully chosen to ensure that every word was appropriate because we follow our oaths to the letter.

The Blue Rose is not just a collection of individuals but a family. Most of us have known each other personally for years. This sense of community is the cornerstone of our Domain. When a member of the Blue Rose stumbles the other members catch their fall. We of the Blue Rose our proud of who we are as individuals and of who we are as a unit. We stand for excellence, both personal and as a group. To coin an over used phrase, "We're Number 1." I honestly believe that we are. When I do anything in the name of the Blue Rose, I give it my very best. To give less not only belittles myself, it belittles all who bear the name Blue Rose. We are a group of achievers, always striving to be the best is part of who we are.

Sir Thomas Fitzshokes,  
Thane 1995

## II. MEMBERSHIP

### A. REQUIREMENTS

Membership in the Domain of the Blue Rose is open to all paid members of the Empire.

### B. JOINING THE DOMAIN

1. Membership requires a sponsor who will speak for the petitioner at the yearly meeting (at the Imperial War). If the majority of the members present at the meeting agree, the petitioner shall be accepted for a probationary period of at least one year.
2. For the probationary period, the Blue Rose shall try to get to know the petitioner.
3. At the yearly meeting (at the Imperial War) one year later, if the majority of the members present agree, the petitioner may go through the initiation ceremony and thereafter be known as a Blue Rose.

### C. LEAVING THE DOMAIN

To leave the domain, a member must submit a letter of intent to withdraw from the domain to the Thane. No reasons need to be given in this letter; the letter is just a formal notice of intent to leave. Upon notification, the member will be released from the domain, upon which, will lose all titles and ranks earned in the domain. To rejoin a later time, the member must petition the Thane for a return of all previous titles and ranks.

## III. RULES

### A. MEETINGS

1. Domain of the Blue Rose shall meet at the annual Imperial War.
2. Domain meetings shall be valid with either 30 days written notice to the membership, by the Thane, or if a quorum of greater than one half of The Domains members is present in person or by proxy.
  - i. The Thane may call a meeting when he or she deems there is necessary business to conduct.
  - ii. The Thane must, within 10 days, call a meeting if asked to do so in writing by five Domain members.
3. Each member of the Blue Rose, whose current dues are paid, may cast one vote either in person or by written proxy.
4. All new members must go through the Blue Rose Initiation Ceremony before they may vote on Blue Rose business.
5. All resolutions shall require a majority of greater than two-thirds of voting members present, in person or by proxy, to pass. A simple majority of 50%+1 is required to rescind a resolution.

### B. LEADERS (THANES)

6. The Domain of the Blue Rose shall have a chief executive officer known as the Thane.
7. The Thane shall be elected by a majority of greater than two-thirds of voting members present, in person or by proxy, at The Domain's required annual meeting and serve for a term of one year. The Thane may not serve consecutive terms but is not limited in the number of terms he or she may serve. However, If there is no other candidate, the Thane may serve consecutive terms.
8. The Thane may create regions known as Vicegerencies.
  - i. These Vicegerencies may nominate an administrator known as a Vicegerent.
  - ii. The Thane must, within 10 days, confirm or deny the nomination.

### C. DUES

9. Yearly dues of twelve dollars per member shall be paid by Labor Day each year. New members shall pay one dollar for every month, or part thereof, remaining until Labor Day.
10. A Steward shall be elected at the annual meeting. The Steward is responsible for keeping track of the domain's finances.

### D. WAR

11. During a time of war, if a member of the Blue Rose chooses to fight on any army other than the army supported by the Domain then that person must publicly explain his or her reasons so that the Domain might understand. If no army is officially supported by the Domain, no explanation is necessary.

## E. CEREMONIES

12. The Thane or a representative that he or she appoints shall perform all official ceremonies of the Blue Rose.

## F. EXECUTIONER

13. The Thane may appoint an executioner to enforce the laws.

# IV. INITIATION CEREMONY

This ceremony, as with all Blue Rose ceremonies, shall be performed with our members placed in positions corresponding to our heraldic device. Members representing Rosethorn shall stand in a circle around the area and act as guards. The body of our Blue Rose members shall kneel inside this circle and form the petals of the rose. Finally those actually performing the ceremony will be in the center or "heart" of the rose. Eventually, everyone should be in color coded clothing of black, blue, and red; corresponding to the thorns, petals, and heart of the rose respectively. All members, except those in the heart, shall file into position then those performing the ceremony will make their entrances and exits using the aisles between the petals of the rose.

*Enter Thane and Herald*

*Herald* - All receive XXX, Thane of the Blue Rose.

*Thane* - We are here today so that we might welcome a new member into our family.

*Herald* - Would XXX come forward and present yourself.

*Enter the Initiate, who kneels.*

*Initiate* - I am XXX.

*Thane* - Is it still your wish to become part of the Blue Rose?

*Initiate* - Yes.

*Thane* - Understand that you are committing yourself to both our members and the principals we stand for. Repeat after me. I swear to support the members of the Blue Rose and the causes that the Blue Rose stands for. I hereby pledge my allegiance to the Blue Rose in times of peace and in times of war. So say I, XXX.

*All* - We in turn, promise to support you, guide you, and council you whenever you should need it. We welcome you to the Blue Rose.

*Thane* - This coin was created to curb the great weakness of the mercenaries we once were - greed. So accept this now as payment in full for your services to the Blue Rose. As you leave this ceremony, know that you our no longer alone. I bid you to go forth, take root, and bloom like the rose that is our namesake. And always remember.....

*All* - IT'S JUST A GAME!