Agenda for March 10 &11, 2001 Meeting of the Estates General of the Empire of Adria

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Consent Calendar
IV. Minutes of November 2000 Imperial Estates Meeting
V. Imperial Reports

A. President's Report
B. Board of Directors Report

VI. Crown Business

Charters :

Amend the Charter of Terre del Fuego to include the mundane Counties of San Joaquin , Tuolumne and Calaveras . There is now population there that have expressed their wishes to become part of the Duchy of Terre del Fuego .

CRB#1

From the IMP Crown

We have received several requests to play test the Proposed Arts Manual (see Appendices) from several subdivisions. This proposal allows those subdivisions who voluntarily choose, by a vote of their Estates, to use the Proposed Arts Manual.

Proposal: Approve the Proposed Arts Manual for play testing as an authorized alternative to law.

CRB#2

From the IMP Crown

Amend the archery manual:

To adopt for use Alternate Combat Arrow constructed as per instructions at
http://home.earthlink.net/~macgyver92/Aquatine/combat_arrows.htm (see Appendices)

Golf tube arrows may remain in use at least temporarily .

CRB # 3

From the IMP Crown

Commentary: Adria's current system is meant to recognize the importance of public service and outreach . It has been noted that those who take on the responsibilities of major offices and of running events, while laboring in direct response and support of these activities are generally inhibited from the ability to gain credit for public service .

Proposal :

The following Ministry service may be substituted for DI's in the Ministry path to Knighthood a DI may be granted
for each 2 months service as Imperial Minister
for each 3 months service as Kingdom Minister
for each 4 months service as Ducal and Shire Minister
for each 6 months service as Canton Minister .

for each 2 months service as Imperial Crown .
for each 3 months service as Kingdom Crown .
for each 4 months service as Ducal and Shire Crown .
for each 6 months service as Canton Crown .
for each service of Autocrat of Feasts , Tournaments War or Collegium .
the local Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and
useful , in the case of Rulers it will be determined by the next level Crown and in the case of Imperial Crowns by the Imperial Estates General . Imperial ministers will be reviewed by the ruling Imperial Crowns .
Crowns are encouraged to set criteria for acceptable service .
The manner and practice of granting these service credits is subject to the review of the next higher ruling Crown
Members may apply for credit for past service through the Crown .
The decision of the Crown is final except for the review of the next higher Crown .

CRB# 4

From the IMP Crown
Proposed that the Duchy of Caerleon War scheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2001 be sanctioned as part of the Imperial Banner War 2001 and that their efforts can be counted in the results in the war and that they may conduct a Imperial Tournament in conjunction with those being held at Imperial Banner War East and West 2001 . They will comply to all the rules of reporting during the war that is normal for the usual East West Banner War . This will require no additional funding from the Imperial government and any monies raised will remain the property of the Duchy . This writ will sunset on June 15 2001 .

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CB # 1

The Kingdom of Aragon formally requests the Imperial Crown confirm judgement in the matter pertaining to the former sovereigns and their officer, and that the Imperial Estates consider the banishment extension requested (See Writ of Judgement, Aragon).

WRIT OF JUDGEMENT FOR:

Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison,
Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson
MKA: Annette Allison
Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche'

In May of 1998, Sir Winfred MKA: Randy Allison and Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison began their Service as Rulers of Aragon, at which time they appointed Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche" as Stewart, Lady Alara remained in this position until she was removed in May of 2000.
Financial irregularities including non-payment of Imperial dues came to the attention of the Imperial Government in March of 2000 and the incoming crowns of Aragon in May of 2000.

At the May 2000 event Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara were given a copy of an e-mail by Her Royal Majesty Dame Serina MKA: Lori Yerger from the Imperial Stewart. This e-mail stated that Aragon had only 27 paid members. At this time His Royal Majesty Sir David MKA: Dave Albrecht and the then Chancellor Dame Betka MKA: Becky Spray were also notified of the discrepancy. This prompted the audit investigation.

Sometime around May 18, 2000, Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara were informed that the Imperial Crowns requested and audit of the Stewart's office.

Dame Betka made several trips to the home of Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette and Lady Alara to retrieve documents needed for the audit. Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette made several trips to Her Royal Majesty Dame Serina's home also.

In consolation with the Imperial Crowns and Imperial Chancellor and audit was conducted. Ultimately the amount of $11,669.84 was unaccounted for, from the period May 1998 through May 2000.

On October 22, 1999 a check for the amount of $1300.00 was issued to and cashed by Randy Allison for the purchase of 6 pavilions.

In December 1999 at the Estates meeting it was voted to approve the expenditure of the $1300.00 for the 6 pavilions.

In the March 2000, at the estates meeting, Sir Winfred advised the estates that it was apparent that we were not going to receive the 6 pavilions and that he personally accepted full financial responsibility for the repayment of the $1300.00. Randy also advised the estates that he had indeed filed a police report. During the audit it was discovered no such police report was filed. When confronted Randy admitted he never filed the report.

Several meetings took place between Sir Winfred, Dame Anginette, Dame Serina, and Dame Betka. At some of these meetings Sir Cirus MKA: Jason Dvorchak and Sir Eduardo MKA: Ed Perusse were present. During these meetings evidence of their involvement was brought to their attention. On the eve of the audit Sir Winfred and DameAnginette admitted to Dame Serina, Dame Betka and Sir Eduardo that they had known of at least $1600.00 missing from Aragon's bank account for several months and had asked at that time to resign quietly from Adria. Also Dame Anginette's participation with ATM Transactions were initially denied at that time. Upon investigation Dame Anginette admitted to ATM usage once advised that she was one of two people identified as using the ATM Machines.

Notification letter of the Charges of Misfeasance of Office was delivered by Dame Betka and signed for on the behalf of Sir Winfred MKA: Randy Allison, Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison and Lady Alara de la Fouche MKA: Clara Fouche by Dame Anginette MKA: Annette Allison.

This notice informed that other charges might be filed pending full investigation. This was done to preserve the rights of the Kingdom of Aragon and The Empire of Adria. (See attached)

The three- (3) defendants requested crown justice and pleaded guilty to the charges of Misfeasance of Office.

On August the 8th, 2000 Randy Allison, Annette Allison and Clara Fouche' signed before a notary public a promissory note for the full amount of $11,669.84 plus interest. This is to be paid at, at least $100.00 a month. (See attached) At which time they asked that if it was determined that a lesser amount was actually owed the amount would be amended.

After these proceedings the Crowns of Aragon invited and encouraged commentary and sentencing suggestions by the populace. (This was done out of a courtesy as the populace was also effect by the outcome of the audit) These suggestions were considered but the decision rests entirely with the Crowns.

THEREFORE: in consideration of all of the proceedings, we Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello and Sir David von Albrecht, Regina et Rex Aragon, hold in re:

Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison
Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson MKA: Annette Allison
Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche'

GUILTY of the charge of Misfeasance of Office.

The seriousness of their misconduct demands the harshest of sentences. We request the Imperial Crowns concur in and where necessary request the Imperial Estates approve the following:

In the matter of Lady Alara de la Fouche' MKA: Clara Fouche':

Banished for Life or for so long as the Imperial Estates see fit.
(Let it be known that Clara Fouche' requested this through her son-in-law Randy Allison and was made public knowledge by Randy Allison.)

Revocation of all ranks, titles, honors and awards granted by the Adrian Empire.

(As per the Adrian Imperial Bylaws and the Codex Adjudicata,
Courts of Justice,
Conduct of the court,
6. Punishment
B. Loss of Awards, Ranks and Titles.
D. Judicial Ban,
E. Banishment:
We the Crowns of Aragon order banishment for 1 year.
We request the Imperial Crowns extend the banishment to 3 years.
We request the Imperial Estates extend the banishment to life.

We further request the persona known as Alara de la Fouche' be put to death as per precedence.

F. Removal of Honorifics and the striking of Arms.)

In the matter of Sir Winfred Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson MKA: Randy Allison
And Dame Anginette Theresa Mesalyn de la Fouche' ap Alyson MKA Annette Allison:

Banishment until the debt of $11,669.84 is paid in full or life.

Revocation of all ranks, titles, honors and awards granted by the Adrian Empire.

(As per the Adrian Imperial Bylaws and the Codex Adjudicata,
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Conduct of the court,
6. Punishment
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D. Judicial Ban,
E. Banishment:
We the Crowns of Aragon order banishment for 1 year.
We request the Imperial Crowns extend the banishment to 3 years.
We request the Imperial Estates extend the banishment to until the debt of $11,669.84 is paid in full or Life.
F. Removal of Honorifics and the striking of Arms.)

We order that the Knighthood Civil for Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette be permanently removed.
We order that the Knighthood Minister for Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette, Knighthood Bachelor for Sir Winfred, Knighthood Robe for Dame Anginette be suspended until the debt is paid in full.

We order that the retiring titles of Last Viscount and Viscountess of Aragon, First Earl and Comtessa of Aragon, all other titles, awards and honors acquired during the reigns of Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette in Aragon be permanently removed.

We order, and request that the Imperial Crowns concur, that any and all other titles earned in Adria are permanently removed.

We order the Honorifics and the Arms of Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette be suspended until the debt is paid in full.

It was request of the Crowns of Aragon to show compassion to the aforementioned defendants. We feel that compassion is reflected in this sentence given how gross the offense. The Knightly virtue: Compassion and Forgiveness demand contrition and repentance, both seem to be lacking here.

So say we,

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Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello	Sir David von Albrecht
Regina et Aragon	Rex et Aragon

CB #2

Call for report : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Request a report from the appropriate officers on the implement of the membership discount (for waiving newsletter delivery) approved November 2000.

CB#3

Clarification

Comments : It is the opinion of the Chancery that the following is only a clarification and should be remanded to the Minister of Joust and War for action.

Sir Karl

The following were also prepared by Sir William and Sir Cyrus;
Recommended by Sir Phillipe, Minister of War and Joust of Umbria;
Sponsored by Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Amendments offered to **The Manual of Combat:**

Throughout the document, the following should be referred to the Ministry of Combat for action:

a comprehensive edit should precede publication (spelling and grammar);
check for singular/plural agreement; substitute his or plural forms and delete [his/her];
add the words or equivalent where intended or add an explanation;
clarify that weapon weights are "overall" unless stated otherwise;
clarify that 1. E. 10. "felt" refers only to force and that 1. F. 1. "A scoring blow is any unobstructed blow,. . . ;"
clarify the rule in 1.E. 12. and 14. 12 states "both combatants" may agree, and 14 states "A combatant" may ask the Marshal to judge blows;
clarify shield equivalents (steel, aluminum, plastic, etc. equal to 1/4" plywood Shinai, 1/2" plywood steel, rules for Renn. Shields, "no protrusions" are permitted but lantern shields are listed in Article 7;
and, add an explanation of the marshals' chain of command.

CB # 4

Comments : it is the opinion that this is a clarification only and dose not change existing law .

Recommend remand to Chancery for inclusion in next By-Law version .

Article VII F v b

The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the foremost heraldic officer of the Adrian Empire and the head of the College of Arms. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall act as the Voice of the Imperial Crown.
Proposed to add: "when and as directed by the Imperial Crown ."

CB# 5

Clarification : requested by Rolls Minister of TN and IMP Chancery

Chancery Comments : Clarify the issue of weather one may receive an additional participation for participating in an Imperial tournament. Imperial tournaments held at Imperial Wars or other wise do in fact entitle the participant to a additional participation for the month in question . This has been the longstanding practice and current ruling of the Chancery and the Imperial Crown . The question was is a tournament at a Imperial war a Imperial tournament and is the Imperial Crown War and Imperial Banner war or other such designated event an Imperial Crown event :
the answer is yes and this is also a longstanding ruling of the Chancery and Imperial Crown .

In Article V, section D it states:
"A member shall not be allowed to participate in more than one (1) event per month for purposes of meeting their requirements for advancement. There are two exceptions to this: 1)Imperial Crown events and 2)Crown/Civil Wars."

Also stated as in Article X, section C it states:
"No member of the Adrian Empire may gain more than one tourney win per month for the purpose of gaining rank in the Knightly Orders. The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of attending an Imperial Tournament in the same month as a Crown Tournament."

CB# 6

from the table Nov 2000
Estates vote on the Success of the reign of Erick and Elisabeth for the term of Nov 1999 to Nov 2000 .

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1 from the table July 2000

report and proposal from Sov. Of Arms on title restructure .
A . My Lords and Ladies:
Since last November's Estates Meeting, I have given a great deal of thought to the title structure. I have spent hours in research and discussed this issue at length with many members of the Estates and the populace. I have come to the conclusion that our current title structure needs to be regularized.
Part of the problem is that there is a very small pool of titles to choose from. Most of the alternatives we currently use are just translations of existing titles, or equivalents from different cultures. There is very little linguistic consistency in our title structure. For instance, the title "Earl", that we use for a retired King, is in actuality just the British equivalent of the title of Count. The title "Comtessa", a retired Queen in our Game, is just the Çatalan translation of "Countess". (Catalonia is the region between France and Spain.) "Marquis" is from French, but "Marquesa" is from Italian.
What I would like to propose is the following:
Regularize the title structure using English titles for consistency. Since we all speak English, this should not be a problem. Then, we should allow people to translate their titles into whatever language they wish.
Once this is accomplished, it raises the problem of differentiating between Count (retired King) and Count (ruler of a County), and other such non-Landed titles. These would include Lord, Baron, Viscount, and others. We actually have a few ways of doing this, some of which are even Period.
Throughout our Period, there existed the concept of the "title by courtesy" or "courtesy title". Often, the eldest son of a Peer would use one of his father's lesser titles as a "courtesy", using it like a real title until he could inherit his

father's. For instance, the son of the Marquess of Winchester, whose title was granted in 1551, would be addressed as the Earl of Wiltshire, while his son would be addressed as the Baron of St. John. We could easily adapt this usage for our own, and use the form "Count by Courtesy".

Another alternative is to simply use the word "Court" before the tile's designation, giving us "Court Lord", but this is a borrowing from the SCA and not documentable in or near our Period.

The third alternative is to use the word "Titular" before the designation: "Titular Baron". My preliminary research dates this use of the word to 1611, and I hope to document it further back in time. This has the advantage of being in use in the modern era, so its sound is not foreign to most ears, yet it does not sound obtrusively modern.

Another alternative is to place the words "of the Court" after the designation, as in "Countess of the Court", but I find this unwieldy.

An option that is in use in the Estates Writ on titles is the use of the word "Royal", giving us "Count Royal". This would only be acceptable for a Kingdom-level retirement title such as Count. This use of the word "Royal" dates to 1642, when Charles I created his daughter "Princess Royal".

The last alternative is to simply not make a differentiation between the two types. You are a Baron, a Lord, or a Count, and it is up to the people who know you to know whether you hold your title by virtue of holding an Estate, or whether your title was bestowed upon you.

This last one is the option I prefer: it is simple. What does one person care whether the person they are addressing is a retired King or the head of a County? Either way, that person will be wearing a Chain of State and a Coronet, so he will be shown respect.

It's always been a good rule of thumb that, if you don't know the person with the pointy hat, addressing them as "Your Grace" is a pretty safe bet. If they're a King, Duke, retired King or Prince, it's OK to call them that. If they're a Marquis, Count, Viscount, or Baron and don't warrant the "Your Grace" (they get "Your Excellency"), they'll be flattered. Either way, you win.

The regularized title structure would appear as follows, in Article IX.D. of the Bylaws (other text omitted for brevity):

EMPEROR/EMPRESS.

KING/QUEEN.

PRINCE/PRINCESS.

Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire after a successful reign. An Estate Royal.

An Heir Apparent to the Adrian Empire (Imperial Crown Prince/ss)

An Heir Apparent to a Kingdom. (Crown Prince/ss)

A member of the Order of the Protectors of the Dream.

ARCHDUKE/ARCHDUCHESS.

DUKE/DUCHESS.

MARQUESS/MARCHIONESS.

COUNT/COUNTESS.

Title granted to a retired ruler of a Kingdom after a successful reign. An Estate Major.

The ruler of a County. An Estate Minor.

VISCOUNT/VISCOUNTESS.

A Founding Member of the Adrian Empire. An Estate Major.

Title granted to a retired ruler of an Archduchy after a successful reign of at least six months.

BARON/BARONESS.

The ruler of a Barony. An Estate Minor.

A holder of a Court title awarded by the Crown.

LORD/LADY.

The ruler of a Household. An Estate Minor.

A holder of a Court title awarded by the Crown.

KNIGHT CHAMPION, MASTER, PREMIER, or WARDEN.

KNIGHT BANNERET, DOCTOR, CIVIL, or FORESTER.

KNIGHT BACHELOR, ROBE, MINISTER, or ARCHER.

LORD/LADY PROTECTOR.

VICEROY/VICEREINE.

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What this structure does is put every title into a list that would be recognizable to anyone familiar with a medieval Feudal structure. The actual placement of these titles in precedence can be left to Estates Writ. People would be free to translate their titles into whatever language would suit their persona.

The revamped Writ may be seen **Error! Reference source not found.**. To see the old and new Bylaws side-by-side, **Error! Reference source not found.**. To see the old and new Writ side-by-side, **Error! Reference source not found.**.

So now, that you have read my treatise, I invite your comments. I thank you for your attentions to this matter.

In service,
Sir Nigel the Byzantine
Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

B . From the table July 99 (if adopted insert and renumber .

Those Peers who have served as King or Queen twice and have been granted a sucessful term may style themselves as Duke or Duchess , this grants no votes or rights other than those already vested in them by virtue of a single term .

OB 2

Authored by Sir Nicolai
PROPOSAL ON CROWNS SUCCEEDING THEMSELVES

At the July meeting of the Estates, a proposal for allowing Crowns to succeed themselves appeared on the Agenda as New Business. Many did not expect the issue to be discussed at that meeting and were waiting to debate the matter in November, hopefully, with some additional alternate proposals. This may have especially been true of some of those who sent proxies. Nevertheless, the Estates present at the meeting seemed to feel the issue was interesting enough to take up right away. As drafted, the measure failed, after VERY limited caucus-style debate. Subsequently, the Queen of Terre-Neuve presented a redrafted proposal which passed. We were pressed for time, and there was no debate on the second proposal. I am terribly concerned about this for a couple of reasons. The first is that I believe it inappropriate for non-agenda items to be presented to the Estates. It is unfair to proxies (who have never seen the items), and also, it can lead to hasty poorly-considered actions due to insufficient time being given to consideration. My second concern is that I think allowing multiple successive terms for Crowns is a mistake. Incumbents, even those who are incompetent or corrupt, enjoy significant advantages in war. Furthermore, as information about a given Reign is essentially controlled by the Crowns themselves, we have had a phenomenon in the past wherein some of the most popular Reigns were those where the Crowns' failings were simply never disclosed. Conversely, the Reigns where the Crowns were the most honest and diligent were often some of the least popular. This being the case, we often don't learn of our Crowns' shortcomings until the Reigns turn over. Under the new law, that would not be for two years. I have two more things to say about this law. First, I don't buy that it takes more than a year as Crown to accomplish something in this Empire. I haven't been a Crown in four years, and I continue to contribute and accomplish. Second, I worry about Crowns who will feel the need to take steps to assure their own succession. I am not convinced that they will do so by providing good service. I fear that the temptation to control information and to engage in power politics may overcome many. I think we saw enough of that tendency in the past, even without this new law. Now we have made it easier.
Having said all that, let me say where I think we are procedurally. Where emergency items have arisen without notice, it has been appropriate to revisit and reconsider those items as Old Business at the next meeting. This procedure had not been universally applied as we had yet to adopt a manual of parliamentary procedure (a deficiency I hope will be remedied as I have been called upon to present such a manual at this meeting). Nevertheless, I believe such a procedure is in keeping with the spirit (though not the exact letter) of Article VI.G. (regarding waiver of notice and reconsideration). Therefore, I have asked the Chancellor to place the item which passed in July as a matter for reconsideration under Old Business at this meeting.

Law for Reconsideration: At the July meeting, the prohibition on Kingdom and Imperial Crowns succeeding themselves was repealed, and a new law was passed allowing one self-succession without pax regium.
I hate this law, and I think its dangers are very real, while I find it difficult to see any benefits.
My first proposal is that we vote on this measure again in the spirit of Article VI.G., and if it fails to garner a 2/3 majority, that the "emergency" measure passed in July be simply allowed to expire, with the old law to continue.
If there is continued support for this new law, then my second proposal is as follows:
That we treat the new law as experimental and that we give this new law an expiration date; that at every mid-term meeting (currently July) we vote (by majority vote) as to whether the experiment should continue. If the new law should ever fail to receive the continued blessing of a majority of the Imperial Estates, the old law prohibiting self-succession would automatically return to effect. This proposal would require 2/3 of the Estates to pass. It would keep the new law so long as a majority liked it. It would trash the new law once a majority saw trouble. Either way, the will of the majority will be maintained, and we give this very controversial issue the attention it deserves.

OB 3

Author the Earl Of Lincoln
Remove all term limits to a Crown succeeding themselves.

OB 4

Authored by Sir Nigel the Byzantine
The Imperial Sovereign of Arms would like to respectfully request that Estates Writ 5, the Herald’s Handbook of the Adrian Empire, be removed as it is no longer in use by the College of Arms.

OB 5

Authored by Sir Nigel the Byzantine
That the Bylaws, Article VII.F., Definitions, and Article VII.F.4., The Sovereign of Arms, be re-written for clarification as follows. (Deleted text is in strikeout, added text is in **bold type**, and comments are in *italics*.) Items may be taken separately, as the Chancery may so direct.
ARTICLE VII.F. DEFINITIONS
AGENDA
The Ministries of the Adrian Empire are the Chancellor, the Minister of Rolls, the Steward, the Sovereign **Minister** of Arms, the Chronicler, the Minister of Joust & War, the Minister of Arts & Sciences, the Minister of Physicks, the Hospitaler, and Viceroys.
ARTICLE VII.F.4 THE SOVEREIGN **MINISTER** OF ARMS.
Comment: According to College of Arms practice, not every person serving in this position is titled "Sovereign of Arms" (see below). Retitling this section is intended to bring the Bylaws in line with actual practice.
The Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms and its members. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the foremost heraldic officer of the Adrian Empire and the head of the College of Arms. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to resolve conflict of armorial devices submitted by the membership of the Adrian Empire. The Sovereign of Arms of a chartered subdivision shall have the exclusive right to approve armorial devices submitted by the membership of the chartered subdivision.
Requirements: An understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.
Comment: This[deleted] section is re-written below under item (b).
a. College of Arms. The College of Arms shall be a sovereign body of arms, and shall consist of the Imperial Sovereign of Arms and the Sovereign **chief Minister** of Arms of each chartered subdivision **and other persons as appointed by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms**.
Comment: The College of Arms is structured along Period lines so that Shires have Ministers of Arms with the heraldic rank of "Pursuivant", Ducal Ministers of Arms are ranked "Herald" (with a capital H), and Archducal and Kingdom Ministers of Arms (along with the Imperial) are ranked "Sovereign of Arms". This brings the Bylaws in line with actual practice. It also allows the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to appoint his or her deputies to the College of Arms (as permitted by Bylaws VII.B.).
i. The College of Arms shall protect only the Arms of the membership**, Estates, and Domains** of the Adrian Empire and those Arms that the Imperial Sovereign of Arms and the Imperial Crown **College of Arms** agree are worthy of protection.
Comment: The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elswhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs. With regard to the Imperial Crown, the College of Arms has sovereignity over its own internal decisions and should not have to consult with the Imperial Crown on which arms need protection; the Imperial Sovereign of Arms should rather consult with the College of Arms (for that is what the College is there for).
ii. The College **of Arms** shall **may** not grant **the right to bear** arms, but only approve of their design and construction **according to the established Rules of the College**.
Comment: Only the Crown and the Estates have the right to grant the right to bear arms; the Crown by making a Knight or by granting the title of Lord, Lady, or Baronet; the Estates by granting a retirement title or by creating a Protector of the Dream. Historically in our Period, Sovereigns of Arms granted arms, but this was only done by explicit direction of the Crown. This clarification makes it clear that the authority to grant the right to bear arms does not lie with the College of Arms.
iii. The College may reserve a blazon **device** for a **any** member of the Adrian Empire **as defined in Article III of these Bylaws** against the day when that member shall have the right to bear them **it**. **The College may also register a device for any potential Estate or potential Domain against the day when that Estate or Domain may bear it.**
Comment: This re-wording makes the terminology clearer: the "blazon" is merely the word used to describe the piece of "armory" being registered. It also makes clear whose arms are registerable. The grammar is also repaired by changing from plural to singular. The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elsewhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs.
iv. The College of Arms shall further aid the Imperial, Royal, and Noble **Crowns and** Estates in the design and staging of authentic ceremonial **ceremonies** that are adapted to the needs of the

Adrian Empire.
Comment: This tightens the language and fixes the noun form ("ceremonial" is an adjective).
v. The College of Arms is entitled and required to establish a body of standard terminology, usage, and rules for heraldry **heraldic registrations and display** within the Adrian Empire.
Comment: This clarifies the definition of "heraldry".
Comment: The following section takes the first paragraph of section 4 and breaks it down into its component pieces. They have been rearranged in a more logical order.
b. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the foremost heraldic officer of the Adrian Empire and the head of the College of Arms. **The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall act as the Voice of the Imperial Crown.**
Comment: This merely codifies actual practice. The Rules of the College of Arms allow for a deputy to assume these duties if so appointed.
i. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms and its members.
ii. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to resolve conflict of armorial devices submitted by the membership**, Estates, and Domains** of the Adrian Empire.
Comment: The addition of Estates and Domians recognizes them as armigerous entities, as noted elswhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs..
iii. The **Imperial** Sovereign of Arms of a chartered subdivision shall have the exclusive right to approve **the design of** armorial devices submitted by the membership of the chartered subdivision **Adrian Empire**.
Comment: The Imperial Sovereign of Arms, as the chief heraldic officer of the Empire and the Head of the College of Arms, is responsible for the Rules under which armory is approved, but this Bylaw has brought local Ministers of Arms into conflict with the Imperial Sovereign of Arms. This change places all of the heraldic authority at the Imperial level where it belongs. It should be noted here that the College of Arms has clear and established guidelines for resolving conflict, including an appeals process that may go all the way to the Imperial Crown (if necessary).
iv. The **Imperial** Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial**, Ordinary, and Roll of Arms, or causing them to be maintained**.
Comment: This is merely a clarification, as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for more than just the Armorial (the list of heraldic registrations by name); he or she is also responsible for the Ordinary (the list of heraldic registrations by blazon) and the Roll of Arms (the pictorial list). This also specifically allows the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to appoint a deputy to do this task (which was prevented under the current Bylaw, according to one interpretation).
v. Requirements: An **A thorough** understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.
Comment: This makes it clear that the Imperial Sovereign of Arms must be more than just familiar with heraldryas we practice it, this person must have a complete understanding in order to hold the Imperial office. There is currently no requirement to hold a Minister of Arms position in any subdivision save that one be interested in Heraldry.

OB 6

Author Dame Jericho

Add a requirement to ARTICLE VI.E.3 MEETING DATE, JULY for meeting of the Imperial Estates to be held in the East Coast area.

OB 7

Author Dame Jericho
Location of Imperial Estates Meeting to be announced 30 days in advance.
[No action required, this is already law.]

OB 8

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick
Article VI: Meetings of the Governing Body, Section 1. Limitation of Votes
Proposed: Strike current language and replace with proposed language.
Current Language Regardless of the number or types of titles entitled to a member to seats on any of the Estates, the member shall have only one vote, proxies excepted
Proposed Language: ***A member shall be limited to one (1) vote granted by any and all non-landed titles and/or ranks. There shall be no limit as to the number of votes per member granted by any landed representation or proxy. These votes shall be in addition to any one vote granted due to non-landed titles and/or ranks if applicable.***
Note: Non-landed ranks and titles are those of 2nd and 3rd level knights, retired Royalty, Founding Peers, and the equivalents.
Landed representation is formed by the creation of chartered and unchartered subdivisions within and of the Empire such as Empire, Kingdom, Dchy, Maarch, County, Barony and House and their equivalents. Each subdivision would still be limited by law to one vote per subdivision. If there are two (2) ruling peers for a Kingdom, the kingdom is still entitled to only one (1) vote.

OB 9

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick
Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B. General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part l.a.
Proposed: Strike current language and replace with proposed language.
Current Language:
a. Is of knightly rank (Royal Crowns only);
Proposed Language:
a. Is of knightly rank *(except representatives of a House)*

OB 10

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick
Article VII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B. General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part I.e.
Current Language:
c Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward
Proposed:
c. Meets the following *Participating* Membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
Note: This wording is to differentiate between associate membership and participating membership for determining those people who can shape and write laws for our organization.

OB 11

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B: General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part 1.c.iii.
Proposed: Strike current language.
Current Language:
c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.
iii. Household sires must hold a current membership.
Proposed Language:
c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:
ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.
iii. Household sires must hold a current membership.
Note: Striking the final line would require **all** Estate holders to have a minimum of 6 months of continuous

membership prior to ruling an Estate. No one Estate vote is worth more.

OB 12

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick
Article VII: Ministries, Section F: Definitions, Part 3: The Steward.
Proposed: Additional language.
Current Language:
Requirements: must he qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting.
Proposed Language:
Requirements must he qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting; ***must he able and willing to be bonded (Imperial).***

OB13

Author HIM Dame Elisabeth/HIM Sir Erik
Currently Imperial events occupy the two major holiday weekends of the year, Memorial Day and Labor Day. This places us in direct competition for sites and all other organizations for both events. It has been suggested by several members and the current Board of Directors that moving the May event (Banner War) to an earlierdate would make it at mid-reign, rather than almost seven months into the reign. Thus we propose the following:
To move the Imperial Banner/Civil War date to the first weekend in May.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB# 1

Author Dame Allora McDonnon
Chancery Comments : *mundane considerations may prevent the Stewards office from being in the hands of a non-membe . It should be noted though that nothing in current law prevents a sub-division from obtaining professional services to assist the Steward, as the Imperial Gov't does, providing any expenditure is borne by the subdivision and approved by their Estates.*

Proposed Amendment to Article VIII, C. Requirements for holding ministerial office
Add
V With the exception of the Imperial or Royal Steward.

Change to Article VII, F, 3
Requirements
Where applicable (and or) available, the Imperial Steward or Royal Steward should be a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Tax Accountant (CPA or CTA). All other Imperial and Royal Stewards will be considered deputies.
In lieu of a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Tax Accountant (CPA or CTA) the Imperial Steward or Royal Steward should have a basic understanding of accounting principles, must be qualified in accounting or bookkeeping and must be able and willing to be bonded.

Note: Where available these services should be on a donation basis. We need to allow for subdivisions wishing professional accounting services the ability and authority to place the stewards office in the hands of a professional.

Additional Requirements:
No Imperial or Royal Steward shall be a direct or indirect family member to the Imperial or Royal Crown of the same subdivision.

NB # 2 Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;

and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article I: General
The period of history that is encompassed by the game shall be defined as the years from 1000 [1150] to and including 1650 [1603].

Note: the makers of the motion wish to acknowledge that significant numbers of our active dues paying members continue to portray personas outside current timeline but well within the proposed amendment. We would prefer to recognize what is and encourage compliance rather than exclude members or ignore practice. We will entertain reasonable amendments as friendly to promote consensus. We ask that members bear in mind that the timeline has been amended before without dire consequences. We observe that associate members from groups observing a broader timeline have difficulty significantly altering long-term personas. This is an important issue in Aragon as it bears on our participation in the Age of Chivalry Renaissance Faire where a large segment of our population does a popular Viking encampment.

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NB #3 : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. C. Ranks 2.Robe d.iii. e.iii. f.iii. master works
Delete and renumber.

Note: no similar requirement exists for the other peerages, there is little Empire wide agreement as to their meaning, it is suggested that Master Works constitute the requirements for a different track to Robe Knighthood.

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NB#4 : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. C. Ranks 3. Minister d.iii. e.iii. f.iii. demonstration initiations
Replace [demonstrations] with service events approved by the Crown (which may include demonstrations, fundraisers, community service, classes, collegia, feasts, tournaments, and wars and service in the ministries).

Note: we have been wrestling with our own increasing significance. Once it was sufficient to devote a whole peerage to promoting the club. Now we must look inward as well as out to improve the quality and educational value of all our activities. We have more needs and must broaden the depth and professionalism of our offerings. We must offer incentives to organize more substantial events and demand Crown supervision to prevent abuse merely for advancement.

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NB#5 : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. D. Titles 8. And 13. Viscount/Viscountess
Amend by restoring the retired ruler of an Archduchy to the definition and precedence in 8. b. as before delete 13. and renumber.

Note: This title was created as sort of an "Earl without a vote," second in precedence to a Founder. The reduction was something of a shock, and contrary to the discussion that attended its creation. It may also have conflicted with VI.J. protection from legislative change.

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NB#6 : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article IX. D. Titles 14. [Baronet] Baron of the Court
16. [Sire] Lord/Lady
18. Lord/Lady of the Court

Notes: These amendments were offered previously referred to the Ministry of Arms and await action. If they are to remain in the bylaws then the amendments should be considered. The issues are Baronets are post period and inconsistent with our sister games as well, overall these changes are esthetic. A friendly amendment would be to allow both (play test).

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NB#7 : Sir William and Sir Cyrus of Aragon;
and sponsored by Her Majesty, Dame Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Article XVI: Crown War B. (line three and the 7th "bullet" regarding archery)
There shall be twenty-one (21) [nineteen (19)] war points consisting of:

* four (4) [two (2)] archery points (consisting of one (1) Master's Tournament, [and] one (1) Knight's Tournament, one (1) Open Tournament, and one (1) Champion's Match

Note: this is an effort to recognize Archery's expanding importance in the Empire as an activity open to virtually all our membership but mastered by few.

The following were also prepared by Sir William and Sir Cyrus;
Recommended by Sir Phillipe, Minister of War and Joust of Umbria;

NB8 :

Sponsored by Serina, Regina Aragon, and Sir William, K.P.

Amendments offered to **The Manual of Combat:**

Throughout the document, the following should be referred to the Ministry of Combat for action:

a comprehensive edit should precede publication (spelling and grammar);
check for singular/plural agreement; substitute his or plural forms and delete [his/her];
add the words or equivalent where intended or add an explanation;
clarify that weapon weights are "overall" unless stated otherwise;
clarify that 1. E. 10. "felt" refers only to force and that 1. F. 1. "A scoring blow is any unobstructed blow,. . . ;"
clarify the rule in 1.E. 12. and 14. 12 states "both combatants" may agree, and 14 states "A combatant" may ask the Marshal to judge blows;
clarify shield equivalents (steel, aluminum, plastic, etc. equal to 1/4" plywood Shinai, 1/2" plywood steel, rules for Renn. Shields, "no protrusions" are permitted but lantern shields are listed in Article 7;
and, add an explanation of the marshals' chain of command.

The following are specific amendments:

1. E. 6. A combatant may not strike an opponent who has fallen prone [, on their front side, upon the ground.] nor may a prone combatant strike an opponent.

a. In melee combat, the nearest non-prone [The] combatant has the option of demanding his/her opponent's surrender by pointing and crying out "SURRENDER MI'LORD (or MI'LADY)." or allowing his/her opponent to regain his/her knees or feet.
b. In tournament combat, a "HOLD" shall be called and the prone combatant shall regain his/her knees or feet.
[A combatant may continue to defend themselves from the ground on their back only.]

1. E. 7. A combatant may not strike an opponent from behind. The proper method is for the combatant to touch his opponent's shoulder with an open hand or forearm, but not a weapon, [lay the flat or haft of their weapon across his/her opponent's shoulder, within their range of vision] and cry out "SURRENDER [DEAD] MI'LORD (or MI'LADY)."

Notes to E. 6. and 7., it is never safe to engage an opponent who is prone or whose back is turned; "surrender" is more courteous than "dead" but it is still a term of art eliminating a combatant from the field; an unarmed touch is less likely to be misconstrued as an attack or accidentally bludgeon an unaware opponent.

1. E. 16. A combatant may not strike an opponent that he/she cannot clearly see. Swinging blindly or flailing while falling are unsafe behaviors and the Marshals will warn or dismiss the combatant.

1. E. 17. Officers in the chain of command (Marshal, Crown Marshal, Minister of War and Joust, Sovereign, Imperial Minister of War and Joust, and Imperial Sovereign) shall not rule on any dispute arising from a specific combat in which that officer was a combatant. The officer shall defer to the field ruling or appeal to the next higher officer.

1. F. 1. b. Disabling--Arms from the point of the shoulder to the break of the wrist (Not including the wrist), . . .(no change to the rest)

3. F. 3. d. Points (blade) must be padded with rubber tips (commercial rubber archery blunts) or equivalent and be covered with red colored tape with contrasting white colored tape on the blade beneath the tip to allow for easy recognition. Marshals must check tips during weapons inspection before every list or practice.

3. G. 3. (The last sentence) Bosses protruding 4" [of 2"] or less for handles are acceptable.
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NB9

Sir James of March le Coirnoir Prince of Adria

1) To dissolve and disband the Imperial Order "Protectors of the Dream". The idea that there is a subset of members that are the "Protectors of the Dream" is not only offensive but is an insult to the rest of the members of this game. To accord them the status and effective rank of Prince and Princess is a slight to those that have worked very hard to achieve that station. The Protector of the Dream has become nothing but a popularity contest, they appear to do nothing and they don't have anything to do. It is in everyone's interest to protect the game and to only "reward" a few for doing something that they should already be doing is counter productive. This is intended to not only dissolve the order but to remove any privileges that have been previously granted under it.

NB 10# : Viceroy Sir Dea Nadel

Vicereine Lady Knight Keara Craig de la Rouge

I do propose that
the Site of the Banner War be alternated by region (

like with Imperial War), not by who won.
Note from the Chancery : there is no provision in Law for the location of the IMP Banner War currently it is at the Crowns discretion .

NB11 # :

Dame Serene, Knight Robe, Knight Minister
Sir James the Red, King of Umbria, Knight Bachelor
Knight Civil
Dame Draconia, Baroness of Dragon's Lair, Knight
Robe, Knight Civil

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAW:

ARTICLE XV Pax Regium and Interim Civil War
B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR Line #5 "...In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for the duration of the time allotted to the Royal Crown to rule. ..."

CHANGE TO: Line #5 "... In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for the duration of the time allotted to the Royal Crown to rule. In the event the Royal Crown loses the war, the winning Contender shall rule the Kingdom for a full year, with a six month Pax Regium as the new Crown(s)."...

COMMENTARY: By-law rules covering the Interim Civil War contains information about the Notice, Void Challenge, Multiple Challengers and Fealty. Nothing is contained in the By-laws that tells the populace how long the new Crown(s) reigns, or if the Crown(s) have a new Pax Regium, etc. This law needs tbe clarified, as it is ambiguous.

NB12

Purpose: I am proposing to the Imperial Estates that we adopt a new type of arrow in the empire. These arrows represent an improvement to the current arrows in use now. They have the same flight characteristics as a real arrow. They have a softer impact, withstand the elements better, and are easier to handle.

Current Status: These arrows are currently undergoing play testing in Esperance and are used regularly in our archery tournaments. These tournaments usually take the form of a peasant shoot, with a participant in light armor acting as the target. Since the introduction of these arrows there has been a significant increase in archery participation as well as a significant number of volunteers willing to be shot at.

Characteristics: Although the current arrows are inexpensive and safe, they suffer from a number of significant flaws. They warp easily in the elements, they bend easily under foot, under both conditions they do not regain their original shape, thus ruining their flight qualities. The proposed arrows withstand the elements and although they also bend under foot, retain their shape. The current arrows are also bulky and their greater weight causes unrealistic flight characteristics and a harder impact when they hit. The proposed arrows are much smaller and lighter, improving transportation and flight characteristics and allowing a softer impact, despite their greater flight speed.

Construction: Construction of these arrows is more time consuming and they are slightly more expensive than the golf tube arrows. The most expensive part of constructing these arrows is getting all of the materials and tools. Once construction begins, the cost of the materials is quite low. These arrows have a life span of approximately 8 to 10 years, sometimes longer if the proper care is given to their construction. The life span of a golf-tube arrow, as shown in current practice, is estimated at two years, Although its shape and functionality changes after a few scenarios. Given these figures, the cost of the proposed arrows is approximately one-third that of the equivalent number of golf-tube arrows over their lifespan.

Safety Considerations: The proposed arrows, because of their lighter impact and the padded head are as safe or safer than the current golf-tube arrows. While their smaller size and greater speed make the possibility of a surprise strike greater, they do not hit hard enough to injure a combatant in light armor. The risk of an accidental strike to an unarmored observer is also reduced because the improved flight characteristics improve aiming and reduce wild shots. The fiberglass shaft is difficult to break and can even be stepped on by a large combatant without damage. Thus the risk of broken shafts is minimal. Finally, they are small enough that they do not roll underfoot when stepped on, reducing the risk that a combatant will slip and fall during combat because he stepped on an arrow.

Conclusions: The proposed arrows provide an increased level of realism, lower lifetime cost, improved transportability, and increased safety on the field. They are currently undergoing play testing and have not only proven safe and effective in use, but have increased the enjoyment of the participants and raised the level of participation within the kingdom of Esperance.

I am including a complete construction guidebook for the proposed arrows. I am also including a draft Archery Manual that includes these arrows and guidelines to follow when bringing them onto the field.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Lord Connor O'Riordain of Esperance
To whom it may concern,

This is my heartfelt endorsement to the arrow design that has been designed by Connor O'Riordan.

We have been using them in the Kingdom of Esperance now under two reigns. I find them easier to handle than the PVC ones, they look like arrows, they fly like arrows. For a beginner they are easier to learn to use and are more accurate. We did a test at on of the County of Bastone events and found the impact on a person's body was substantially lest painful than the approved PVC arrows.

All around I see theses arrows as a vast improvement not just in looks but in handling and heartily recommend they be approved to be raised to OFFICIAL USE as Empire wide improved standards.

Lord Sir Cromar Volfsblot
8th King of Esperance

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To whom it may concern,

Consider this is my official endorsement to the arrow design that has been designed by Connor O'Riordain. He has looked at our problems the with the PVC designed arrows and has striven to make a safer, more efficient and more period looking arrow.

We have been using them in the Kingdom of Esperance now under two reigns. As we have been play testing them for some time I can truthfully state that I find Connors arrows:
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1. Easier to hand that the PVC ones.
2. They are safer and cause lest bruising than the ones we use now and substantially lest painful than the approved PVC arrows.
3. They look like real arrows.
4. It flies like a real arrow.
5. All levels of skill can use them easily.
6. They are more accurate.

All around I see theses arrows are a vast improvement not just in looks but in handling and safety. I heartily recommend they be approved to be raised to “The OFFICIAL” arrow for Empire wide use and improved standards.

Lady Willow de’ Rara

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Squire Connor,

Please add my name and the names of Countess Julianna, Sir Dave Just Dave, Sir Vino Fanucchi, Sir Robet Ap Pryderi and Sir Triano the Strong to those who support the new type of arrowhead for Adrian combat.

I whole heartedly support the type of arrowhead that is currently being playtested in Esperance which was largely designed and created by you. I find it safer, easier to use and more accurate than the golf tube arrows currently in use. I reject the other proposed type which consists of a wooden dowel used as a punch through barrier. Having been
struck with both in heavy and light armor, I much prefer your type.

Sincerely,

Sir Vigo Uladrachen "Coda" von Seiken, Gottesknecht

The arrows proposed by Lord Connor O'Riordain are simple to make and are very economical. When using these arrows, I have found that they strike a target with an impact that is hard enough to feel, but never capable of hurting - basically like being hit with a soft pillow. The arrows are very durable in combat archery scenerios, breakage typically that of lost fletchings. These arrows are far more durabe than the "golf tube" arrows currently being used in Adria. Any arrows that are stepped on generally do not break, but rather bend and flex back into shape. Those arrows that do break by being stepped on tend to stay in one piece. Only repeated bending at a break point will cause the arrow shaft to split into two pieces, both ends having fairly flat break points. These arrows have been used in combat archery scenerios from shinai to steel, and all those that have been struck by an arrow have been able to acknowledge the blow and were unhurt by the force of the impact. Arrows that strike a target squarely will bounce back towards the archer for a few feet, but the kinetic energy has been used and the arrow will not harm anyone. There has been no incidence of an arrow penetrating any armor type currently used in the Adrian Empire, including those arrows that have bounced off their target. In my opinion, these arrows are suitable for use in the Adrian Empire.

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Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne

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**--END OF AGENDA--**
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