

Adrian Empire Imperial Estates Meeting November 2-3, 2002

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

DATE AND TIME

Estates Meeting

November 2, 2002 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 3, 2002 - announced at the Saturday Meeting.

Coronation

November 2, 2002 - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

LOCATION

Estates Meeting

Best Western Heritage Inn
1955 East 2nd Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 746-0401 (for discount reservations)
www.bestwestern.com

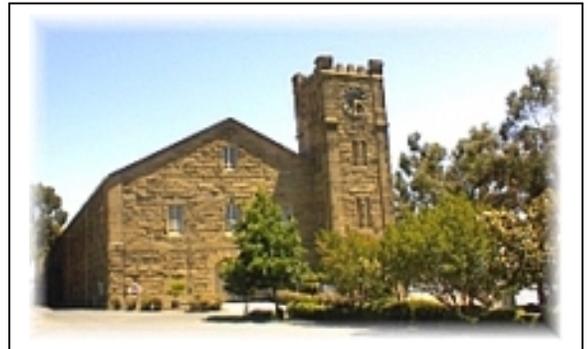
Coffee and ice water will be provided during the meeting.

Coronation

Clocktower Fortress
1189 Washington Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Those wishing to help please contact Dame Maud de Clayton, the Archduchess of Tierra del Fuego (see contact list). Tickets are \$15, which includes dinner, advance purchase required. Send check or money order to the Imperial Steward, Sir Terrin, payable to "Adrian Empire, Inc". Ticket orders must be received by October 25th. Please include

the mundane and game names of all persons being paid for. A roster of paid reservations will be kept at the door, where you can collect your receipt. Hall will open at 6pm, with festivities beginning at 7pm. More scheduling details available soon.



Site Information

The November meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held within the borders of the Kingdom of Tierra del Fuego.

The Imperial Coronation will be held in the historic Clocktower Fortress building. 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/>

Hotel Information

Best Western Heritage Inn: Discounted room rates (\$75 for two double queen beds) are available for those calling by October 18th. Be sure to mention "Adria, Inc" to get them. Complimentary Continental Breakfast included. (707) 746-0401 (for discount reservations) www.bestwestern.com

Travel Information

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.

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.

Oakland Airport Information (510)577-4000 www.flyoakland.com

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.

Public transportation: Available from Oakland Airport via BART to the Pleasant Hill Station & then via Benicia Transit to Solano Square. From Solano Square you can either take the Benicia Rocket to the Best Western, Dial-A-Ride, City Cab or Yellow Cab. There is also a shuttle to nearby Vallejo and the Vallejo Ferry Terminal.

Car-pooling: We're looking into car-pooling & shuttle possibilities from the meeting to the coronation.

More Information:

- East Bay Connection (800) 675-3278
- Benicia Chamber of Commerce (707) 745-2120 www.visitbenicia.com
- Benicia Visitor Services (800) 559-7377
- Benicia Transit (707) 745-0815
- BART (510) 465-BART www.bart.gov
- San Francisco Bay Area Transit Info www.transitinfo.org
- Benicia Yellow Cab (707) 745-3211
- Benicia Dial-A-Ride (707) 748-0808
- City Cab (707) 643-3333

MEETING DATE, NOVEMBER (ARTICLE VI.E.3)

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 Imperial budget, and 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.

REVIEW OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS (ARTICLE III.B.4.)

An entity which is an organization, or a Chartered Subdivision thereof (or equivalent), may purchase associate membership for its members. The dues for said membership per member are set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested, and the cost of providing them with Imperial Services. To induce discount, the entity could assume the burden of certain Imperial Services, for example, the entity could duplicate and deliver its own newsletters. The dues per member for associate membership shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General at their regular meeting on the first weekend of November, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified.

DISQUALIFICATION (ARTICLE VI.E.4)

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, new March, Third Level Knighthood.*

PROPOSALS (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.

VOTING LISTS

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 (Sept. 3, 2002).

PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY (ARTICLE VI.K)

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.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Amend the minutes of the November 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting regarding the budget. The regalia item was removed from the budget, which was then approved. The regalia item was discussed and then voted on separately (approved).
- Approval of the minutes of the July 2002 Imperial Estates Meeting ([2002July_Minutes.pdf](#)).

V. REPORTS

Unless otherwise noted, the Ministers' reports are included in [2002November_Reports.pdf](#).

- President and Board of Directors (included as [2002November_President.pdf](#))
- Chancery (included as [2002November_Chancellor.pdf](#)).
- Rolls
- Steward (included as [2002November_Steward.pdf](#)).
- Sovereign of Arms
- Chronicler
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Physicks
- Imperial Webmaster
- Other Officers

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters

Action items require a majority vote.

No action item: The following shires have zero membership and have been placed on inactive status: Dracos de Silva, Fire and Ice, Galanach Dragun, Mirkwood.

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

No action item: The duchy of Castilles, with a membership numbering over 100 and a well-established ministry, has been elevated to the status of archduchy.

Action item: The only written record stating the borders of Aragon is "to include a 100-mile mile radius around Las Vegas (but within Nevada)". Most of the residents recall the borders being changed to include all of Nevada (when Aragon was elevated from duchy to kingdom). Amend the charter to "include all of Nevada". The Crown, and Chancery believe this is already the law, and merely corrects an oversight.

Action item: Amend the charter for Andorra to include the mundane states of Iowa and Illinois (rather than the current very small area around the Quad Cities metropolitan area). Andorra has been stable, but small. There is interest in the unchartered lands outside the metropolitan area.

Action item: Elevate the shire of Cambridge to Duchy status. When asked about the shire and its progress since March 2002, these answers were provided. **How many events have you had?** 6 in total thus far. **How many ministry positions are filled?** 13. **Do you have a newsletter?** We are writing a newsletter - it was discussed at our last meeting. **Any problems? How were they overcome?** We have had a few problems in the beginning, but I am glad that we here in Cambridge have overcome and learned much from our past mistakes. The most prominent of the problems we encountered were thus: Confusion with the rules, and how Adria worked overall. But that was fixed with gaining more experience in Adria, along with pooling the collective talents from our more experienced members we have learned how to operate our chapter smoothly. Despite the fact that most of the active members of our group live a minimum of 2 hours away from each other, we still have active meetings. When our Viceroy became 'in absentia' due to family issues, the ministry stepped in and kept things going and growing. **How many members?** 25. **For how long?** The majority of Cambridge's members have been with Adria since the forming of the Chapter in March, yet some of our newer members have brought extensive experience with them. Seadhna and Brannen Gemred moved into our region two months ago and bring her 20 years of re-enactment experience and his 15 years, as well as his five years of SF/Fantasy Convention running experience. Francesco Gaetano Greco de Edessa joins us with a PHD in Anthropology, and Ecclesiastical Studies, fifteen years re-enactment experience and the much-needed skills of a master Herald.

CRB2. Amend Estates Writ 12.b. requiring trials to be held during events

Requires majority

Change the requirement that immediate justice must happen during an event.

Current Writ: Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as the very next Scheduled Adria event in the Chartered Subdivision. This is to include: Normal Crown and Canton events, feasts, Estate Meetings and Wars. They do NOT include fighter/arts practices, collegia or subdivision meetings (i.e. a meeting of such and such barony).

Option 1 not during activities

Add: The trial shall **not** be conducted during any scheduled activities at the event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.

Option 2 eliminate the need to be at an event, and not during activities

Amend to read: Once notified the defendant shall be informed that the date of the trial shall not be less than thirty days of this notification unless the defendant requests Immediate Justice. Immediate Justice shall be defined as **within 30 days. If the trial is to be held concurrent to a sanctioned event, the trial shall not be conducted during any scheduled activities at an event, but shall occur during breaks, before, or after the event itself.**

Commentary: The current law requires that a judicial trial be held during an event when immediate justice is called for. There is no such requirement for any other type of trial, although tradition seems to favor it. This effectively holds the entire populace hostage. The participants must forfeit the opportunity to participate in the event. For complainants and defendants, this might be acceptable. However, it also imposes the same hardship on the judges and witnesses, who are unable to fight or marshal in the tournaments, judge the arts, or teach the classes. The domino effect of this stretches the hardship to completely uninvolved people who are attending the event. This proposal is not based on one incident, but rather a history of seeing it happen time and time again. We cannot continue to punish the populace in this manner.

Authors: HIM Dame Maedb Hawkins, HIH Dame Elisabeth Grey (Heir Apparent to the Imperial Crown), Dame Aifa the Rowan (Queen of Esperance), Dame Maud de Clayton (Archduchess of Tierra del Fuego)

CRB3. Add to Estates Writ 12 to require video or audio taping of judicial trials

Requires majority

Add: All open judicial proceedings shall be videotaped or audiotaped, and copies of the tapes provided to the Imperial Chancery.

Commentary: *Current law makes no provision for the archival documentation of judicial proceedings. This makes the mandatory review, any possible appeals, or future reference, difficult (if not impossible). It also makes it in all ways impossible to handle in a timely manner.*

Authors: *the Crown and Chancery*

CRB4. Amend Estates Writ 12 to add limitation of evaluation of charges

Requires majority

Require timely action on the part of the Chancellor when evaluating charges.

Current Writ: Once charges have been filed with the appropriate chancellor or Magistrate and those charges have been found to be legitimate and warrant trial the following procedure shall be followed:

Replace with: Once accusations have been presented in writing to the appropriate Chancellor or Magistrate, the Chancellor shall have no more than 60 days to evaluate them and determine if they are legitimate charges and warrant trial, unless proper cause is submitted in writing to the Crown and Imperial Chancery that more time is necessary. If they are so determined, the following procedures shall be followed:

Commentary: *Currently there is an oversight that has the potential of allowing a Chancellor to not address charges during the course of their office. This amendment will correct this oversight while allowing the office the ability to extend the period for proper cause (scheduling conflicts, etc.).*

Authors: *Sir Cirus (Baron les Marchante des Ombres du Morte), HRM Aleigha Fyredrake (Queen of Aragon), HRM Eduardo Peruzzi (King of Aragon), Chancery*

CRB5. Amend Article III. Section D. 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.

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. Individuals who can prove membership in a historical recreationist organization recognized by The Adrian Empire Inc. will be considered for tournament entry on a case by case basis. Experience will be taken into consideration and if the local Minister of Jousts and War, the local Crown Marshal and the Local Ruling Noble are in agreement they may compete in tournament at the appropriate level.

Commentary: *This was presented at the March and July Estates Meetings. After discussion with the author of the counter-proposal, it was determined that the proposal did not say what he was trying to accomplish. Because of the ongoing interest, the Imperial Crown offered to present the re-write as Crown Business.*

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

Co-sponsor: *the Crown*

CRB6. Amend Article XIII to include the Church of Adria

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

Add section E, The Church of Adria:

The Church of Adria shall be a non-religious way to acknowledge the historical role of the Church, and to bring the pomp and circumstance into our ceremonies. It shall function as a guild, and have no powers with regard to estates or Crowns.

***Commentary:** The Church of Adria is our acknowledged vehicle for providing the pomp and circumstance in ceremony, but is not currently mentioned anywhere in the bylaws or other official documents. We have mentioned Iglesias del Soldatas (Estates Writ 15) as having separate status, but separate from what? We need to document the existence of the Church of Adria, and its place in the Empire. This item is not intended to change its status, purpose or function, but only to document what already exists.*

***Author:** HIM Dame Maedb Hawkins*

***Co-sponsor:** The Chancery*

CRB7. Amend Articles IX.D.14 & 18, and VI.F.3 to clarify creation of court titles

Requires 2/3rds

Clarify the levels of authority to create court titles by: Imperial, Royal, Archducal, Ducal, and Viceroyal Crowns.

Current law, Article IX.D.:

14. Baron/Baroness of the Court/Empire
Court title awarded by the Crown *(Non-voting)*
18. Lord/Lady of the Court/Empire
Court title awarded by the Crown. *(Non-voting)*

Amend to read:

14. Baron/Baroness of the Court/Empire
Court title awarded by the Crown, **as per Article VI.F.3 and VIII.D.** *(Non-voting)*
18. Lord/Lady of the Court/Empire
Court title awarded by the Crown, **as per Article VI.F.3 and VIII.D.** *(Non-voting)*

Add to Article VI.F.3.a: The Imperial Crown has the right to:

vi. Award the non-voting titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord, and Lady of the Empire.

Add to Article VI.F.3.b: A Royal Crown has the right to:

vi. Award the non-voting titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord, and Lady of the Court.

Add to Article VI.F.3.c: Other Crowns

The rights and obligations of a Crown (other than a Royal Crown or an Imperial Crown) are the same as those of a Royal Crown, except that they are subject to applicable limitations set forth in Article VIII.D. Chartered Subdivisions **and herein:**

- i. Archducal and Ducal Crowns may award the titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord or Lady of the Court with approval of the Imperial Crown.**
- ii. Imperial Viceroys may make recommendations, but awards are subject to the prior approval of the Imperial Crown (see Article VIII.D.1.viii).**

***Commentary:** This section of the law, while implied, is not clear, both in the separation of titles, as well as who may award which titles.*

***Author:** the Crown and Chancery*

CRB8. Amend Articles VIII.E.2, and XIV.D.2 to clarify estates authority

Requires 2/3rds

Clarification of Estates authority to select and remove its nobles

Proposal 1, clarify the right of estates to choose their own method of selection (non-chartered subdivisions)

Current Law: Subdivisions (*usually called landed estates*) of the Adrian Empire are Marches, Counties, Baronies and Households. A subdivision is an entity within a chartered subdivision which has the right to choose a ruling Noble or Nobles and have a seat on the Estates General. ...

Amend to read: Subdivisions (*usually called landed estates*) of the Adrian Empire are Marches, Counties, Baronies and Households. A subdivision is an entity within a chartered subdivision which has the right to choose a ruling Noble or Nobles **in a manner of their own choosing** and have a seat on the Estates General. ...

Commentary: This is a clarification of the current interpretation of the law. The law is clear on how to remove the head of an estate, but leaves it to the estate to decide how to choose its own head.

Author: the Crown and Chancery

Proposal 2, clarify that only a majority vote is needed for removal of estate heads (non-chartered subdivisions)

Current Law: All other Crowns and Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed by their populace. They may be removed by their populace through war (except Viceroys) or by 2/3 majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective Chartered Subdivisions or Subdivisions which they rule. In the case of Lords and Ladies, the vote shall be of individual members. Viceroys may also be removed by act of the Crown at whose pleasure they serve.

Amend to read: All other Crowns and Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed by their populace. They may be removed by their populace through war (except Viceroys) or by 2/3 majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective Chartered Subdivisions **or a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered** Subdivisions which they rule. In the case of Lords and Ladies, the **majority** vote shall be of individual members. Viceroys may also be removed by act of the Crown at whose pleasure they serve.

Commentary: This is a clarification that the 2/3 majority is required for chartered subdivisions, but shall be a simple majority for non-chartered subdivisions.

Author: the Crown and Chancery

CRB9. Review Imperial budget

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget (see [2002November_President.pdf](#)).

CRB10. Review associate memberships

Pursuant to Article III.B.4, the Imperial Estates shall review the dues per member for Associate Members, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified.

Currently, the recognized associate memberships are:

RMS: 100 members at \$10.00/member

SCA: unlimited members at \$10.00/member

ECS: unlimited members at \$10.00/member

CRB11. Amend Article III.B.4. to accurately reflect associate memberships.

Requires 2/3rds

Current law: An entity which is an organization, or a Chartered Subdivision thereof (or equivalent), may purchase associate membership for its members. The dues for said membership per member are set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested, and the cost of providing them with Imperial Services. To induce discount, the entity could assume the burden of certain Imperial Services, for example, the entity could duplicate and deliver its own newsletters.

Amend to: A member of any Imperially-approved organization (or a Chartered Subdivision or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership.

Commentary: *This section of the bylaws, as written, implies that blocks of memberships are purchased, and may not be at the published associate membership rate. It has been the practice in the past several years to allow open-ended blocks. By this, I mean, anyone who is a member of the SCA or the ECS may join Adria at the published rate of \$10/year. There is no set block of memberships purchased, and the rate is always at the published rate. The only organization to actually purchase a block of memberships, as described in the bylaws, is the RMS. Either we need to stick to what is stated in the bylaws, or we need to change the law. (This suggested change to the law does not alter the requirement for the Imperial Estates to review these memberships at the November Estates Meeting.)*

Author: *the Crown and Imperial Stewards*

CRB12. Amend Article IV.E.1. to remove 6-month membership

Current Law: 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

Amend to read: Membership dues are set at the following:

1. SINGLE
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
Annual: +(\$10.00 * X)
Life: N/A

Commentary: *Adrian law still requires that we offer a 6-month membership at \$18 but with an annual e-membership at \$20, we have had few (if any) takers. Removing the 6-month membership would eliminate a confusing situation given our otherwise annual renewal date of July 1st, while it eliminates an obsolete option.*

Authors: *the Crown and Imperial Stewards*

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Amend Article XVI.A.1. Crown War Notice

Requires 2/3rds

Remove Minister of War's responsibility to choose crown war site, and place the responsibility with the Crown.

Current Law: The Minister of War shall devise the scenario and advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war at least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war.

Amend to read:

At least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war:

- The Minister of War shall provide to the Chancellor the scenarios for the war.
- The Crown shall advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war.

Commentary: The Minister of War is not responsible for choosing any other dates, or sites and it is outside his job description to do so. All events must, by law, be approved by the Crown, including these wars. Thus, it ultimately falls to the Crown to choose the date, time and place of the war, and has been so for many years. To comply with the law, the Crown (or the Warden) advises the Minister of War, who advises the Chancellor. This adds an extra step, which is unnecessary and unrealistic.

Authors: *the Crown and Chancery*

CH2. Amend Article V.E. Member Participation, and Estates Writ 11. Tournament Wins

Requires 2/3rds

Clarify what points may be earned at Imperially-sponsored events, tournaments and wars.

Current Law:

A member shall not receive credit for more than one (1) event per month for purposes of meeting their requirements for advancement, with the exception of Imperial Crown events, including but not limited to Imperial Crown and Civil Wars. The member shall decide which participation shall be recorded when attending multiple events. Therefore, a member participating in an Imperial tournament shall be awarded an extra point in addition to the regular local Crown event point in the same month.

Current Writ: 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.

Amend law to read:

Members shall not receive credit for more than one (1) event per month for purposes of meeting their requirements for advancement. The member shall decide which participation shall be recorded when attending multiple events. Imperial events (including but not limited to Imperial estates meetings), attendees may earn participation points as provided by the event, but these shall not count as exceptions to the one-per-month rule.

A member may earn a second point in a month in which they participate in Imperial Crown or Civil Wars, and Imperial Tournaments. In these cases, the point may be awarded for participation and administration in all disciplines, and shall include such tournament wins, etc., as have been earned.

Eliminate writ as redundant. *(Requires majority)*

Commentary: For a long time, there has been confusion about what points can be counted as exceptions to the 1-per-month rule. There have been rulings, and clarifications, but there continues to be confusion. It is time to change the law to be specific enough to eliminate the questions. An Imperial Civil Court has been called on this issue (scheduled for the weekend of October 11-13). The results (either pro or con) will be made available to the populace as further commentary.

Authors: *the Crown and Chancery*

CH3. Change the heading for Article 1.B. Core Values

Requires 2/3rds

Replace "Core Values" section heading with "Standards of Conduct."

Commentary: *We have defined the crime of Conduct Unbecoming a Knight as violating these standards. Therefore Standards of Conduct more accurately reflects the purpose than does Core Values.*

Author: *Sir Cirus (Baron les Marchante des Ombres dû Morte, Knight Premier)*

Co-Sponsors: *HRM Aleigha Fyredrake (Queen of Aragon), HRM Eduardo Peruzzi (King of Aragon), the Chancery*

CH4. Amend Article XIV.B.6.e. Punishment (Banishment)

Requires 2/3rds

Amend the section on banishments to allow more options in sentencing, and to be more clear about the loss of highest rank, title, or award.

Current Law: The member is barred from attending any event within the Empire for one (1) year. The Imperial Crown may extend the punishment to three (3) years. The Imperial Estates General may extend the punishment for life. A banished member may petition the Crown and Estates for readmittance after one year. A banished member shall permanently lose the highest rank, title or station held upon readmittance. A banished member shall be under judicial ban for two (2) years after readmittance.

Amend to read: The member is barred from attending any event within the Empire for **up to** one (1) year. The Imperial Crown may extend the punishment for **up to** three (3) years. The Imperial Estates General may extend the punishment for **up to** life. A banished member:

- May petition the Crown and Estates for readmittance after one year (on banishments longer than one year) but may lose the then-highest rank, title or station if such readmittance is granted.
- May be under judicial ban for two (2) years after readmittance.

Commentary: *Punishments should fit the crimes, and the phrasing in this section of the law prevents the ability to fairly administer justice. There is outlined only a one-year option for local banishments. While it is popularly understood this is the maximum, and that lesser banishments are permissible, this is not what the law reads. Amend the law to say what is meant, and to allow more options in sentencing.*

Authors: *the Crown and Chancery*

CH5. Amend Estates Writ 14. Board of Directors

Requires 2/3rds

Proposal 1, amend paragraph a. regarding nominating process, requirements

Amend the restrictions on the nominations and members of the Board of Directors.

Current Writ: The number of Directors shall be five. The Emperor or the Empress (at the Imperial Crown's option) shall always be one of the members. The Imperial Estates General will elect the Board of Directors from their members by a simple majority vote. Candidates will be self-nominated.

Amend to read: The number of Directors shall be **seven**. The Emperor or the Empress shall always be **President and Vice-President. The Imperial Chancellor shall have a non-voting, advisory membership on the Board of Directors unless elected as follows.** The Imperial Estates General will elect the **remaining members of the** Board of Directors from among **the paid membership of the Adrian Empire** by a simple majority vote. Candidates **may** be self-nominated.

Commentary: *The state of Arizona requires that the President, Vice-President and Treasurer be on the Board of Directors. This leaves only two open seats. Further, there are many highly-qualified individuals among the paid membership, who are not eligible to serve because they do not have a*

seat on the Imperial Estates General. Requiring it be a self-nomination further limits the potential qualified candidates. Much of the authority of the BoD requires consultation with the Chancery, and it is logical and time-saving to include the Chancery on the Board (in a non-voting position unless elected to the Board by the Estates General).

Author: *the Crown and Chancery*

Proposal 2, amend paragraph d. regarding limitations on power

Amend the limitations on the powers granted to the Board of Directors.

Current Writ: The Board of Directors shall have no powers with regard to:

- i. Article VIII: Subdivision of the Empire
- ii. Article III: Members
- iii. Article XIV: Term of Office
- iv. Article XV: Pax Regium and Interim Civil War
- v. Article XVI: Crown War

Amend to read: The Board of Directors shall have no powers (**except as specifically granted by the Imperial Estates**) with regard to:

- i. Article VIII: Subdivision of the Empire
- ii. Article III: Members
- iii. Article XIV: Term of Office
- iv. Article XV: Pax Regium and Interim Civil War
- v. Article XVI: Crown War

Commentary: *The Imperial Estates have specifically given the Board of Directors certain powers and responsibilities regarding members and membership, thus making this limitation invalid. Since the Imperial Estates have the power to grant such powers, let the wording reflect that power.*

Authors: *the Crown and Chancery*

CH6. Consider of reign of Maedb and Karl

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the Imperial Estates shall evaluate 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.

- HIM Dame Maedb Hawkins
- HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg

CH7. Elect the Board of Directors

Pursuant to Estates Writ 14, elect the Board of Directors for an annual term. Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to be on the 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.

President: Elizabeth Pidgeon (HIM Dame Elisabeth Grey)

Vice-President: Carl Ontis (HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg)

Secretary/Treasurer: Sara Huizenga (Dame Lenora Scott Greyphis)

Nominations for two members-at-large (may nominate from the floor, and must self-nominate):

- Vicki Eldredge (HIM Dame Maedb Hawkins), past president of the Board

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Article XI.B.3., Codex Adjudicata Article III.F. regarding statute of limitations

Requires 2/3rds

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 offense, 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.*

Authors: *Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal), HRG Juliana Hirsch (Duchess of Brandenburg), Sir James of the March de Coirnoir (Prince)*

Counterproposal 1

Amend by substitution: The charges must be filed against a member within **45** days of the discovery of the offence, discovery being when the complainant knew or would have known about the offense.

Commentary: *While extending the statute of limitations is a good idea, 60 days is too long.*

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

Co-sponsor: *the Chancery*

Counterproposal 2

Amend by substitution: A **complaint** must be filed **with the Chancellor** within 30 days of discovery of the offense. **Mediation must be attempted within 15 days of the complaint being filed. If mediation fails, or is refused by either party, and if the Chancellor finds sufficient cause for charges to be filed, the complaint shall become a set of charges within 15 days of the mediation (or attempt at same).**

Note: *This will affect Writ 12 if passed.*

Authors: *HIH Elisabeth Grey (Princess, Imperial Heir Apparent), HIH Katherine Marshal of London (Princess, Countess Royal, Knight Premier), HRM Aislynn (Queen of Umbria)*

OB2. Amend Article I. to add description of scope

Requires majority

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.*

For more information about this subject, please refer to [2002November_OB2.pdf](#), a brief research on Adrian references to Europe and/or Western Civilization, and the standard definitions thereof.

Authors: *Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal), HRG Juliana Hirsch (Duchess of Brandenburg), Sir James of the March de Coirnoir (Prince)*

OB3. Amend Chancellor's Manual regarding meeting locations

Requires 2/3rds

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 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).

CITY	TO	PRICE	TO	PRICE
<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>

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)*

OB4. Amend Article VII.F. ministry descriptions

Requires 2/3rds

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 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. 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:
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 are 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 Hospitaller shall be the conduit for new or prospective members to gain information on the Adrian Empire. The Hospitaller 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.

Amend the current law to read (and remain in the bylaws):

F. DEFINITIONS

The Ministries of the Adrian Empire are:

1. THE CHANCELLOR
The Chancellor shall be the chairperson of the Estates including the Estates General and is 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
The Minister of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating the heraldic functions and activities of the College of Arms (Imperial), the heraldic functions of the chartered subdivision (local).
5. THE CHRONICLER
The Imperial Chronicler is responsible for overseeing the publication and editing of all official Adrian Empire publications (Imperial), and official chartered subdivision publications (local).
6. THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR
The Minister of Joust & War is responsible for weapon and armor standards, training requirements, rules of combat, and 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 is responsible for the judging of all arts/science tournaments, reporting the results to the Minister of Rolls, cultivating interest, and educating the populace in the field of Arts and Sciences.
8. THE MINISTER OF PHYSICKS
The Minister of Physicks is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the first aid aspects of Adrian activities, and educating the populace in health and safety issues.

9. THE HOSPITALER

The Hospitaler shall be the conduit for new or prospective members to gain information on the Adrian Empire.

10. VICEROYS

A Viceroy is appointed by the 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. This does not eliminate the descriptions, only moves them to a Writ.*

Authors: *The Crown*

OB5. Amend Article VII.F.6. add definition of Earl Marshal (Minister of Combat).

Requires majority to approve (if writ addition), 2/3rds to approve (if bylaws 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.

Add: 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*

Counterproposal 1

Change "Earl Marshal" wherever it reads to "**Imperial** Marshal".

Commentary: *The usage of "Earl Marshal" as put forth in this proposal is incorrect and ahistorical, and not in keeping with Adria's pan-European basis. The Earl Marshal is one of the Great Officers of State in England - our usage here has him as a deputy. The office of the Earl Marshal is unique to England; it is a title unknown on the Continent or even in Scotland. The Earl Marshal has nothing to do with the Arts of War - he is the hereditary head of the College of Arms (held since 1386 by the Dukes of Norfolk).*

While the Earl Marshals started out as stable-masters and later became generals, the function for which they are most known is that of administrative head over all heralds in England, superceding even Garter King of Arms. The Earl Marshal, on behalf of the Crown, has sole authority to grant arms. The Earl Marshal is also responsible for overseeing all great state occasions such as Coronations, the Opening of Parliament, and State funerals. The Earl Marshal's authority is clearly stated in the Earl Marshal's Orders of 1586, which is available at http://renaissance.dm.net/heraldry/earl_marshall.html. We currently have assigned these duties to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

The use of the term "Earl Marshal" to describe the head Marshal for the Empire is a direct borrowing from the SCA, which has so titled the Chief Marshal for every Kingdom. As I have shown above, their usage is incorrect, and we should not mimic it. We are already familiar with the distinction between a local minister and the corresponding Imperial Minister; we do not need a special title for the Imperial Marshal.

Authors: *Sir Nigel of Huntington*

Co-sponsor: *The Chancery*

OB6. Adopt Marshal's Manual as Writ.

Requires majority. NOTE: This item was adopted July 2002 for playtesting.

See [marshal_02.pdf](#) 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.*

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

Co-sponsor: *The Crown*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Award DI for attendance at Imperial Estates Meeting

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

Any person who has an official seat on the Imperial Estates General and attends, is to receive a DI for their participation.

Commentary: *The people who care enough about our Empire to make arrangements to attend these meetings at their own expense, some flying a great distances to be there, should get some recognition for this. You can earn a ministry point now just for going to an event and doing the work that qualifies you for a ministry point. Don't these people deserve a little more for their diligence?*

Author: *Dame Etaine Llywelyn (Imperial Minister of Rolls)*

Co-sponsor: *The Chancery*

NB2. Amend Article III.A.1 to add add sexual orientation and gender identification to the open membership definition.

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

Current law: Membership in the Adrian Empire is open to any interested individual, without restriction of gender, age, race, religion, or national origin...

Amend to: Membership in the Adrian Empire is open to any interested individual, without restriction of gender, age, race, religion, national origin, **sexual orientation, or gender identification**...

Commentary: *Discrimination is an issue that affects us all. In this enlightened age, organizations, world governments, and corporations are extending the same rights afforded to individuals of varying religions to individuals of varying sexual orientations and gender identifications. Adria has members who are Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals, and Transgendered individuals. Adria counts LGBT people among its founding members. LGBT people can be found throughout our history and even right now as local and Imperial Crowns, local and Imperial Ministers, and Knights of all ranks. LGBT people make a substantial contribution to the Adrian way of life. We make the statement in our Bylaws that we are open to members regardless of religion, which makes the environment welcoming for people of different religions to participate in our Game. Extending this same basic right to our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered members makes the statement that they are welcome as members, too.*

Author: *Sir Nigel of Huntington*

Co-sponsor: *The Chancery*

NB3. Delete Article I.C. operating principles

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

Delete article I. C in its entity

Current law: C. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Always serve the best interests of our communities.
- Measure actions by what is in the best interests of the Organization.
- Communicate openly, honestly and directly.
- Be visionary: Encourage innovation and learn from our mistakes.
- Be positive: Seek solutions, and be open to the views of others.
- Support each other in balancing work, family and community.
- Support and reward excellence, teamwork, productivity, and growth.
- Be accountable and honor commitments.
- Promote research, education, and publication relevant to those cultures falling within the influence of Western Civilization within our period of history.

Commentary: While these statements may be noble goals they might be better placed in our promotional materials instead of our rules. On a personal note we are not sure if Mother Teresa could live up to these standards.

Author: Sir Cirus (Baron les Marchante des Ombres dû Morte, Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: The Chancery

NB5. Amend Article VII.F. to create Minister of Justice

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

Amend description of Chancellor, and create office and description for Minister of Justice.

Current law: 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.

Amend to read: 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 **and minutes, advising the Crown on all legislative matters, legislative drafting, satisfying notice requirements, determining eligibility (as per bylaws), maintaining the Bylaws, Writs, and Chancellor's Manual, and issuing Rulings of Law at the direction of the Crown.** The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General.

Add: 2. Minister of Justice

The Minister of Justice shall be responsible for judicial matters: evaluation of accusations to determine if they are legitimate charges and trial is warranted, fairly and impartially assist the parties in preparing their cases, advise the Crown on all judicial matters and serve as the Crown's advocate when called to do so, be responsible for publication of the decisions of Courts or results of mediations, process appeals, maintain the Codex Adjudicata, and issue Rulings of Law at the direction of the Crown.

Additionally: Replace "Chancellor" and "Chancery" with "Minister of Justice" and "Ministry of Justice" in all references to judicial matters: Article XI, Codex Adjudicata, Writ 12, etc.

Commentary: For some time now it has been apparent that duties of the Chancery are too many for any one officer. The logical division is between the legislative and judicial functions. The additional position of "Justicar" may be incorporated with the Minister of Justice or left as a deputy. The magistrates are distinct and largely ad hoc positions.

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NB6. Amend Article IX.C.1.d - 4.d additional requirements for knighthood

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

Add new requirements to each of the qualifications for first-level knighthood

Archery Roll

Current law: d. Knight Archer

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.

Add: v. Serve as range master, or deputy range master for three (3) archery tournaments.

Combatant Roll

Current law: d. Knight Bachelor

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.

Add: v. Marshal, or deputy marshal, three (3) combat tournaments.

Minister Roll

Current law: d. Knight Minister

- i. Hold an office for an additional ten (10) months.
- ii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iii. Initiate and organize three (3) additional demonstrations/service events.

Add: iv. Serve as autocrat, co-autocrat, or sub-autocrat for three (3) events. *(Note: This requirement could be met cumulatively with other Ministry requirements.)*

Robe Roll

Current law: d. Knight Robe

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Tourneys at a Crown event.
- iii. One (1) master work.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
- v. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.

Add: vi. Judge three (3) arts tournaments.

Alternative Proposal

Add new requirements to each of the qualifications for all three levels of knighthood.

Archery Roll

Current law: d. Knight Archer

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.

Add: v. Serve as range master, or deputy range master for three (3) archery tournaments.

Current Law: e. Knight Forester

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knights' Lists
- ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Knights' Lists
- iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations

Add: v. Serve as range master, or deputy range master for five (5) additional archery tournaments

Current Law: f. Knight Warden

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knights' Lists
- ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Knights' Lists
- iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

Add: v. Serve as range master, or deputy range master for fifteen (15) additional archery tournaments

Combatant Roll

Current law: d. Knight Bachelor

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.

Add: **v. Marshal, or deputy marshal, three (3) combat tournaments.**

Current law: e. Knight Banneret

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knights' Lists, of which eight (8) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.
- ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Knights' Lists, of which three (3) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.
- iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.

Add: **v. Marshal, or deputy marshal, five (5) combat tournaments.**

Current law: f. Knight Champion

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knights' Lists, of which sixteen (16) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.
- ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Knights' Lists, of which six (6) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.
- iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

Add: **v. Marshal, or deputy marshal, fifteen (15) combat tournaments.**

Minister Roll

Current law: d. Knight Minister

- i. Hold an office for an additional ten (10) months.
- ii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iii. Initiate and organize three (3) additional demonstrations/service events.

Add: **iv. Serve as autocrat, co-autocrat, or sub-autocrat, for three (3) events.** *(Note: This requirement could be met cumulatively with other Ministry requirements.)*

Current law: e. Knight Civil

- i. Hold an office for an additional eighteen (18) months.
- ii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
- iii. Initiate and organize five (5) additional demonstrations/service events.

Add: **iv. Serve as autocrat, co-autocrat, or sub-autocrat, for five (5) events.** *(Note: This requirement could be met cumulatively with other Ministry requirements.)*

Current law: f. Knight Premier

- i. Hold an office for an additional thirty-six (36) months.
- ii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
- iii. Initiate and organize fifteen (15) additional demonstrations/service events

Add: **iv. Serve as autocrat, co-autocrat, or sub-autocrat, for fifteen (15) events.** *(Note: These requirements could be met cumulatively with other Ministry requirements.)*

Robe Roll

Current law: d. Knight Robe

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Tourneys at a Crown event.
- iii. One (1) master work.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
- v. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.

Add: **vi. Judge three (3) arts tournaments.**

Current law: e. Knight Master

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- iii. Two (2) additional master works.
- iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.
- v. Participation in three (3) additional wars at Crown events.

Add: **vi. Judge five (5) additional arts tournaments.**

Current law: f. Knight Doctor

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.
- iii. Four (4) additional master works.
- iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.
- v. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events

Add: vi. Judge fifteen (15) additional arts tournaments

Commentary: The previous proposal provides an inequity through the peerages. This oversight should be taken care of.

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NB7. Add Article IX.C.5. to create Renaissance Combatant Roll

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

Create a new knighthood based on the Renaissance style of combat.

Add: 5. RENAISSANCE COMBATANT ROLL

Heavy Renn and Light Renn will both count towards this roll in Knightly progression.

- a. Student
 - i. Be authorized by a Knight Combatant or two Sergeants and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the Renaissance Sergeants' List.
- b. Scholar
 - i. Participation in three (3) Renaissance Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
- c. Free Scholar
 - i. Participation in five (5) additional Renaissance Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in a Renaissance Sergeants' List at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in two (2) demonstrations.
 - iv. Be authorized by a Knight Combatant and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the Renaissance Knights' List.
- d. Knight Provost
 - i. Participation in ten (10) Renaissance Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in the Renaissance Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
 - iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
- e. Knight Master of the Fence
 - i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Renaissance Knights' Lists.
 - ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Renaissance Knights' Lists.
 - iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.
- f. Knight Ancient Master of the Fence
 - i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Renaissance Knights' Lists.
 - ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Renaissance Knights' Lists.
 - iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

Proposal 1

Leave the current combat knighthood intact. Include this "grandfather" clause: Combatants may choose to apply their current Renaissance participations and list wins over and above their current combat rank toward this new knighthood. However they cannot transfer any lists that would reduce their current combat rank. Thereafter, those entering the Renaissance Combatant Roll may earn separate participations and list wins in both combatant rolls each month, and in Imperial Tournaments as well.

Note: this will amend Estates Writ 11 (unless it is repealed by CH2 above).

Commentary: There has been much time and energy spent on trying to figure out how a Renaissance fighter may advance in rank. This allows Renaissance fighters to progress while keeping the current Steel system and belief fairly in tact. Since there is little to no relation to these fighting styles we are actively encouraging those forms that were prevalent during the time period. The titles used are from Corporation of the London Masters of Defence - the guild of English instructors of fighting and fence chartered in 1540 by Henry VIII.

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Proposal 2

Modify current the current combat knighthood to encompass armored combat only. Include this “grandfather” clause: Combatants may choose to apply their current Renaissance participations and list wins over and above their current combat rank toward this new knighthood. However they cannot transfer any lists that would reduce their current combat rank. . Thereafter, those entering the Renaissance Combatant Roll may earn separate participations and list wins in both combatant rolls each month, and in Imperial Tournaments as well. Any further Renaissance lists would automatically be applied to this knighthood.

Note: This will amend Estates Writ 11 (unless it is repealed by CH2 above).

Amend to read: 1. COMBATANT ROLL

- a. Yeoman
 - i. Be authorized by a Knight Combatant or two Sergeants and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the **Shinai** Sergeants' List.
 - ii. A member in good standing.
- b. Guardsman
 - i. Participation in three (3) **Shinai** Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
- c. Sergeant
 - i. Participation in five (5) additional **Shinai** Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in a **Shinai** Sergeants' List at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in two (2) demonstrations.
 - iv. Be authorized by a Knight Combatant and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the **armored** Knights' List.
- d. Knight Bachelor
 - i. Participation in ten (10) **armored** Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in the **armored** Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
 - iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
- e. Knight Banneret
 - i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional **armored** Knights' Lists, ~~of which eight (8) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.~~
 - ii. Five (5) additional wins in the **armored** Knights' Lists, ~~of which three (3) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.~~
 - iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.
- f. Knight Champion
 - i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional **armored** Knights' Lists, ~~of which sixteen (16) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.~~
 - ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the **armored** Knights' Lists, ~~of which six (6) must be in the armored Knights' Lists, at Crown events.~~
 - iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

Additional Commentary: *By separating these knighthoods we are also separating the fighting styles. This will encourage proper comprehension of the training style and less confusion of what maneuvers a combatant is allowed to do with which style.*

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X. DISCUSSION

Motion to discuss the present point structure and alternatives leading to future legislation.

Commentary: *The current point system is in dire need of overhaul. Due to there being no benefit to attend more than one event per month, our participation at events suffer. Furthermore a water-bearer can garner the same amount of points in a month as an autocrat of a major event. With a new system we could correct these difficulties as well as address inadequacies between the peerages and institute a single system that would not have differences between Imperially-sanctioned events and other events.*

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XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

To be announced.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA
