

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

- I. Call to Order** (Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m.)
- II. Roll Call** (48 Imperial Estates present in person or by proxy, 49 after seating Dame Justina)
- III. Consent Calendar** (No Consent Calendar presented)
- IV. Minutes of November 2000 Imperial Estates Meeting** (Accepted without objection)

-Imperial Estates voted to suspend the Order of the Day-

V. Imperial Reports

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

VI. Crown Business

Charters Passed without Objection

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 Passed by Acclamation

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 Passed by Acclamation as Amended

From the IMP Crown

Amend the archery manual:

To adopt for use Alternate Combat Arrow constructed as per instructions at
(see Appendices)

[the complete constructions are listed in the appendices "Combat Arrow Construction Manual". The manual is also now available on the Adrian Empire's website in the Imperial Document Directory]

Golf tube arrows may remain in use at least temporarily.

Added commentary by the Imperial Estates: use of golf tube arrows will sundown at closing court of Imperial Crown War 2001.

- Imperial Estates voted to seat Dame Justina/total number of Estates seated: 49 -

CRB # 3 Called to divide the question/passed as Estates Writ [as noted]

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 :

Ministry service may be substituted for DI's in the Ministry path to Knighthood a DI may be granted **Passed 42 ayes/7 naves**

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for each 2 months service as Imperial Minister **Passed 27 ayes/21 naves**

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for each 3 months service as Kingdom Minister **Failed 16 ayes/31 naves**

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 .

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for each service of Autocrat of Feasts , Tournaments War or Collegium. **Passed 44 ayes/3 naves**

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.

The decision of the Crown is final except for the review of the next higher Crown.

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~~Members may apply for credit for past service through the Crown.~~ **Failed 24 ayes/25 naves**

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As passed:

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 and for each service as 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.

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The decision of the Crown is final except for the review of the next higher Crown.

CRB# 4A Passed 46 ayes/3 naves

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.

CRB# 4B Passed 32 ayes/13 naves

If Civil War has been declared, then CRB#4A becomes null.

Commentary: It would be extremely difficult to administrate a Civil War in accordance with the bylaws should declaration occur.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CB # 1 Tabled 36 ayes/10 nays/1 abstain (ongoing appeal)

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 Dame Anginette

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.

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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,

Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello
Regina et Aragon

Sir David von Albrecht
Rex et Aragon

CB #2 Report provided during President's Report/No action required.

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 Remanded to Minister of Joust & War/by acclamation

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 Passed by acclamation

Comments : it is the opinion that this is a clarification only and does 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 tabled to July 2001 (pending outcome of civil court) by acclamation

Clarification: requested by Rolls Minister of TN and IMP Chancery

Chancery Comments: Clarify the issue of whether one receives 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 Estates Voted yes to successful reign.

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 **-Divided the Question, results noted per section A & B-**
report and proposal from Sov. Of Arms on title restructure .

A. Passed 41 Ayes/8 Nayes

Authors Commentary:

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 Catalan 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.

To see the full section of the Bylaws, see Note 1 below.

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 in the attachements (see Appendices).

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

-----NOTE 1-----

D. TITLES

The Imperial Crown shall have the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion such that members who have gained titles due to activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire, even prior to membership in the Adrian Empire, may hold titles in the Adrian Empire equivalent to those titles held abroad. In developing such systems, the Imperial Crowns shall be equitable and just, taking into consideration such factors as whether the member should be obligated to pay dues for the period for which that member may have earned a title. Said systems shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General (at its discretion) at its regular meeting on the third weekend of July.

1. EMPEROR/EMPRESS

The ruler or rulers of the Adrian Empire. Rules for not more than two consecutive years. The Imperial Estate.

2. KING/QUEEN

The ruler or rulers of a Kingdom. Rules for not more than two consecutive years. An Estates Royal.

3. PRINCE/PRINCESS

- a. Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire after a successful reign. An Estate Royal.
- b. An Heir Apparent to the Adrian Empire.
- c. An Heir Apparent to a Kingdom.
- d. A member of the Order of the Protectors of the Dream

4. ARCHDUKE/ARCHDUCHESS

The ruler or rulers of an Imperial Duchy with fifty or more members. An Estate Royal.

5. DUKE/DUCHESS

The ruler of a Duchy with less than fifty members. An Estate Royal.

6. MARQUESS/MARCHIONESS

The ruler or rulers of a March. An Estate Major.

7. COUNT/COUNTESS

- a. Title granted to a retired ruler of a Kingdom after a successful reign. An Estate Major.
- b. The ruler of a County. An Estate Major.

8. VISCOUNT/VISCOUNTESS

- a. Title held by the Founding Members of the Adrian Empire. An Estate Major.
- b. Title granted by to a retired ruler of an Archduchy after a successful reign.

9. BARON/BARONESS

- a. The ruler of a Barony. An Estate Minor.
- b. A holder of a Court title awarded by the Crown.

10. LORD/LADY

- a. The ruler of a Household. An Estate Minor.
- b. A holder of a Court title awarded by the Crown.

11. KNIGHT CHAMPION, MASTER, PREMIER, WARDEN

Third level of the Knightly peerages. An Estate Major.

12. KNIGHT BANNERETT, DOCTOR, CIVIL, OR FORESTOR

Second level of the Knightly peerages. An Estate Minor.

13. KNIGHT BACHELOR, ROBE, MINISTER, or ARCHER

First level of the Knightly peerages.

14. LORD/LADY PROTECTOR

The regent of the Empire or chartered subdivision if an appropriate Crown is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable. Part of the Estates Major, although a Lord/Lady Protector has the same rights to vote at a meeting of Estates, as would the appropriate Crown in whose place the Lord/Lady Protector reigns.

11. VICEROY

- a. The title given by the Imperial Crown to the holder of an Imperial warrant of appointment to a Chartered Shire of the Adrian Empire. The Viceroy is the appointed ministerial governor of a Chartered Shire. An Estate Minor.
- b. The title given by the Kingdom or Ducal Crown to the holder of a Royal or Ducal warrant of appointment to a Canton within the Chartered Subdivision. The Viceroy is the appointed ministerial governor of a Canton.

B . Failed 18 Ayes/26 Naves

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 successful 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 Imperial Estates, by a vote of 41 ayes/8nays, requested Imperial Chancellor to reject OB2 for consideration

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 Failed by acclamation

Author the Earl Of Lincoln

Remove all term limits to a Crown succeeding themselves.

OB 4 Passed by acclamation

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 ---Divided the question – See OB5.A & OB5.B below---

Authored by Sir Nigel the Byzantine

*[this portion of the proposal is left intact as written for comparison –
amended final text follows]*

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

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 Viceroy.

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 elsewhere in the Bylaws and Estates Writs. With regard to the Imperial Crown, the College of Arms has sovereignty 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 elsewhere 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 heraldry as 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.

-----**OB5.A (Passed 38 Ayes/11 Naves)**-----

ARTICLE VII.F.4 THE MINISTER OF ARMS.

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 - 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 College of Arms agree are worthy of protection.
 - ii. The College of Arms may not grant the right to bear arms, but only approve of their design and construction according to the established Rules of the College.
 - iii. The College may reserve a 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 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.
 - iv. The College of Arms shall further aid Crowns and Estates in the design and staging of authentic ceremonies that are adapted to the needs of the Adrian Empire.
 - v. The College of Arms is entitled and required to establish a body of standard terminology, usage, and rules for heraldic registrations and display within the Adrian Empire.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - ~~iii. The Sovereign of Arms of a chartered subdivision shall have the exclusive right to approve of armorial devices submitted by the membership of the chartered subdivision. [see OB5.B]~~
 - iv. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial, Ordinary, and Roll of Arms, or causing them to be maintained.
 - v. Requirements: A thorough understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.

-----**OB5.B (Failed 8 Ayes/28 Naves/2 Abstain)**-----

ARTICLE VII.F.4 THE MINISTER OF ARMS.

- b. iii. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to approve the design of armorial devices submitted by the membership of the Adrian Empire.

OB 6 Failed 3 ayes/45 naves

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 No action required/already law.

Author Dame Jericho

Location of Imperial Estates Meeting to be announced 30 days in advance.

[No action required, this is already law.]

----- **Recessed at 5:00pm for dinner**-----
Reconvened at 10am Sunday

OB 8 Remanded back to authors for a rewrite – 25 ayes/20 naves (will remain OB)

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 Remanded back to authors for a rewrite – 25 aye s/20 naves (will remain OB)

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B. General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part I.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 Remanded back to authors for a rewrite – 25 ayes/20 naves (will remain OB)

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 Remanded back to authors for a rewrite – 25 ayes/20 naves (will remain OB)

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VIII: Subdivisions of the Empire, Section B: General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles, Part I.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 Passed 27ayes/13 naves

Authored by Dame Delia/Sir Frederick

Article VII: Ministries, Section F: Definitions, Part 3: The Steward.

Proposed: Additional language.

Current Language:

Requirements: must be qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting.

Proposed Language:

Requirements must be qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting; *must be able and willing to be bonded (Imperial).*

-----**Recessed 10 minutes**-----

OB13 Bylaws Revision: Failed 29 ayes/20 ayes

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 earlier date 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.

----- **Moved to consider New Business Items NB8 & NB7** -----
See NB7 and NB8 for results

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-member . 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.

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.

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.

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

Comment of the Chancery : It is the opinion of the Chancery that this does not in effect breach any rights in sec VI J and it was never the intent of the Estates for the Title of Viscount to be placed anywhere in the precedence other than its proper historical position . That being below Count and above Baron, the term Founder has been redefined and is attached to what ever the highest dignity of the holder and this in no way effect the precedence or ranking of the Peers that hold their Viscounty do to previous service as Archducal thrones .

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.

NB#6 No action required already adopted as part of IMP Sov. Of Arms proposal .
: 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).

NB#7 : Imperial Estates moved consider passed 34 ayes/12 naves Estates also approved a initiation date of May 1 2001 . This should be up for concideration in July 2001 .
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

Chancery to add clarifying language defining what these points consist of .

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. Underlined segments are added language, [bracketed] segments deleted. "Open Tournament" means Knights & Masters All.

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

NB8 : It was the opinion of the Chancery and was confirmed by the Estates that these actions are within the descretion of the Minister of Joust & War and should be remanded to the Minister of Joust & War for clarification and incorporation into the revision of the Combat Manual .

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.

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 the clarified, as it is ambiguous.

NB12 # No action required, already adopted as CRB#2 at this meeting.

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.

Commentary snipped for brevity.

--END OF AGENDA--