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## **Adrian Empire Imperial Estates Meeting**

### **July 20-21, 2002**

### **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

#### **The Imperial Estates Meeting**

**Best Western University Inn**  
**Hotel and Conference Center**  
**1516 Pullman Road, Moscow, Idaho**  
<http://www.uinnmoscow.com/features.html>

#### **Refreshments:**

**Hospitality Room:** The Gourd and Sandal Inn will be set up and running night and day for providing entertainment and information to delegates and their guests. Come here for food and snacks (period or modern) and beverages, to look at displays of arts and groups, information on tours, social activities, side trips, parties and schedules, access to pool for swimming, see topic related videos that are serious or humorous, and generally hang out and socialize.

**Friday and Saturday after meeting:** Dinner and snacks in Gourd and Sandal Inn at hospitality on donation basis, provided by Caerleons Culinary Arts guild. Bardic and Terpsichorial arts displays, displays of arts and projects, board games, and just plain socializing, talking, and hanging out. Displays will include live Renaissance music by our Bardic Arts Guild, and dancing by our European and Middle Eastern Dance groups, as well as hands-on close up exploration of metal, wood, textile, and other projects.

**Other activities:** Come prepared to go swimming or panning for gold/hiking/floating etc. There are some nice tours planned of the mountains and some streams and rivers. Maybe fishing, too if folks want to pick up some day-tripper licenses.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Accommodations:** There are several motels in the area, some are within 2 block of the meeting site.

**Best Western University Inn**, 1516 Pullman Road, Moscow, Idaho, (800) 325-8765 or (208) 882-0550 (mention Adria)  
\$69.50 Queen bed, \$79.50 for two double beds (poolside add \$5.00) (these are the group rates, which are no longer blocked off, it is now first come first serve and will likely be higher if you wait)  
Amenities: In the same building as meeting rooms. Pool, Fitness room, Hot Tub

**Palouse Inn:** (208) 882-5511 (this is 1/2 block from the convention center)  
Queen Bed \$36.91, 2 Double beds \$44.86  
Amenities: Some rooms may have fridge and microwave available. Its really close to meeting room, but a lot cheaper

**Super 8 Motel:** (208) 883-1503 (2 blocks from Convention Center)  
Queen bed: \$41.40, 2 double beds: \$51.03  
Amenities: Close to convention center. Free continental breakfast, common meeting room with microwave, 24 hours free coffee and tea, sauna

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**General Meeting Information**  
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As per the Adrian Empire, Inc. Imperial Bylaws (2001) the following requirements pertain to this meeting:

**Article VI.E.3. MEETING DATE, JULY**

The Imperial Estates General shall be required to hold a regularly scheduled meeting in the third weekend of July (that being the third Saturday and the day following) for the purpose of attending to the mundane business of the corporation. The meeting would be at a fixed date (or weekend) and would not change from year to year. It shall be the responsibility of the Imperial Crown to coordinate the meeting which shall be held at a time and place designated by the Imperial Crown. The principal agenda items of this meeting shall be:

- a. To review Imperial level expenses for the past year;
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- c. To see to any other mundane business. Each chartered subdivision's Crown shall present a copy of his or her chartered subdivision's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision.

**Article VI.E.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) two official events in any subdivision within the previous (6) six months will be denied seat. The membership entitled to a 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, nonparticipation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estates held by a given member, until the meeting is concluded. The only exceptions are resignation of a given member, judicial ban, or *creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership*. 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 the chartered subdivision or sixty days for any body of Imperial Estates, unless a 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.

*Note: Past practice has permitted these estates, created after the notice period, to be seated (notice waived) when no objection is made. Examples: Count or Countess Royal, a new March, Third Level Knighthood.*

**Article VI.F.1.e.i.**

Any two members (of the Imperial Estates): may put a proposal on the agenda before the Imperial Estates General.

*Note: Where only one sponsor's name appears, Their Imperial Majesties have directed Their Chancellor to serve as co-sponsor to satisfy the procedural requirement.*

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## **Voting Lists of the Estate Holders of the Empire are due**

Crowns and Chancellors please notify the Imperial Chancery at dreye@lvcm.com of your list of eligible voters from your subdivision, qualified as of 60 days before the meeting (May 21, 2002).

## **Petition for an Imperial Civil Court**

The Imperial Chancery hereby petitions the Imperial Crowns for an Imperial Civil Court, to be convened in conjunction with the Imperial Estates Meeting, to address the question of what, if any, action should or may be taken when it is discovered that "Crowns/Ruling Nobles" no longer meet the qualifications for holding office as enumerated in Article VIII. B. 1. and specifically c. (continuous membership). It is the position of the Imperial Chancery that the law is unclear and a simple ruling would exceed our authority, therefore an Imperial Civil Court must be convened at this meeting in conjunction with Article XI. A. and Imperial Estates Writs 2. The Codex Adjudicata, Article II. Civil Courts.

Parties who wish to contribute, especially those unable to attend, are invited to submit statements in writing. These must be received by the Chancery no later than July 10, 2002. They will be offered to the Court for consideration.

## **Parliamentary Immunity**

Parliamentary immunity is intended to protect political speech, and the free exchange of ideas necessary for the body to do its work. This includes the right of a member to ask pointed questions about business. Protected language is limited to comments on legislative, judicial or executive proceedings. Parliamentary immunity does not apply to excessive profanity, malicious character defamation, or deliberate misstatements of fact. Protected political speech has to do with issues and statements of opinion. Unprotected speech is pointed accusations of wrongdoing directed at a person, group, or Adrian body that cannot be substantiated by fact.

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Approval of the minutes of the November 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting ([Appendix A](#)).

Approval of the minutes of the March 2002 Imperial Estates Meeting ([Appendix B](#)).

- V. REPORTS**

- A. President and Board of Directors**

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- The Chancery Report is included as [Appendix C](#).

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- Bonding Issue Report.** (Lord Wright of York) Appeared as OB1 on the March 2002 Imperial Estates Agenda. The bonding issue was referred to Lord Wright of York, this is what he came back with:

- "I was charged to find out the cost of Bonding the Imperial Steward. Upon telephoning several Insurance agencies none have returned my calls. I have spoken to professionals in the field who assure me the cost should be in the low hundreds (i.e., \$100-200). However, I have not received a firm quote in writing as of yet. I plan to go door to door this week or next (banner war delays). However, this means the price may come in after the deadline for new agenda Items. If you can lace this item on the agenda without price until I receive it that would be great. Otherwise I assume it should wait until the next meeting. It should be noted Bonding is an important low cost insurance to protect the funds of the Empire and should cast no dismay on the person bonded. It is not a sign that they cannot be trusted, it is a sign of security of funds."*

## VI. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1. Charters

*Requires a majority vote.*

The shire of Cambridge (formerly Crescent Moon) requests boundary change to include the mundane state of Massachusetts.

**No action item:** The shire of Annelynnerose has been reactivated, and has changed the name to "Rathlin Isle."

### CRB2. Amend XI.B.2. and the Codex Adjudicata to add Conduct Unbecoming a Knight to the list of chargeable offenses

*Requires 2/3rds to amend Bylaw and majority to amend Codex. Previously appeared as CRB#2, referred to Chancery to redraft. March 2002: Referred to the Chancery for redraft.*

**Current Law, Article XI.B.2:** Courts of Justice may be called for the following reasons:

**Current Codex Adjudicata, Courts of Justice, 2:** Courts of Justice may be called for the following reasons:

**Add (and renumber both sections):** Conduct Unbecoming a Knight, which for this purpose and consistent with Judicial precedent, is defined as willful violation of Article I. B. Core Values, which are:

- **Fairness** (to be impartial, honest, free from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism)
- **Integrity** (to adhere to a code of values, to be incorruptible)
- **Loyalty** (to be unswerving in allegiance, to one's lawful Crown or government; faithful to a person to whom fidelity is due; or, to a cause, ideal, custom, or institution)
- **Respect** (to be polite, considerate, and demonstrate admiration for people's good qualities and achievements)

*Commentary: The definitions provided are from Merriam-Webster (<http://www.m-w.com/>) and the Oxford-American Dictionary (Avon: New York, 1980. ISBN 0-380-51052-9) and are:*

*Fairness* - "marked by impartiality and honesty: free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism." (MW)

*Integrity* - "firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values: incorruptibility." (MW)

*Loyalty* - "the quality or state or an instance of being loyal - unswerving in allegiance: as a : faithful in allegiance to one's lawful sovereign or government b : faithful to a private person to whom fidelity is due c : faithful to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product." (MW)

*Respect* - "1. admiration felt toward a person or thing that has good qualities or achievements, politeness arising from this 2. Attention, consideration, showing respect for people's feelings." (OA, page 576)

**Authors, co-sponsors:** Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Imperial Prince, Count Royal), Dame Gwenllian Derwen, Dame Elisabeth Grey (Princess), Sir Erik the Aweful (Prince), the Crown, and the Chancery

### CRB3. Adopt revised Manual of Combat

*Requires majority. March 2002: Referred to Ministry of Joust and War for further clarification. Playtest with written permission from the Imperial Throne and the Imperial Minister of Joust and War, except armor standards until finalized: Approved without objection. Authorization to playtest must be acknowledged by the Imperial Crown. The Imperial Crown may also authorize playtest of armour standards when they are finalized.*

See [Appendix D](#) for complete manual.

**Commentary:** Since its conditional approval November 2000, this manual has been the subject of ongoing discussion and revision, the results of which have been incorporated into the manual.

**Authors:** Sir Arion Hirsch, Sir Frederick von Burg (Knight Champion), Sir Coda der Drachesohn (Count Royal, Knight Champion, Marquis)

**Co-sponsors:** The Crown, Sir William Baine (Knight Premiere, Marquis)

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#### **CRB4. Revoke Manual of Arts and Sciences adopted November 1997**

*Requires majority. March 2002: Withdrawn by author to redraft and resubmit the proposal for the July 2002 Imperial Estates General Agenda.*

*Commentary: A new Manual of Arts and Sciences was approved for playtesting in March 2000. The old manual is incomplete and outdated.*

*Authors: The Crown*

#### **CRB5. Amend Article III.A.1. open membership definition**

*Requires 2/3rds.*

Suggested changes to first sentence to more accurately correspond with mundane laws and language. (Note: Change to Board of Directors rather than the Imperial Crown was made at the March 2002 Estates Meeting.)

**Current Law:** Membership in the Adrian Empire is open to any interested individual, without restriction of **sex, age, race, religion, or citizenship**. Membership can be terminated by a thirty (30) day lapse following nonpayment of dues or revocation of membership by the ~~Imperial Crown~~ Board of Directors.

**Amend to:** Membership in the Adrian Empire is open to any interested individual, without restriction of **gender, age, race, religion, or national origin**. Membership can be terminated by a thirty (30) day lapse following nonpayment of dues or revocation of membership by the Board of Directors.

*Authors: The Crown*

#### **CRB6. Amend Article III.A.1. transpose titles in the Robe Roll**

*Requires 2/3rds.*

Transpose the titles of second- and third-level arts knights.

**Current Law:** 2. Robe Roll

- a. Apprentice
- b. Journeyman
- c. Master
- d. Knight Robe
- e. Knight Doctor**
- f. Knight Master**

**Amend to:** 2. Robe Roll

- ...
- e. Knight Master**
- f. Knight Doctor**

*Commentary: Historically, a master was a lesser station than was a doctor. We suggest switching the titles of second- and third-level knights on the robe roll to accurately reflect this. Nothing changes except the 2 titles. There are currently very few knights that will be affected, so now is the appropriate time to make the change.*

*Authors: The Crown*

#### **CRB7. Amend Article V.D. Sponsorship Requirements**

*Requires 2/3rds.*

Eliminate the limitations on Imperially-sanctioned events, and the requirement that the Imperial Crown must sponsor inter-subdivision wars..

**Current Law:** All Royal Crowns shall be required to sponsor one (1) Crown event per month, of which during the course of a year one must be a war event. **The Imperial Crown shall be required to sponsor** the Imperial Crown war and **any war events which take place between two or more chartered subdivisions. The Imperial Crown may not sponsor more than three (3) Imperial Crown events exclusive of the Imperial Crown War.** Not more than two (2) crown events may be war events, with the exception of a Crown or Civil war event. At all Crown events, members shall be afforded the opportunity to earn their requirements for advancement in their area of endeavor.

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### Option 1, eliminate limitation, and sponsorship requirement

**Delete to read:** All Royal Crowns shall be required to sponsor one (1) Crown event per month, of which during the course of a year one must be a war event. The Imperial Crown shall be required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War. Not more than two (2) crown events may be war events, with the exception of a Crown or Civil war event. At all Crown events, members shall be afforded the opportunity to earn their requirements for advancement in their area of endeavor.

### Option 2, increase the number of events, eliminate sponsorship requirement

**Delete and amend to:** All Royal Crowns shall be required to sponsor one (1) Crown event per month, of which during the course of a year one must be a war event. The Imperial Crown shall be required to sponsor the Imperial Crown War. The Imperial Crown may not sponsor more than **five (5)** Imperial Crown events exclusive of the Imperial Crown War. Not more than two (2) crown events may be war events, with the exception of a Crown or Civil war event. At all Crown events, members shall be afforded the opportunity to earn their requirements for advancement in their area of endeavor.

*Commentary:* As written, this law severely limits the type of interaction available to subdivision that wish to conduct joint events. As Adria grows, we need to allow the ability to hold more events, as well as allowing and encouraging our chartered subdivisions to hold joint events, such as fun wars. If the Imperial Estates feels strongly that there **should** be a limitation on the number of Imperially sanctioned events, We suggest Option 2 (increasing the number from 3 to 5). This year, the Imperial crown sponsored the Anniversary Tournament (occurring once every 5 years in April), the Banner War, the Imperial Crown War, and the National Steel Invitational. As it stands now, We cannot allow any subdivisions to host a joint war because we are at Our maximum.

*Authors:* The Crown

## CRB8. Induct Dame Katherine Marshal as a Companion of the Order of the Fleur-de-Lis

*Requires majority.*

*Commentary:* The Order of the Fleur-de-Lis is formerly known as the Order of the Protectors of the Dream. It was created to honour those rare individuals whose contribution to the Empire far exceeds any normal expectations outside the standard means of recognition.

Dame Katherine Marshal is one such person. She has been in constant service to the Empire for as long as I have been in the Game. She has been Duchess of Calais, Queen of Esperance, Empress, Imperial Chancellor, and a host of other jobs. She is our premier Knight Premiere.

She is a talented artisan who gladly teaches her craft to any who would ask. She shares her mundane experience as a Librarian with artisans doing research so they can get the most out of their references. She will happily mind a child at an event for a harried parent without even being asked. She shares her knowledge as a former Crown, a Third Level Knight, and a longtime member of Adria with everyone. She is open and accessible to everyone from the raw newcomer to the burnt-out Imperial Minister.

She even stated that she was retiring from public service with the beginning of this Imperial Reign, yet still she remains in service, teaching classes and aiding wherever she can. Even though she held no official position, she was seen working as hard as the Autocrat at Banner War West of this year.

Without casting aspersions on other former Emperors and Empresses, I feel that Her Highness is by far the best ex-Imperial Crown we have ever seen and probably will ever see.

I personally look up to Dame Katherine as someone I would like to be like. Her personal honour, integrity, and strength of character are an inspiration to me. Many people whom I discussed this issue with were surprised and shocked that she was not already a member of this great Order - because of her exemplary service, they thought she already *\*was\** a member. I cannot find one person in this Empire who can say one bad thing about her - all they can say are good things. These are some of the words I have heard used to describe Dame Katherine: Honest, Helpful, Knowledgeable, Teacher, Approachable, Chivalrous, Funny, Wise, Gentle, Strong, Talented, Playful, Learned, Joyful.

Dame Katherine Marshal has a love for this Game that transcends the gritty scutwork that it takes to keep this Game alive. She shares that love with everyone around her, and it is hard not to feel it when she is present.

The Order of the Fleur-de-Lis has been re-formed to become a proper reflection of what it ought to be - our Empire's highest honour, reserved for those rare individuals whom we all can hold up as examples to be emulated. If Dame Katherine Marshal is not eligible for it, then none of us can be.

*Author:* Sir Nigel Seymour (Knight Premiere)

*Co-Sponsors:* Dame Maedb Hawkins (Countess Royal), Sir William Baine (Knight Premiere, Marquis)

### **CRB9. Verification of Candidates for Imperial Crown War. Article XVI. D. 2. a.**

Report by the Imperial Chancellor in consultation with the Imperial Minister of Rolls and the Imperial Steward:

- HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg, and HIH Dame Elizabeth Gray
- HG Sir Johan Kreigenschleigel von Hofenstaufen

*Sponsors: The Crown*

### **CRB10. Fitness of Candidates for Imperial Crown War. Article. XVI. D. 2. b.**

*Requires majority.*

- HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg, and HIH Dame Elizabeth Gray
- HG Sir Johan Kreigenschleigel von Hofenstaufen

*Sponsors: The Crown*

## **VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS**

### **CH1. Amend Article VII.F.1. to clarify Chancellor's vote and role**

*Requires 2/3rds*

#### **Part 1. Amend the law to clarify the office vote (in boldface)**

#### **Part 2. Amend the law to clarify the office role (underlined)**

**Current Law:** The Chancellor shall be the leader of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings and preparing the agenda. **In the event of a tie vote, the Chancellor shall cast the deciding vote. This is the only time the Chancellor shall be allowed to vote.** The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General.

**Delete sentences, amend to:** The Chancellor shall be the chairperson of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings and preparing the agenda. The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General.

*Commentary:* The vote described in the current wording is in conflict with current law. The Chancellor may use any votes which he holds in his own right, by right of estate, or by proxy. The vote described as the "deciding vote" is a separate vote held by the Chancery office which is used when there is a tie. This is rarely if ever used. In the event of a tie the motion fails because it did not achieve a majority. The special "deciding vote" does not apply to two-thirds votes either. It is our recommendation that it be struck, as it only adds confusion, as well as creating conflict with current law.

*Authors: the Crown and Chancery*

### **CH2. Amend Article VI.E.3., description of July Meeting**

*Requires 2/3rds*

Amend current law to accurately reflect subject matter of July Imperial Estates Meeting.

#### **Current Law: Article VI.E.3. MEETING DATE, JULY**

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**Amend to read:**

- a. **Qualify and determine fitness of Imperial candidates.**
- b. To finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary);
- c. Each chartered subdivision's Crown shall present a copy of his or her chartered subdivision's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision.

*Commentary: Since this was written, the Senate has been abolished, and the Adrian Empire has adopted a regular method of addressing its business. The review of the past expenses, and proposal for the coming year's budget are done at the November Estates Meeting, not July. Mundane issues (not handled by the Board of Directors) may be brought before the Estates at any meeting. In addition, the July meeting is when the body must review the Imperial candidates for qualifications and fitness.*

*Authors: the Crown and Chancery*

**CH3. Delete Article XI.B.8. Hundreds Court**

*Requires 2/3rds*

Delete the Hundreds Court.

**Current Law:**

A member who wishes to complain of the conduct of another member, but does not wish to invoke a full Royal Court may request that the Ruling Noble having jurisdiction over the offending party convene a Hundreds Court. The Ruling Noble conducting the Court may elect to reject the charges if it is self evident that the charges are without merit. The charging party may appeal to higher authority. There are two major restrictions on Hundreds Courts:

- a. A Hundreds Court may not assess a penalty which deprives a member of any award, order, rank, title, or membership rights.
- b. A Hundreds Court may only assess a penalty which can be completed by the member at the same event in which the penalty was assessed. In the event that the member elects not to complete the penalty in the same event, or to appeal the ruling to a Royal Court he shall remain under Judicial Ban until such a time as the appeal is heard or the penalty completed.

*Commentary: This type of judicial court has rarely been used, and should be struck as unnecessary.*

*Authors: the Crown and Chancery*

**CH4. Amend Article VI. K. Parliamentary Immunity**

*Requires 2/3rds.*

**Current Law:** All members of the Estates General shall be granted parliamentary immunity. No member of said Estates shall face any charge, penalty or court of law for any comments or statements made during or directed toward a session of the Estates.

Furthermore, comments regarding alleged wrongdoing of the Imperial Government, that of any Chartered Subdivision, or Subdivision shall not be actionable by those governmental bodies, or their Ruling Nobles.

**Amend by substitution:** Parliamentary immunity is intended to protect political speech, and the free exchange of ideas necessary for the body to do its work. This includes the right of a member to ask pointed questions about business. Protected language is limited to comments on legislative, judicial or executive proceedings. Parliamentary immunity does not apply to excessive profanity, malicious character defamation, or deliberate misstatements of fact. Protected political speech has to do with issues and statements of opinion. Unprotected speech is pointed accusations of wrongdoing directed at a person, group, or Adrian body that cannot be substantiated by fact.

*Commentary: The Crown and Chancery believe that this statement of law (adopted from the Kingdom of Aragon Codicils) more accurately reflects and better explains current Parliamentary Immunity in Adria.*

*Authors: the Crown and Chancery*

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Amend Article IX. C. Ranks 2.Robe d.iii., e.iii., f.iii., to delete Masterworks

*Previously OB #2. Referred to the Arts Ministry, tabled until playtest of new arts manual is complete.*

*Requires 2/3rds.*

**Current Law:** Article IX. C. Ranks 2.Robe d.iii. e.iii. f.iii. master works

**Delete (and renumber).**

*Commentary from the Authors: No similar requirement exists for the other peerages, there is little Empire-wide agreement as to their meaning, it is suggested that Masterworks constitute the requirements for a different track to Robe Knighthood.*

*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.*

*Authors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premiere, Marquis), and Sir Cirus les Marchante des Ombres dû Morte (Knight Premiere)*

*Co-Sponsor: Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Countess Royal, Knight Premiere, Marquessa)*

### OB2. Amend IX.C.2.d. additional requirements for Arts Knighthood

*Previously OB#4. March 2002: Tabled.*

*Requires 2/3rds.*

*Note: Citations and language changes provided by Chancery.*

**Add new vi.** "Judge three (3) arts tournaments." and,

**Amend iv. by adding:** One of which be a class on judging, taught by another Knight Robe or higher rank.

*Commentary : 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 attended a class on how to judge?*

*Author: Sir Elric Meladius (Crown of York, Count Royal)*

*Co-sponsor: by Dame Jericho Gutte D'Or (Countess Royal)*

### OB3. Amend Article III.F, Membership Assignment to Chartered Subdivisions

*Previously OB#6. March 2002: Referred back to the authors for clarification and resubmission.*

*Requires 2/3rds.*

**Current law:** A participant shall be considered to be a member of the subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives) . . .

#### Option 1. Proposal to amend the bylaw by substitution as resubmitted

**Amend by substitution:** Participants shall be permitted to choose the chartered subdivision they wish to belong to, members can only hold ministry positions, form estates, or be estate holders in that chosen subdivision.

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## Option 2. Original Proposal

**Amend by substitution:** A participant shall be considered to be a member of the chartered subdivision of their choice, as long as, the changing of chartered subdivision does not reduce the ranking/status of any chartered subdivision (i.e. Kingdom to Archduchy, Archduchy to Duchy, Duchy to Shire).

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

*Author's Amendment:* "Members choose their chartered subdivision when they join or renew membership, once members select a chartered subdivision, they cannot switch to another until their memberships come up for renewal."

*Author:* Sir Elric Meladius (Crown of York, Count Royal)

*Co-sponsor:* the Chancery

## Counterproposal to Amend Article III. F.

**Replace first sentence with:** A participant may declare their citizenship to a chartered subdivision annually when they pay their membership. If no choice is made, the participant will be considered to be a citizen of the chartered subdivision in which they reside (where a participant physically lives.) Subdivision re-assignment is also allowed for a change of physical residence.

*Commentary:* There is no reason that we can't have "open" borders. 99% of the population will play where they live. Only in isolated cases will a member travel a long distance to play in another subdivision. Each Subdivision has its own culture. Some people will find a better fit in another culture than where they reside. With open membership Adria could potentially experience substantial increases in membership and participation by allowing members to play in the subdivision of their choice. Members should be able to be a part of an estate, hold a ministry position and have their points managed where they play, not necessarily their geographically determined chartered subdivision. The once per annum limitation on change and the annual dues payment were added to alleviate some of the accounting burden on the Stewards office, as well as to prevent people from gaming the system in the case of war.

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## OB4. Amend Article III. Section D. Participation to require paid membership.

*Requires 2/3rds*

**Current law:** While all participants in the Adrian Empire are encouraged to become members, Dues paying membership is a requirement for receiving knightly Rank, receiving precedence bearing awards, having arms registered, and holding office. Participation in Adrian Events does not require membership.

## Original Proposal

**Amend to:** Participation in the Adrian Empire requires a current paid membership. Membership becomes active when dues are paid to the Steward of the member's subdivision. Anyone is welcome to observe but participation is the exclusive right of Paid Members.

*Commentary:* What is the point of being involved? Does one earn points if they are not a member? If they sign a waiver then they can join in combat? It is my opinion that these rights are those of Members only. Pay to Say and Pay to Play. Our Membership rates are not preposterously high by any stretch of the word. If an individual holds a membership in another organization we already have the provision of dual Memberships at but a pittance of \$10.00.

*If one is not a member they have no voice, they can hold no rank, so then what is their reason for being there? If someone wants to come and observe, buy from our merchants, that is fine, but participation is and should be for Members. Part of being a member of an organization is defined by the paying of dues. It shows commitment, a vested interest in the organization as a whole. If a person wishes to say hunt or fish and in some cases camp in another state they pay a fee to do so. Does not the rewrite encourage membership in Adria? Therefore increasing our ranks and though we are non-profit it does garner more resources for the Empire to allow more activities. Why buy the Cow when the Milk is free? \$10.00 is not a lot of money and that is all that a dual membership costs. That's the cost of feast fee/site fees, if not lower in some cases. The current policy in a way encourages individuals to enjoy some of the benefits offered to Members of the Empire without paying for the privilege of doing so. In any case Adria is a business in a sense, albeit non-profit. Such a policy as I suggest encourages growth. I do not see how this is a harmful policy. Having read the Imperial Stewards report, events it seems rarely get in the black if break even. As we grow, expenses will too, requiring memberships and dual memberships will help to cover this will it not? Do we do this or pass on the rising costs to*

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*Members while those who participate without paying get to participate for nothing? If an event is hosted with another organization where both are bearing the burden this does not present a problem. In fact to hold such an event according to the By-laws, if I understand it correctly, to even make an Adrian presence at another group's function requires Imperial permission. I see such a policy of requiring Membership as being of service to the Empire, but again it all depends on the view of what is Adria. It all depends on the vision of where Adria is going as well. If Adria is to truly grow and be a strong entity such a policy will in some ways help to build a stronger more defined cohesive organization. If as some have said Adria attracts people in other organizations why not have them pay for the privilege of participating? How does the policy as I suggest be detrimental in any way to the Empire? It requires Membership for the betterment of all of The Empire, it encourages a sense of belonging, dedication to, and pushes for more of a sense of group ownership. I therefore think that Article III section D needs to be rewritten.*

*Author: Auberon Dela'Reve (Viceroy of Andorra)*

*Co-sponsor: the Chancery*

### **Counterproposal to Amend Article III. F.**

**Amend to:** While all attendees of Adrian Empire sanctioned activities are encouraged to become members, attendance does not require membership. Dues-paying membership is a requirement for receiving knightly rank, receiving precedence bearing awards, having heraldic devices registered, holding office and competing in tournament or war. Non-members are welcome to receive instruction and if all safety requirements are met, participate in any Adrian Empire activity, so long as they do not interfere in any way with the opportunity to advance of a paid member."

*Author: Sir Coda der Drachesohn (Count Royal, Knight Champion, Marquis)*

*Co-sponsor: the Chancery*

### **OB5. Amend Article IV. Dues. Non-member Participation Fees**

*Requires 2/3rds*

**Current law:** Article IV DUES

E. Schedule

Membership dues are set at the following:

1. SINGLE
  - Semi-Annual: \$18.00
  - Annual: \$30.00
  - Life: Ten (10) times Annual Rate
2. FAMILY
  - X = per each additional member over the initial member.
  - Cap on family memberships set at \$70.00 annually
  - Semi-Annual: +(\$6.00 \* X)
  - Annual: +(\$10.00 \* X)
  - Life: N/A

**Add:** G. Non-member participation fees

Participation fees paid by non-members (excluding site fees) may be applied towards the purchase of membership and is set at the following:

1. INDIVIDUALS
  - Adult Single Day Fee: 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Current Annual Rate
  - Child (12 years and under) Single Day Fee: 1/6<sup>th</sup> Current Annual Rate
3. FAMILY
  - X = per each additional member over the initial member.
  - Cap on family memberships set at \$40.00 daily
  - Family Single Day Fee: + (\$1/6<sup>th</sup> Current Annual Rate \* X)

**Commentary:** *This revision addresses issues that some thought might discourage prospective members from joining. The motivation for this by-law change is twofold; first, to protect the rights of members and second, to entice prospective members to join. Originally, the proposal stated that a paid membership should be required before eligibility for participation in tournament and/or war. While this would protect the rights of members by preventing non-members from taking tournament wins from them etc. it was thought that it may discourage someone from purchasing a membership. Of those who responded to my initial queries, this was the most common complaint. What follows is the revised proposal I wish to place before the great estates of the Adrian Empire. Thank you for your time.*

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*Author: Sir Coda der Drachesohn (Count Royal, Knight Champion, Marquis)*

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### **OB6. Amend Article IX. C. Ranks, Minimum Requirements.**

*Requires 2/3rds*

"Yeoman" (C.1.a.) and "Yeoman Archer" (C.4.a.) state requirements, but "Apprentice" (C.2.a.) and "Clarke" (C.3.a.) have no requirements;

**Add:** "A member in good standing" to all four Rolls.

*Author: Dame Rose of Aberlone (Viscountess, Aragon)*

*Co-sponsors: the Crown and the Chancery*

### **OB7. Amend Article IX.C.1. Ranks, and Estates Writ 13. Steel Combat Requirements.**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve bylaws amendment, and majority to amend writ.*

#### **Option 1. Eliminate armored (steel) combat requirements for 2nd, 3rd level knighthood**

**Amend e.ii. by deletion:** . . . , of which three (3) must be in the Armored Knight's Lists, . . .

**Amend f.ii. by deletion:** . . . , of which six (6) must be in the Armored Knight's Lists, . . .

#### **Option 2. (if above proposal fails): Allowing cut and thrust (formerly known as heavy renn) to count as armored combat.**

**Current Law:** Heavy Renn will now count as **Light Renn** in Knightly progression, reference B. Estates Writ #13.

**Amend by substitution:** Heavy Renn will now count as **Armored Combat** in Knightly progression, reference B. Estates Writ #13.

**Also amend by substitution:** Estates Writ 13.b. and c. "Armored Combat" for "Light Renn".

*Commentary: The time period for our game is 1150-1603, which includes both the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Why is the prowess of our Renaissance fighters considered inferior to that of our medieval fighters? If the aim is to encourage prowess in both areas, why are there no requirements for Renaissance combat? A medieval fighter can earn a 3rd level knighthood without ever touching a rapier, but a Renaissance fighter must not only fight steel but get good enough at it to get at least 6 tournament wins. Some steel fighters deride Renaissance fighters as 'dipstick knights' or 'swishy pokey knights', but both forms of combat are appropriate for our game, and as one who fights both forms, I consider them equal, though different. If the 'old guard' will not consent to eliminating the steel combat requirement, at the very least I hope that they would consider counting cut and thrust as armored combat. With the current armor requirements for cut and thrust, many in Umbria (and I imagine elsewhere as well) won't even bother to fight as long as it only counts as Renaissance combat. If it counted as armored combat, I am sure that interest would pick up fast.*

*Author: Sir Michael Sinestro*

*Co-sponsor: the Crown and the Chancery*

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## OB8. Amend Article III. A. 2. Membership Revocation

*Requires 2/3rds*

*NOTE: The authors request this item be postponed until the November 2002 meeting.*

**Add:** c. Behavior identified as threatening the safety and welfare of other members or creating a hostile environment after a duly convened Adrian Court.

*Commentary: This would include sexual or religious harassment, violent threats, threats of mundane lawsuits, gender, sexual preference, age or religious discrimination. Mundane corporations need to protect themselves from lawsuit in this fashion.*

*Authors: Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal), Dame Juliana Hirsch (Duchess of Brandenburg)*

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### NB1. Amend Article XI.B.3. and Codex Adjudicata Article III.F. statute of limitations

*Requires 2/3rds to consider and 2/3rds to approve.*

**Current law:** The charges must be filed against a member within 30 days of the discovery of the offence, discovery being when the complainant knew or would have known about the offense.

**Amend by substitution:** The charges must be filed against a member within 60 days of the discovery of the offence, discovery being when the complainant knew or would have known about the offense.

*Commentary: Our goal should be mediation and resolution. 30 days is not enough time for that to happen. Once charges are filed, many times it causes more discord. We recommend the change to 60 days to allow some cooling off period and more time for mediation prior to making formal charges.*

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### NB2. Amend Article I. to add description of scope

*Requires 2/3rds to consider and 2/3rds to approve.*

**Current law:** The period of history that is encompassed by the game shall be defined as the years from 1066 to and including 1603.

**Add:** The scope of the Adrian Empire shall include the Medieval and Renaissance cultures of Europe and those cultures that had a significant presence in Europe during our defined period of history. The scope of our arts and sciences include arts, crafts and sciences that had an identifiable presence and influence in Europe.

*Commentary: The current wording is vague enough that a group of Polynesian dancers, Korean singers, Malaysian weavers might have a valid legal claim that they have valid personas/costume, but also demand they have valid arts entries based on the current wording. This clarifies our scope to all new members and groups interested in joining the Adrian Empire.*

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### NB3. Amend Chancellor's Manual regarding meeting locations

*Requires 2/3rds to consider and majority to approve.*

To alter the Imperial Chancellor's Manual (passed November 2000) so that the March and July Meetings are at a consistent place that is easy to get to from all over the Empire, and to allow other Subdivisions to host an Imperial Coronation.

**Current law:** MEETINGS

The rules below are designed, among other things, to allow Estates who cannot attend (often for reasons of geographic inconvenience) to send their proxies with confidence. Nevertheless, all Estates should be afforded an opportunity to attend. Each Kingdom should rotate as host for the meeting of the Imperial Estates General. That means that no Kingdom should host a meeting before all others have done so at least once since the last meeting held in the Kingdom in

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question. At the Chancellor's discretion, meetings may be held in other chartered subdivision, but rule of seniority applies. No chartered subdivision may host a meeting so long as there is a greater chartered subdivision which has not done so at least as many times. In general, areas with a greater cluster of chartered subdivisions (e.g., as of this writing, the West, which boasts four Kingdoms to the East's one) will host more meetings than those areas with lesser clusters. Nevertheless, if the rotation is observed, all such areas should see a meeting with some regularity, if not frequency. The place of the meeting should be announced through official Imperial channels, including the newsletter, at least 60 days prior to any meeting, unless the meeting is a special meeting (not at a regular date set in the Bylaws) in which case the place should be announced as soon as is practicable and if it must be less than 60 days in advance, as close to 60 days as possible.

**Option 1, Add Las Vegas for March, July, with November (Coronation) open**

**Amend to read:**

The rules below are designed, among other things, to allow Estates who cannot attend (often for reasons of geographic inconvenience) to send their proxies with confidence. Nevertheless, all Estates should be afforded an opportunity to attend. **Since travel to Las Vegas, Nevada is economical from all areas of the United States including lodging, the March and July meetings of the Imperial Estates General shall be hosted by the Kingdom of Aragon. Any subdivision may place a bid to the Imperial Chancellor to host the November meeting and Coronation.** The place of the meeting should be announced through official Imperial channels, including the newsletter, at least 60 days prior to any meeting, unless the meeting is a special meeting (not at a regular date set in the Bylaws) in which case the place should be announced as soon as is practicable and if it must be less than 60 days in advance, as close to 60 days as possible.

**Option 2, same as option 1, with ability to accept bid from another region**

**Amend to read:**

The rules below are designed, among other things, to allow Estates who cannot attend (often for reasons of geographic inconvenience) to send their proxies with confidence. Nevertheless, all Estates should be afforded an opportunity to attend. Since travel to Las Vegas, Nevada is economical from all areas of the United States including lodging, the March and July meetings of the Imperial Estates General shall be hosted by the Kingdom of Aragon, **unless the Imperial Crown accepts a bid from another subdivision.** Any subdivision may place a bid to the Imperial Chancellor to host the November meeting and Coronation. The place of the meeting should be announced through official Imperial channels, including the newsletter, at least 60 days prior to any meeting, unless the meeting is a special meeting (not at a regular date set in the Bylaws) in which case the place should be announced as soon as is practicable and if it must be less than 60 days in advance, as close to 60 days as possible.

*Commentary: To illustrate the fact that it is cheaper to go to Las Vegas, here is a chart showing the best prices to this year's July meeting found on Orbitz.com from 15 major airports around the country, both to the Pullman, WA airport (closest to Moscow, ID) and to the Las Vegas, NV airport, leaving on 19 July and returning on 22 July. The search was conducted for 1 adult and only the absolute best price is listed. It was conducted on May 14 at approximately 3 pm PDT (fares may change depending on when they are ordered).*

<i>CITY</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>PRICE</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>PRICE</i>
<i>Baltimore, MD (BWI)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$370.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$260.00</i>
<i>Charleston, SC (CHS)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$560.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$448.00</i>
<i>Colorado Springs, CO (COS)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$456.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$379.00</i>
<i>Columbus, OH (CMH)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$378.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$241.00</i>
<i>Las Vegas, NV (LAS)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$316.00</i>		
<i>Los Angeles, CA (LAX)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$334.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>
<i>Miami, FL (MIA)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$441.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$241.00</i>
<i>Minneapolis, MN (MSP)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$445.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$256.00</i>
<i>New York City, NY (NYC)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$378.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$240.00</i>
<i>Phoenix, AZ (PHX)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$328.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$106.00</i>
<i>Pullman, WA (PUW)</i>			<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$338.00</i>
<i>Richmond, VA (RIC)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$517.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$404.00</i>
<i>San Diego, CA (SAN)</i>	<i>PUW</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>\$109.00</i>

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*As you can see, prices to Las Vegas are significantly cheaper no matter where in the country you are. Option A sets the meeting place in Las Vegas, regardless of whether or not we have an Adrian group present. Option B allows other groups to bid for the March and July meetings, but lets the meeting default to Las Vegas. Option B is included on the advice of some people who feel that the regions should have the opportunity to bid more than once a year. As is amply demonstrated by the problems people are having trying to get to this July meeting in Idaho, having the rotation is simply unfeasible. It makes more sense for people to be able to plan and budget if they know for certain where the meetings will be. No other area of the country has such a combination of inexpensive airfare and cheap hotel accommodations.*

**Author:** Sir Nigel Seymour (Knight Premiere)

**Co-sponsor:** Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal)

## **NB4. Amend Article VII.F. ministry descriptions**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider and 2/3rds to approve.*

Propose removing from the bylaws this section in its entirety and creating an Imperial Estates Writ.

### **Current Law, reference:**

#### **F. DEFINITIONS**

The Ministries of the Adrian Empire are the Chancellor, the Minister of Rolls, the Steward, the Minister of Arms, the Chronicler, the Minister of Joust & War, the Minister of Arts & Sciences, the Minister of Physicks, the Hospitaler, and Viceroys.

#### **1. THE CHANCELLOR**

The Chancellor shall be the leader of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings and preparing the agenda. In the event of a tie vote, the Chancellor shall cast the deciding vote. This is the only time the Chancellor shall be allowed to vote. The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General.

Requirements:

Imperial - Knight Minister or higher

Chartered Subdivision - Chamberlain or higher

#### **2. THE MINISTER OF ROLLS**

The Minister of Rolls is responsible for recording each member's earned requirements, ranks, awards, titles and the date each was received. The Minister of Rolls shall publish advancements as soon as they occur in the next regular official publication. There will be published a list of standings once per year. The Minister of Rolls or a warranted deputy must attend all scheduled Crown events.

Requirements:

Imperial - Must have a working knowledge of tracking records using databases;

Chartered Subdivision - Must be knowledgeable in the keeping of records and/or databases.

#### **3. THE STEWARD**

The Steward is responsible for the legal obligations and finances of the Adrian Empire or chartered subdivision.

a. Under no circumstances shall any member obtain or use an ATM debit for any Adrian Empire, Inc. bank account including accounts of any subdivision.

b. All Adrian Empire, Inc. checks shall require two signatures.

c. All signatories shall sign an agreement stating that they explicitly accept financial responsibility for all expenditures they authorize. If the expenditures are not approved by their local Estates or not approved by the Imperium, the signatories will be financially responsible for reimbursing all funds authorized by their signature.

Requirements:

Must be qualified in bookkeeping and/or accounting

#### **4. THE MINISTER OF ARMS**

##### **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 chief Minister of Arms of each chartered subdivision, and other persons as appointed by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

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 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 the 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. Imperial Sovereign Of Arms**

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 Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for maintaining the Armorial, Ordinary, and Roll of Arms, or causing them to be maintained.

Requirements:

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- A thorough understanding of the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire.
- c. Minister Of Arms  
The Minister 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
5. THE CHRONICLER  
The Imperial Chronicler is responsible for overseeing the publication of all official Adrian Empire publications, the editors of the official publications, and serving as a source of publishing expertise and advice for the benefit of the Adrian Empire. The Chronicler of a chartered subdivision is responsible for the publication and editing of official chartered subdivision publications.  
Requirements:  
Imperial - Ability to publish the Imperial Newsletter  
Chartered Subdivision - Ability to publish information to the Imperial Chronicler.
6. THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR  
The Minister of Joust & War is responsible for the promulgation of rules and regulations governing the art of combat. The Minister of Joust & War shall create a Manual of Arms that shall outline the weapon and armor standards, training requirements, and the rules of combat as approved by the Crown governing all combat activities and design the scenarios for Crown, Civil, Landed Wars. A Minister of War may not participate in a war in which they had any part whatsoever in designing or has become privy to any information regarding its conduct that is not available to the general populace. The Minister of Joust shall appoint such deputies, known as Marshals, as needed to insure compliance with the Manual of Combat. The Minister of Joust shall be responsible for supervising the Knight's list.  
Requirements:  
Imperial - Knight Bachelor or higher and Rector or higher  
Chartered Subdivision - Sergeant or higher
- a. The Crown Marshal  
The Crown Marshal shall be the chief deputy to the Minister of Joust & War and shall be responsible for supervising the Sergeant's List. The Crown Marshal shall also arrange and supervise the field judging for War and Lists.  
Requirements:  
Sergeant or higher
7. THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES  
The Minister of Arts & Sciences shall promote, assist, and cultivate interest and education in the field of Arts and Sciences. The Minister and deputies shall be responsible for judging all arts/science tournaments and reporting the results to the Minister of Rolls. The Minister of Arts & Sciences shall be responsible for supervising the Knight's List.  
Requirements:  
Imperial - Knight Robe or higher and Rector or higher  
Chartered Subdivision - Master or higher
- a. The Deputy Of Arts & Sciences  
The Deputy of Arts & Sciences shall be the chief deputy to the Minister of Arts & Sciences and shall be responsible for supervising the Master's List.  
Requirements:  
Master or higher
8. THE MINISTER OF PHYSICKS  
The Minister and all deputies must have First Aid Training.  
Requirements:  
Current CPR and Advanced First Aid certification
9. THE HOSPITALER  
The Hospitaler shall be the conduit for new or prospective members to gain information on the Adrian Empire. The Hospitaler shall be responsible for keeping copies of all current manuals and information on the Adrian Empire that might be needed by the membership. They shall keep a 'lost and found' and track items donated to the Chartered Subdivision  
Requirements:  
Imperial - Chamberlain or higher  
Chartered Subdivision - Rector or higher
10. VICEROYS  
A Viceroy is appointed by the Imperial Crown to act in its stead for a remote region. A Viceroy shall act on behalf of the Imperial Crown, and in consultation with the Imperial Crown. The authority of the Viceroy shall be limited to the terms spelled out in the Warrant of Appointment.

**Also, amend the current law to read (and remain in the bylaws):****F. DEFINITIONS**

The Ministries of the Adrian Empire are the Chancellor, the Minister of Rolls, the Steward, the Minister of Arms, the Chronicler, the Minister of Joust & War, the Minister of Arts & Sciences, the Minister of Physicks, the Hospitaler, and Viceroy.

**1. THE CHANCELLOR**

The Chancellor shall be the leader of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings and preparing the agenda.

**2. THE MINISTER OF ROLLS**

The Minister of Rolls is responsible for recording each member's earned requirements, ranks, awards, titles and the date each was received.

**3. THE STEWARD**

The Steward is responsible for the legal obligations and finances of the Adrian Empire or chartered subdivision.

**4. THE MINISTER OF ARMS**

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- a. Imperial Sovereign Of Arms  
The Imperial Sovereign of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms and its members.
  - b. Minister Of Arms  
The Minister of Arms of a chartered subdivision is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions of the chartered subdivision.
5. THE CHRONICLER  
The Imperial Chronicler is responsible for overseeing the publication of all official Adrian Empire publications, the editors of the official publications, and serving as a source of publishing expertise and advice for the benefit of the Adrian Empire. The Chronicler of a chartered subdivision is responsible for the publication and editing of official chartered subdivision publications.
  6. THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR  
The Minister of Joust & War is responsible for weapon and armor standards, training requirements, and the rules of combat as are approved by the Crown governing all combat activities and design the scenarios for Crown, Civil, Landed Wars.
    - a. The Marshal  
The Earl Marshal (Imperial) and Crown Marshal (local) shall be the chief deputy to the Minister of Joust & War and shall arrange and supervise the field judging for War and Lists.
  7. THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES  
The Minister of Arts & Sciences shall promote, assist, and cultivate interest and education in the field of Arts and Sciences.
  8. THE MINISTER OF PHYSICKS  
The Minister of Physicks and all deputies must have First Aid Training.
  9. THE HOSPITALER  
The Hospitaler shall be the conduit for new or prospective members to gain information on the Adrian Empire.
  10. VICEROYS  
An Imperial Viceroy is appointed by the Imperial Crown to act in its stead for a remote region.

*Commentary: The detailed descriptions, duties, responsibilities, and requirements for the Ministers should not be in the Bylaws. The only thing that should be in this document are simple definitions, as it is titled. By keeping them here, it does not allow for timely changes, easily the establishment of ministries as needed, nor updating any aspects of the job.*

*Authors: The Crown*

## **NB5. Amend Article VII.F.6. add definition of Earl Marshal (Minister of Combat).**

*Requires 2/3rds to considers and majority to approve (if writ addition), 2/3rds to approve (if bylaw change)*

If NB4 fails, then a description for Imperial-level Crown Marshal needs to be added to the bylaws. If NB4 passes, then the same description needs to be added to the Imperial Crown Writ.

### a. Earl Marshal (Minister of Combat)

The Earl Marshal is responsible for enforcing compliance with the rules of combat, and shall report to the Imperial Minister of Joust and War. The Earl Marshal shall:

- Ensure proper weapon and armor standards are being adhered to and correctly interpreted
- Run or assist the Marshal of the Field in running Imperial events
- Supervise and assist local Crown marshals
- Govern and teach the proper training of marshals

#### **Requirements:**

- Imperial - Knight Bachelor or higher, and Rector or higher

*Commentary: There is a definition of a Crown Marshal (local), but not an Earl Marshal (Imperial level).*

*Authors: The Crown*

## NB6. Adopt Marshal's Manual as Writ.

*Requires 2/3rds to consider and majority to approve.*

See [Appendix F](#) for complete manual.

*Commentary: A comprehensive marshalling manual, and qualification procedures is long overdue. The manual as attached is ready for general use and final playtesting before adoption.*

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## IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

As time allows.

## X. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

NOVEMBER ESTATES MEETING & CORONATION ~ November 2nd and 3rd, 2002

The Imperial Estates meeting will be held at the Benicia Historical Museum Camel Barns, at 2024 Camel Road, with the Imperial Coronation held nearby in the historic Clocktower Fortress building, 1189 Washington Street in Benicia, California. This is a wonderful historic stone building complete with artillery and archers slit openings for defense, and a grand overlook of the Carquinez Straits. It also makes a fantastic backdrop for photos in costume. If you stay in Benicia you will be no more than 5 minutes away from things at all times, nearby Vallejo is 7 to 10 minutes away. For the coronation a sumptuous dinner is being planned. Following the tradition of period dinners there will be many dishes to choose from. Remember to bring your feast gear. There will be live music for everyone's entertainment, in addition to performance of a chantry and a range of period songs from different countries. The populace of TdF hopes to set forth a fine event for all to enjoy. Registration and further scheduling information will be forthcoming.

**More Information:** <http://www.beniciahistoricalmuseum.org/>

**Airports:** The nearest airport is Oakland airport (OAK); San Francisco International airport (SFO) is a lot farther away and hard to navigate. Sacramento airport is one hour's drive northeast, but (to date) has no shuttle service. There is public transportation to and from Oakland airport via Bartlink buses, Bart trains, and the Benicia Bart Shuttle.

**Airport Shuttles:** There are airport shuttles from SFO and OAK. If you are staying in Benicia you can take a cab to the meeting hall (it's a small town). A list of available shuttles will be provided.

**Nearby Attractions & Other Things:** If you plan on coming early, staying late, or have bored family members along there are many things to do in the area. The Wine Country (Napa/Sonoma Counties) is to the north, about a 20-minute drive. Marine World USA is in nearby Vallejo, about a 7-minute drive. There is a wonderful Kids Playground in the Benicia City Park at the intersection of First Street and Military, complete with turreted and tower slides.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**END OF AGENDA**

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