

Adrian Empire Imperial Estates Meeting

November 3rd & 4th, 2001

Best Western Seven Seas

411 Hotel Circle South

San Diego, Ca 92108

(619)291-1300 or (800)328-1618

Meeting Time: Saturday November 4th at 9:00am; Sunday TBA

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION:

The November meeting of the Imperial Estates take place on November 3rd & 4th, 2001 within the borders of the Kingdom of Terre Nueve at the Best Western Seven Seas, 411 Hotel Circle South San Diego, California. The nearest airport is the San Diego International Airport (7 miles). An airport shuttle is available from 6:30am to 10:00pm; call the hotel from the airport on arrival so they know to look for you. Coffee and ice water will be provided during the meeting. The meeting will open at 9:00am on Saturday November 4th; the meeting on Sunday will open at a time determined at the close of the Saturday session. Attendance at the meeting is to be "in garb", in accordance with ARTICLE V.B & V.C.

In Service,

Elisabeth, Imperatrix

Erik, Imperator

Per the Adrian Empire Bylaws, the following requirements pertain to this meeting:

ARTICLE VLE.2. MEETING DATE, NOVEMBER

The Imperial Estates General shall meet on the first weekend of November of every year (that being the first Saturday and the day following), at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to evaluation of the success or failure of the current Imperial Crown's reign as well as any prior reigns not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such reigns. The Imperial Estates General shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial reign.

ARTICLE VLE.4. DISQUALIFICATION

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any subdivision within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat. The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the SUMMONING of the meeting and may not be subsequently altered by any means, including expiration of dues, non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member, until the meeting is concluded. The only exception would be resignation of a given member, or judicial ban. A meeting is deemed summoned at the point of minimum notice. The point of minimum notice is defined as thirty days for the Estates General of chartered subdivisions or sixty days for any body of Imperial Estates, unless waiver of such notice is granted by the summoned body, in which case the point of minimum notice shall be the date of actual notice. The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available.

Agenda for November 3rd & 4th, 2001 Meeting of the Estates General of the Empire of Adria

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Consent Calendar**
- IV. Minutes of March 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting**
- V. Imperial Reports**
 - A. President's Report
 - B. Board of Directors Report
 - C. Steward's Report
 - D. Chancellors Report
 - E. Imperial Webmasters Report
 - F. Imperial Chroniclers Report

VI. Crown Business

Charters:

(1) Shire of Andorra: Requires a simple Majority

Composed of the Quad-Cities area of Iowa and Illinois, to include the Counties of Rock Island, Henry, Whiteside, and Mercer in the State of Illinois, and the Counties of Scott, Clinton, and Muscatine in the State of Iowa.

Zip Codes:

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(2) Terre Neuve: Requires a simple Majority

at the request of the Crown and Chancellor of Terre Neuve, in the name of the Estates of Terre Neuve

(2A) Amend the Charter of the Kingdom of Terre Neuve as follows:

To Create the Duchy of Valencia: the northern part of San Diego County, California, generally north of State Highway 52.
Zip Codes

Valencia

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Terre Neuve: the southern part of San Diego County, California, generally south of State Highway 52, and all of Imperial County, California, inclusive.

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(2B) may be enacted by 2/3 Majority or the Estates could make a resolution asking the Imperial Crown to exercise there perogative in this matter.

Whereas, the goal in the creation of a northern Duchy in Terre Nueve is not to divide local Estates, all currently paid members in good standing of the Kingdom of Terre Nueve shall have a 30 day grace period in which to "grandfather" their membership; either as Duchy or as Kingdom members.

This is a one-time only 30 day opportunity and shall only apply to paid members in good standing at the time of the division.

The Crown of Terre Nueve shall set the beginning date and any member who wishes to chose subdivision membership, as different from their geographically determined subdivision membership by residency, will notify the Royal Crown of Terre Nueve in writing within the stated 30 day period.

Any and All new memberships following the 30 day grace period shall be determined by geographic residence as per Adrian Empire policy. Any renewed memberships shall be determined geographically as per Adrian Empire policy unless the member renewing has previously, during the 30 day grace period, requested and obtained a "grandfathered" membership.

This non-geographic membership will apply only to those who consistently maintain their paid memberships.

The following stipulation shall be enacted in perpetuity unless otherwise changed by the Imperial by-laws of the Adrian Empire and that is:

Any member of either the Duchy or the Kingdom whose membership lapses beyond the 30 day grace period allowed as per the Stewards Manual, at any time in the future shall have their membership henceforth determined geographically.

CRB #1

From the Imperial Crown

Proposed:

- a) Remove all reference (restrictions) in law as to where an Imperial Crown War and an Imperial Civil War may be held.

--OR-- (if item CRB#1a is not passed, then consider item CRB#1b)

- b) Add the exception of Featherly Park in Yorba Linda Ca. as an approved exception from the restrictions to where a Imperial Crown War and an Imperial Civil War may be held .

Comment: As we grow sights that are large enough and affordable to our members are becoming harder and harder to find this sight has served us well for the past three years and is not too far from to the Kingdoms of Umbria ,Aragon , Terre Neuve and Esparence , as well as the Duchy of Sangreal . They allow a year in advance reservation and with enough for notice we can have the good side of the park without the traffic noise .

With the great increase in members in the western region the home court advantage is not very great any more and in the last two contested wars the nearby residents did not gain the throne so as to make it appear the original intent of the law is no longer needed . We have had requests from numerous members to allow this exception as the advantage of knowing where the war will be long in advance is advantages to many that need to schedule travel and such .

CRB#2

The Imperial Crown has co-sponsored this proposal

Cosponsored by Sir Jehan (Esperance) and Dame Gwenllian (Sangreal)

Add to list of chargeable offenses in

Requires 2/3 Majority

- a) the bylaws
- Conduct Unbecoming a Knight

Requires simple Majority

- b) in the Codex Adjutica
- Conduct Unbecoming a Knight

CRB#3

PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

Author: Sir Nigel Seymour, Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

Proposal: to remove from Law all references to specific regalia worn by the various titles in the Empire.

The Imperial Estates Writ on Armigerous Rights, Regalia and Modes of Address, Orders and Awards, and Ministry Badges (Hereafter referred to as the Writ) reads as follows. Only those sections of the Writ which are relevant will be noted, for brevity's sake.

II. REGALIA AND MODES OF ADDRESS.

A. THEORY.

1. Chains of State.

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- b. The Chains of State are divided into three groups: Precious metal for Estates Royal, mixed precious and base metal for Estates Major, and base metal only for Estates Minor.

3. Restrictions.

- a. None of the regalia or styles listed below is mandatory, for example, no one is required to wear that to which one is entitled; however, others who are not so entitled may be restricted from using such regalia or styles.
- b. Addressing someone with a form different from that listed for that member's station is neither prohibited nor discouraged, since forms of address are merely a way of showing respect.
- c. The Estates of a Kingdom may choose to further restrict or augment the regalia listed below, such as by adding a few links of contrasting metal to a Chain of State, so long as such restriction or augmentation does not conflict with this list.

B. PRACTICE.

What follows are the regalia and modes of address for each rank in the Order of Precedence which has been registered by the Imperial College of Arms. Titles are listed in descending order of precedence, with Landed Estates listed by the name of the Estate rather than its rulers.

- 1. Empire. Estate Imperial, ruled by an Emperor and/or Empress. Ruler may wear a Crown and a gold Chain of State. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Imperial Majesty", "Your Majesty", "Your Highness", or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Emperor <name>" or "Empress <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation.

Other entries mentioning Chains of State follow likewise, except this one:

- 22. Lord/Lady Protector. Temporary position, acting as the Crown of a Geographic Chartered Subdivision for a period of less than 1 year. Carries precedent with and may wear the Chain of State appropriate to the rank of their Subdivision, but should not wear the Subdivision's Crown. May be addressed as "Your Grace". Holders may append "Lord/Lady Protector of <subdivision name>" to their existing style while in office. (Example: "Earl XXX, Lord Protector of YYY".)

Proposed Language:

deletions are in *{ italics within curly brackets }*, additions are in **[bold within square brackets]**.

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[Chains of State are not regulated by Law.]

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Commentary:

Our sumptuary laws have no actual basis in historical practice or fact. True, there were sumptuary laws in our Period, but these varied widely from time to time and from place to place (and often also at the whim of the Monarch). Also, sumptuary laws in our Period generally addressed such things as the richness, color, or embellishment of fabric, not the specific jewelry one should wear for one's rank. Even if we did want to create a set of sumptuary laws, our Period and our geographic scope are too wide for us to find one common set of laws to emulate.

We in Adria are playing the Nobility of Western Europe. The pool of nobles at any one given time was rather small; much like Adria today, the nobles of a country all knew each other. Sumptuary laws were most often used against the common folk, not against the nobility (which had a vested interest in keeping itself apart from the rabble). Sumptuary laws were enacted to keep the non-nobility in their place; a merchant might be wealthy enough to dress like a Knight, but the sumptuary laws prohibited him from doing so.

Nowhere in Period (outside the rather small world of Heraldry) were there laws or even customs dictating what people wore to show their precise rank. Only in very Late-Period heraldic display did such customs come about, and such customs were not codified into Law until well after our Period ends. As you've all heard me say: Heraldry is not Real Life.

*In addition, our sumptuary laws regarding chains with black links is completely unhistorical. I have done extensive research into this subject, and can find **NO** evidence of a chain of black or mixed black-and-gold or mixed black-and-silver links being used in our Period to indicate rank.*

Since rank in our Period was shown not by specific pieces of regalia, but by the richness of one's dress and the comportment of one's character, it doesn't make sense for us to specify such regalia in our laws. In other words, in our Period, if you could afford to wear a gold chain, you wore one. Of course, you could not afford to wear a gold chain unless you were a noble of sufficiently high rank.

It's interesting to note that in all of the portraits which show people wearing what we would call "chains of state", the chains fall into three categories:

1. *Collars of an Order. These include the Order of the Golden Fleece, seen in many portraits of French Kings (and a few English ones), and the Order of the Garter, seen in nearly every portrait of a King of England since the time of Henry VIII.*
2. *Collars of Service. These are heavy gold chains given to high officers of state by the Crown. High-ranking officials such as Kings of Arms, Chancellors, and City Mayors all wore such chains. To this day, this tradition continues in England where the Lord Mayor of London wears a very long and ornate chain as his primary symbol of rank. The so-called "Collar of SS" falls into this category.*
3. *Nice Jewelry. If you were King, you wore stuff that was ostentatious because you **could**. There doesn't seem to be any specific meaning attached to it.*

Individual regional Estates and Crowns are still free to create laws to enforce these regalia, or may create their own customs as local customs may dictate.

To see portraits of Kings and Queens of England wearing heavy chains, visit:

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/history/since802.htm>

For some links to Medieval sumptuary laws, visit the following websites:

<http://www.geocities.com/davidbofinger/sumptuary.htm>

<http://www.renaissancedancewear.com/chart.html>

http://www.jolique.com/social_status/regulating_body.htm

<http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/diamonds/royal.html>

(also shows documentation on cut gems!)

<http://www.ostgardr.org/costume/mouche.gothic.jewelry.html>

*(also documents the use of **gold** chains as symbols of office)*

A good reference on this subject is:

*Hunt, Alan. *Governance of the Consuming Passion. A History of Sumptuary Law.* New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996*

*If you have any questions, please contact me either by e-mail at nigelbyz@yahoo.com or by my phone number, which is listed in every issue of the *Adrian Herald* for the past three years (which I would not like published on the Internet).*

In service,

Sir Nigel Seymour
Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

CRB#4 This requires a 2/3 majority

- 1) To close the Imperial Order "Protectors of the Dream".

Commentary: The Protectors of the Dream by title suggests that its members somehow hold power over "the Dream" for all of us. Adria itself offers the opportunity for members to achieve aspirations and goals unique in the world. Each of us, as part of the whole of Adria, is responsible for protecting that opportunity as well as shaping its meaning. To name singular persons a title that infers they hold that guardianship is presumptive, and to shape our definition pre-emptive. We suggest rather that when someone makes such exceptional contributions of lasting duration that they should rank within the Imperial Family then the Imperial Estates should at that time make the exception to name them to the Imperial Family. To not diminish the stature of those already named therein, the order is closed rather than dissolved. In this way those already within its ranks will remain so, though no new members will be added.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB#1

Elect the Board of Directors (total five in number)

Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary Treasure to be on Board of Directors.

(Membership on the Board requires limited disclosure to the State of Arizona regarding your personal financial and legal history. Copies of the form will be available at the meeting to review).

Nominations from the floor, you may self nominate.

President: Dame Maedb

Vice President: Sir Karl

Secretary/Treasurer: Sir Terrin

Member at large Dame Elisabeth has agreed to serve if elected .

CHB#2

Consider second Reign of Erik and Elisabeth

Their title has already been granted March 2001

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB#1

Comments from the Chancery : this item was mistakenly reported as passed in the minutes from March 2001 in fact it was tabled so the bonding process could be researched and it remains as old business until such time as it is acted on .

This requires a 2/3 majority (referred back to committee for redraft)

Proposed:

from the table report from the committee for rewrite Dm Delia Sir Fredric

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).*

OB#2 This requires a 2/3 majority (sent to the Arts Ministry/stays as OB)

Commentary from the Chancery: *Since the New Arts manual is in play test and authorized alternative to law this item may be moot as Masterworks now automatically gain a tournament win the difference is nil or less important. Recommend to keep on the table until play test is complete, then it may be reconsidered if need be as old business.*

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.

OB#3 This requires a 2/3 majority

Marquis Madoc McDonnon (MKA Erik Brees) erbres@home.com

Proposal :

Add additional part to Article III.F

Current Language:

Article **III**: Members, Section **F**. **MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHARTERED SUBDIVISION**

A participant shall be considered to be a member of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives). In the case where a participant may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide as to which chartered subdivision the participant is a member.

Proposed Language (additions highlighted in ***bold, italics and underlined***):

Article **III**: Members, Section **F**. **MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO CHARTERED SUBDIVISION**

- 1.** A participant shall be considered to be a member of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives). In the case where a participant may have multiple residences or special circumstances, the Imperial Crown shall decide as to which chartered subdivision the participant is a member.
- 2.** ***For the purposes of determining membership for a Crown or Civil War, a participant must have also attended two events in the last six months within the subdivision, exclusive of the war.***

Explanation: This is to prevent flooding the lists with new members that are unfamiliar with the subdivision and the contenders and therefore swaying the outcome of the war.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Marquis Madoc McDonnon (MKA Erik Brees)
March of the Unity of Souls
Kingdom of Terre Neuve
619-624-0015
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IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB#1

Author Crown of York and Princess Jericho

Requires 2/3 Majority

Proposed add additional requirements to the Arts Knighthood.

- 1) The member must sit as a judge in an arts tournament at least three times, and
- 2) One of the demonstrations that they are required to participate in be a collegium on judging, performed by another Knight Robe, at the very least.

Comments : My reasoning behind this is thus: I have noticed, at events, local wars, and at the Banner Wars, that there have been a shortage of those qualified or willing to judge the Arts. This has caused a delay in the judging and a burden on those who continuously judge. Those members, who always judge, miss out on the day's events, and in my opinion, this not fair. I have seen, on several occasions, when a request is made for volunteers for judging, no one does. This lack of volunteers always prompts those that do asset to spring into action and thus volunteer themselves.

With this in mind, I also believe that an Arts Knight should be well versed in the area of judging. Being a Knight in this discipline is not just about making the projects. Often, Arts Knights are called upon to judge projects that specific members do not think were judged appropriately or fairly at an event. How can an Arts Knight judge a project if they have never judged or been to a collegium on how to judge? This proposal is authored by myself and sponsored by Princess Jericho. Once this is official, I would like to see if there is someone who would like to speak for it at the next Imperial Estates meeting in case Princess Jericho or myself cannot attend.

*In Service,
Elricus Rex Eboraci*

NB#2

Proposal was sponsored by Sir Elric and Dame Jericho of York.

The proposal is for an addition to Article III. The requested addition is below, under A.4.

Article III: MEMBERS

A.4 MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

Membership in the Adrian Empire may be suspended indefinitely, upon Imperial Decree, for the following reason:

- a. A member is CHARGED with a violation of state or federal penal code in connection with or relevant to an Adrian Empire activity.

b. Suspension may be for the duration of the pending case against the member. If the member is convicted, then Article III, A.2.a. applies. If the member is acquitted or charges dropped, then Article III, A.2.b. applies, and the membership may still be revoked upon recommendation of a duly-constituted judicial court following conviction under Adrian law.

Comment/Reasoning: There is currently no provision under Adrian law that addresses this issue. For example, if a member is charged with lewd and lascivious activity with a minor, or any other offense in connection or relevant to an Adrian Empire activity, the outcome of the case may take a while. During this time there is nothing to keep the member from attending the events, although he/she may still pose a danger or concern to other members. I realize that innocent until proven guilty is a point here, but a person cannot be charged with a crime unless probable cause exists. Therefore, if a member is charged, that should be sufficient grounds to suspend membership. Additionally, acquittal or charges being dropped does not totally vindicate an individual. Often, there are loopholes or conditions placed on an individual that cause acquittal or charges being dropped. In the Miami-Dade County system, first time offenders are often given a pre-trial intervention program, which, when successfully completed, the charges are dropped. This does not mean that they did not commit the offense.

Sir Elric and Dame Jericho of York.

NB#3

Author/Sponsored by Sir Elric

Amend Article III: Members, Section F: Membership
Assignment to Chartered Subdivisions.

Currently the Bylaws state that a participant shall be considered to be a member of the subdivision in which they reside (where they physically live). This proposal would amend the bylaws to allow members to choose the subdivision they wish to belong to. A stipulation to this would be that the member could only hold a ministry position, form an estate, or be an estate member in their chosen home subdivision.

Commentary: Adria is growing enormously, many more subdivisions will be desiring to divide, and this is a way to accommodate everyone.

END of AGENDA
