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# GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

## Date and Time

### Estates Meeting

July 19, 2003 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
July 20, 2003 – announced at the Saturday Meeting.

## Location

The July meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held within the borders of the Kingdom of Aragon.

**More information will be posted pertaining to the meeting site, facilities, and activities**

### Estates Meeting

Castaways Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center  
2800 Fremont Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89104

**Lunch:** Served at 1:00 pm both days. A buffet-style service will be set up in the meeting room.

**Banners and decorations:** No one may hang their own banners or other decorations on the walls (union regulations). If you wish to have your banner displayed, it must be received by Lori Yerger no later than July 16th. Mailing address available on request.

### Hotel

- Castaways Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center
- Adrian room rate is \$35.00 per room (1 or 2 people), \$45.00 per room (more than 2 people)
- 1-800-826-2800 (reservation code "ADRIANO")
- <http://www.castaways-lv.com/>

Formerly known as the Showboat, the Castaways Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center is called the "Flagship of the Boulder Strip," and is located near Las Vegas Boulevard and Boulder Highway. The hotel's 447 guest rooms feature coffee service, satellite TV with pay-per-view movies and Nintendo. Room service is available from 6am to 11 pm. Free valet parking is available 24 hours a day, or guests may use a 6-story lighted and patrolled parking garage. There are a number of restaurants in the hotel, including: San Brisas Buffet, Prime Cut Steakhouse, Pelican Rock Cafe, and the Blue Marlin. They are currently undergoing a complete renovation in preparation for becoming a Holiday Inn.

### Travel Information

**Airports:** The nearest airport is McCarran Airport.

## Voting Lists

Crowns and Chancellors please notify the Imperial Chancery at [dreye@cox.net](mailto:dreye@cox.net) of your list of eligible voters from your subdivision, qualified as of 60 days before the meeting (May 19, 2003).

**Note: As of the publication date of this agenda, we are still waiting for voting lists from most of the subdivisions - it is the responsibility of the Crown/Chancery to notify the Imperial Chancery of those eligible to vote (include our e-address). We require this information to produce accurate voting rosters and to insure your right to representation.**

## 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 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.
- d Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. ([Article IX.C](#))

## 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.*

## 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

- Seating of qualified members
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 4. Disqualification  
*Note: This office has received several inquiries regarding seating disqualified members and new greater estates; addressing them here will reduce confusion*

## III. CONSENT CALENDAR

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the March 2003 Imperial Estates Meeting ([2002March\\_Minutes.pdf](#)).

## V. REPORTS

Unless otherwise noted, the Ministers' reports will be included in [2003July\\_Reports.pdf](#).

- President and Board of Directors
- Chancery ([2003July\\_Chancellor.pdf](#))
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Physicks
- Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Other Officers

## VI. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1. Charters

#### Place shires on inactive list

*Requires no action*

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

#### Name changes

*Requires no action*

Petitions have been received by the following chartered subdivisions expressing their desire to change the name of their chartered subdivision. These petitions have been granted by the Imperial Crown, and new charters have been drawn and issued for them:

- Caerleon (new name: **Alhambra**)
- Tierra del Fuego (new name: **Carolingia**)

## Expand borders of Dunvegan

*Requires majority*

Increase the borders of the Shire of Dunvegan to include the counties of Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Camden, Currituck, Edgecombe, Halifax and Pasquotank.

**Commentary:** *The fortunate publishing of an indepth story about the Shire of Sunvegan and the Adrian Empire has increased our potential member base. I have received numerous inquiries from the northeasternmost counties of North Carolina where there is no current Adrian presence. All of these are viable potential members with a great deal to offer both the Shire and the Empire.*

**Author:** *Dame Isabel MacAskill (Viceroy of Dunvegan)*

**Co-Sponsor:** *The Imperial Crown, the Chancery*

## VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Amend Article VI.C. to require all typo corrections must be approved by the Imperial Estates

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was CH2, tabled in March 2003)*

All modifications to the Bylaws, Codex etc. (Grammar, word changes, cleaning up the language, etc) must be posted for review and ratified at the next Imperial Estates meeting.

**Commentary:** *This would allow the Imperial Estates the ability to review all changes to Bylaws.*

**Chancellor's note:** *The Crown and Chancery believe that this substantially reflects current policy.*

**Additional Chancellor's Note:** *The authors were to meet with the Chancery to fine-tune the language and specifically exempt minor spelling and grammar errors, this has not yet occurred. Further, previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later, should merely require notice, not ratification.*

**Author:** *Sir Eduardo di Peruzzi (former King of Aragon)*

**Co-Sponsor:** *Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Knight Premier), The Crown, and Chancery*

### CH2. Amend Article VIX to clarify Protectors/Viceroy serving as Crowns

A Lord/Lady Protector, or an Imperial Viceroy may succeed themselves and serve (or seek to serve) as Crown for the chartered subdivision.

#### **Current Law: C. Lord/Lady Protector**

The Lord/Lady Protector shall serve as regent of the Empire or chartered subdivision for not more than one (1) year..

**Amend to read:** The Lord/Lady Protector shall serve as regent of the Empire or chartered subdivision for not more than one (1) year **as Lord/Lady Protector. Service as Lord/Lady Protector shall not make them ineligible to serve (or seek to serve) as Crown...**

#### **Current Law: D. All Other Crowns and Ruling Nobles**

All other Crowns and Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed by their populace.

**Amend to read:** All other Crowns and Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed by their populace. **In the case of Imperial Viceroy where the shire is elevated to a duchy, service as Imperial Viceroy shall not make them ineligible to serve (or seek to serve) as Crown.**

**Chancellor's Note:** *While Protectors may not serve more than one year as Protectors, Article VIII.B.1.h. which allows Crowns to succeed themselves is inconsistent with a limitation on Protectors succeeding themselves as Crowns, we believe it was an oversight that this rule was not corrected when VIII.B.1.h. was adopted.*

### CH3. Amend VIII.B.1.c.ii. and iii. to clarify minimum age requirement

**Current Law:** c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:

- i. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year, and be least eighteen (18) years of age.
- ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than six (6) months.
- iii. Household Lords and Ladies must hold a current membership.

**Amend to:** c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:

- i. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year, and be least eighteen (18) years of age.
- ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than six (6) months. **Ducal Crowns and Imperial Viceroys must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.**
- iii. **Viceroys**, Household Lords and Ladies must hold a current membership.

### CH4. Approve candidates for Imperial Crown

Article VI.E.3.a, at this Meeting of the Estates, the Imperial Estates shall: qualify and determine fitness of Imperial candidates.

**Article XVI.A.1. Notice:** ...in the case of Imperial War candidates must provide formal declaration on or before closing court of Imperial Interim Civil War (Banner War); and, the Imperial Chancery shall be notified in writing. The letter must indicate the prospective Crown, their consort and whether or not the proposed consort is to be a co-ruler or titled consort only.

**Article XVI.A.2. Eligibility:** The Chancellor shall consult with the Minister of Rolls and the Steward\* to determine eligibility. A member who fails to meet the qualifications for Crown shall be notified in writing as to the reasons. The Chancellor shall then convene the Estates General who shall determine the fitness of each contender to hold the Crown. In the case of an Imperial Crown War the Imperial Estates General is automatically summoned to decide the acceptability of the declared candidates for the Imperial Crown. If the consort is to be a co-ruler, then their fitness shall be also examined. If a member is judged as unfit by the Estates General, they shall be notified in writing as to the reason. *(\*In the case of any discrepancy or disagreement, the Imperial Steward's records are considered to be binding. The Imperial Steward will entertain evidence from all sources available before making a binding determination.)*

### Dame Aislyne de Chartier (Umbria), Sir Wright Bentwood (Castilles)

Good Adrians,

We have been asked to produce a statement to be presented to you in order for those who do not know us to get some sort of understanding of who we are and what we stand for in the Adrian Empire.

Our understanding of the responsibilities of the Imperial Crowns can be broken down into four areas. These areas are the running of the Imperial Body, the oversight of Subdivisions, dealing with Empire-wide issues as they appear, and the growth of the Empire.

The Imperial Body is broken into the Imperial Estates and the Imperial Ministers. The Imperial Estates sets the laws, which all members of the populace are to abide by.



The Imperial Ministers are the ones who apply these laws to reality. Both of us have current experience in this arena. We are both on the Board of Directors and Lord Wright has been an Imperial Deputy East Coast Minister of Joust & War for over 2 years. It is also our personal belief that Imperial Ministers should come from the members of our populace that are respected by their peers and that the ministers should be responsible to accomplish their duties in a timely manner. If a task is being delayed because there is not enough support in that area we shall endeavor to aid that office in any fashion.

Second, we have strong feelings about subdivisions of the Empire. Individual Subdivisions know what they need to grow and expand. Subdivisions also best know the needs and wants of their populaces. We believe that the only direct intervention of the Imperial Body into a subdivision should take place on the request of that subdivision or on a disregard of the Imperial Bylaws of the Empire. We both have experience in this arena, as well both being retired crowns from large subdivisions.

Third, we both believe that no matter how much planning one takes unseen issues always appear. In an effort to deal with these issues in an efficient manner communication is key. Therefore we are going to continue and possibly improve on the amount of important communication between the Imperial Ministers and Subdivision counterparts. We will not be afraid to address such inconvenience that need immediate attention, nor shall we haste in our efforts to shed light on needed empire wide issues. Currently, Dame Aislynne is very interested in the ongoing debates concerning the arts and Lord Wright is actively monitoring the effects of the recent combat changes. These are issues that effect us all.

Fourth, our feelings on the Empire and its growth. We again both feel that growth of the empire is one of the most important factors that keep Adria fun. With growth of existing subdivisions or the creation of new ones comes new membership. With new membership come new people that can thrive and help the empire. This increases everyone's enjoyment. During our time in adria we have seen growth add shining examples of knights and chivalry. We have seen hardships overcome with honor and integrity. We shall both in any fashion aid the growth of the empire.

We wished to end our statement at this point but realized that even though we wish to run on our reputations and merits some do not know what those are. Therefore we decided to add this list of our relevant achievements for your consideration: Dame Aislynne is a Knight Civil and has just retired as Queen of Umbria. Lord Wright is a Knight Bannerette, Robe and Civil, and is one of the founders of and served as Archduke of Castilles, until its recent elevation to a Kingdom. Both of us currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Adrian Empire, and we have served in a variety of ministry positions. We both have experience in our professional lives dealing with non- and not-for-profit organizations. Lord Wright owns his own tax and accounting firm and works closely with many organizations in that capacity. Dame Aislynne has experience writing and piloting grants for the public schools.

We would appreciate your support in any way you would like or contribute, and are both available to answer questions or discuss issues that are important to you at any time. Our contact information is listed in the Herald, under the Board of Directors.

In Service,  
Lord Wright & Dame Aislynne

## **Dame Sapphire Jade (Dragon's Mist), Sir Logan du Draconis (Sangrael)**

Greetings,

I have been in Adria for about 11 years. When Vineland was originally formed I was the first baron. I was also the first Duke of Sangreal. For ministry positions, I have held the steward office and joust and war. I have often help run wars for Tierra Nueva. There was a period of 3 years were if I showed up at an event I was immediately called upon to run the combat list. This was because I was known for calling blows fairely. Even the people who did not like me preferred to have me marshal. In June of 1994 is when I received my first knighthood in combat. I also have a knighthood in ministry. Mundanely, I have a business degree and work in accounting.

In your service,  
Lord Sir Logan Du Draconis

I believe that I am quified for the position because I am well aware of the many ways and ideas thatr are in a group this large and have come to know first hand how all these different ideas can clash if not given a vocus and an outlet that is good for all. I want to be a part of helping this empire come into its own as a strong source of medieval education and resouce.

- duchess2001to 2002
- knight level 2 minister, crown war 2000
- knight 1st level archery, 12th night 2001
- order of Golden Spoon crown war 1999
- duchess 1997(?) (after my reign I was given retirement title vicountess I think)
- founder of DM and DT
- viceroyDragon's Mist
- viceroy Dragon's Thunder
- Duchessof Dragon's Mist (twice)
- Minister of Arts and Science

Sapphire

## **Dame Serina de Torsiello (Aragon)**

Unto the Adrian Empire,

Do I, Lady Knight Premier Serina Isobella de Torsiello, send greetings. It has been requested of me to post my campaign for the Imperial Throne. I am not going to make any promises, what I would like to do if Chosen to run this great empire is as follows:

- Make time to spend with the current Imperial Crowns and find out what it is they were unable to accomplish this reign.
- Ask for the current Imperial Crowns to assist me in accomplishing the above mentioned.
- Ask for everyone in this Empire to send me a list of the people they think would be a great asset to the Imperial Ministry Posistions. I do not, nor will I ever profess to know everyone in this great empire. (Though I really would like to get to know as many as possible)

In Service,  
Serina Isobella de Torsiello  
Lady Knight Premier  
Contessa Royal Aragon  
Lady Knight Robe



## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Amend Article III.A.1 to add add sexual orientation and gender identification

*Requires 2/3rds (Was OB7, tabled in March 2003 and referred and refer to Board of Directors to research and consult outside legal advice regarding exposure to liability (beyond violating our own bylaws), as well as exposure to liability by not having this language (including restrictions to parks, etc.).)*

**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 (Archduke of Brandenburg)*

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

### Counter Proposal

**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:** The Adrian Empire shall not unlawfully discriminate against any persons protected by Federal, State, or local statute. Where appropriate, chartered subdivision codicils may cite the specific legal requirements of the jurisdiction.

**Note:** *The Chancery and BOD are still researching specific language that will protect our members without creating undue liability. Such specific language can be substituted if so authorized by this body.*

**Author:** *The Chancery*

### OB2. Add Article IX.C.5. to create Renaissance Combatant Roll

*Requires 2/3rds (Was OB11, item failed in March 2003, notice of reconsideration was given at that time to allow for counter-proposals, etc.)*

*Sir Wright recommended a two part vote: first, (requires 2/3rds) yes or no on any renn-knighthood; secondly, (by majority) elect which method from the proposals offered. Chancellor's Note: This is acceptable if the body approves amending the bylaw in this manner by 2/3rds.*

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

## Proposal 1, Add Renaissance Combatant Roll

**Note from Chancery:** In March, the author stated he would resubmit the proposal without the grandfather clause, and to correctly reflect his intent. The resubmission has not been received, so the proposal appears without change, though the Rolls Office strongly objected to being able to implement the Grandfather Clause as outlined, and it was withdrawn from the proposal in March.

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.

### Option 1 to 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 II.

**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.

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

**Co-Sponsor:** the Chancery

## Option 2 to Proposal 1

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.*

### 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.*

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

**Co-Sponsors:** *Dame Aleigha Fyredrake (former Queen of Aragon), Sir Eduardo Peruzzi (former King of Aragon)*

## Proposal 2

Modify the current combat roll to include Cut-and-Thrust as an armored combat. Wherever the bylaws say "Armored", amend to read "Cut-and-Thrust or Armored."

*Commentary: I do not believe it is necessary to rewrite the entire combat roll in order to accomodate the desire for a renaissance knighthood (through to third level). Cut-and-Thrust is considered to be a "heavy renn" style of combat. By recognizing it as an armored style, it allows for the strictly-renn combatants to proceed up the roll through to 3rd level, without ever having to engage in steel combat. Neither of the below options will have any grandfathering, backwards tracking, or reapplying of points already awarded.*

### Option 1 to Proposal 2

Do not make any changes other than adding Cut-and-Thrust to the Armored requirements.

*Commentary: This option allows the combatant to engage in both styles of combat without creating a completely separate combat. This would still be subject to the once-per-month rule, so that if a combatant engages in both styles, only one would be counted (no change to current rules).*

### Option 2 to Proposal 2

Add a separate track for third-level knighthood only so that there are two paths: one for Knight Champion (using armored combat) and one for Knight Ancient Master of the Fence (using cut-and-thrust combat). Combatants would have to choose which of the 2 paths they want their participations to be counted in for 3rd level, and once recorded, could not be transferred to the other path.

*Commentary: There is vehement objection to using the title Knight Champion for someone who does not engage in armored combat. This option allows for Knight Champion to be the traditional combat track (armored), and creates a title for 3rd level only for those combatants who choose the cut-and-thrust style, rather than armored. This option also keeps the rolls-keeping fairly easy-to-maintain, as the rolls office would not have to track the differences in shinai or schlager types of combat. While suggesting the use of the titles in proposal 1, friendly amendments may be offered for the titles only.*

*Author: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Imperial Princess, Knight Premiere, Countess Royal)*

*Co-Sponsor: The Chancery*

## Proposal 3

Modify the current combat roll to eliminate armored requirements for knighthood.

*Commentary: Recommend using the fencing-style titles of proposal 1. Combatants would have the option of resuming standard combat rank/title--if wins are subsequently earned in armored combat.*

*Author:*

*Co-Sponsor: The Chancery*

## OB3. Amend Article XI, allow Civil Courts to impose penalties for improper knighting

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (Was NB1)*

Expand the explanation of Civil Courts' ability to resolve a member's qualification for knighthood, and give consequence to taking a knighthood without meeting said qualifications.

**Current law:** Article XI: There are two types of judicial courts in the Adrian Empire: Civil Courts and Courts of Justice. All such courts shall be conducted by the Magistrates Guild under the procedures detailed in the 1992 Edition of the Codex Adjudicata and in accordance with these Imperial bylaws.

**Current law:** A. Civil Courts: Civil courts are convened to resolve a member's qualification for knighthood...

**Commentary:** *We need guidance on this, as the mechanism for "resolving a member's qualification" is NOT visibly in writing in official Adrian Empire publications.*

*We request the Imperial Chancery's assistance in drafting legislation with the purpose of stating the mechanism for holding such a Civil Court.*

*Additionally, we are requesting assistance in drafting legislation that adds a "Punishment" phase to the mechanism of a Civil Court in the instance of "resolving a member's qualification", because we feel that if a Civil Court does find points are illegally claimed, and they are not available to qualify an individual for a certain level of knighthood, then maintaining said knighthood, with associated titles and privileges, is against Imperial Bylaws (Article IX.C. and D.).*

*Since voting rights and titles/rank go along with earning points, if an individual is found to be lacking the necessary points, we feel that individual should have to forfeit said voting rights and titles/rank. There shouldn't have to be a separate Court of Justice to mete out such a punishment, as the Civil Court should have the inherent power to administer the laws, per both the Imperial Bylaws and the Codex Adjudicata, quote: Civil Courts are extremely powerful having the right to rule on the intent of the estates as well as extrapolate new law by examining the intent of one or more Imperial bylaws as they apply to a set of facts."*

*The intent of the Estates, via Article IX, is to require the proper qualifications of knighthood to be met to enable the rights and privileges of voting and calling oneself a knight (insert type here). Therefore, it stands to reason that a Civil Court should have the power to remove that which is not warranted by lacking points.*

**Author:** *Sir James the Red, Earl of Northumberland*

**Co-Sponsor:** *The Chancery*

### Counter proposal

**Chancellor's Note:** *Language will be added as a counter proposal when it comes up for vote in July.*

Amend Article XI. A. Civil Courts (renumber the current paragraph as 1.), add:

**2. The Civil Court convened to resolve a member's qualification is authorized to take into consideration any evidence a Crown could consider in awarding points for advancement, including but not limited to: records, testimony, or personal knowledge.**

**3. Should the Court remove points, taking a member below the requirements of a present rank, that rank shall be reduced. This reduction implies no wrongdoing on the part of the individual, and shall not be construed as inconsistent with Article VI. J. which expressly may not restrict a duly constituted Civil or Justice Court.**



**Chancery Commentary:** *The Chancery strongly opposes such legislation. We view "punishment" as the antithesis of Civil Courts in Adria. The procedure is to convene a Civil Court to evaluate the member's points based on evidence, record missing points or remove improperly awarded points. Custom and practice in Adria is that a Knighthood once granted is not removed except for misconduct not merely mistake. If points are removed, advancement to the next rank will be postponed (just as a prerogative knight must satisfy all requirements before elevation to the next level) but actual reduction in rank should rest upon a Judicial Court finding of misconduct on the part of the knight in question.*

## **OB4. Amend Article IX.C.2. Robe Roll to allow non-judged arts activities to earn arts EPs**

*Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaws, majority to amend writ (Was NB2)*

We would like to propose that members be able to earn Arts EPs for actively participating in the Arts and Sciences at events, in addition to the current method of scoring at least a 10 for Journeyman's list or at least a 15 for Knights list judged arts entries. This proposal does not change the current requirements for knighthood in arts, it merely opens the options for what defines a "participation" by removing the words "Master's Tourney's" and "Knight's Tourney's". This proposal also adds wording to the Arts Manual and Judges Handbook to provide example criteria for awarding Arts EPs that are not judged.

### **Amend Bylaws: Robe Roll**

#### **Current law: b. Journeyman**

- i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events.

**Amend to read: Participation at three (3) Crown events.**

#### **Current law: c. Master**

- i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events.

**Amend to read: Participation at five (5) additional Crown events.**

#### **Current law: d. Knight Robe**

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Amend to read: Participation at ten (10) additional Crown events.**

#### **Current law: e. Knight Master**

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Amend to read: Participation at eighteen (18) additional Crown events.**

#### **Current law: f. Knight Doctor**

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Amend to read: Participation at thirty-six (36) additional Crown events.**

### **Amend Arts Manual Article I.C.3. description of Ministry of Arts and Sciences**

**Add: n. Assist the Crown in determining the authenticity and activity level for non-judged event participation.**

### **Add to Arts Manual description of Non-tournament Participation**

**Add:** Non-tournament Participation

#### **A. Events and Demonstrations**

In addition to gaining participations through tournament entry, arts participations for events (EP) or demonstrations (DP) may be awarded by the Crown based on the following criteria:

- The activity must be performed in a publicly accessible/visible area by actively participating in or demonstrating an art or science.
- The activity must be an activity which was performed in Europe during the period 1066-1603. The Crown and Minister of Arts and Sciences should require the minimum documentation from the artisan to prove this, if it is not known to them as a period activity.
- The activity must be performed with period tools and equipment and using period techniques.



- The activity must meet a minimum time of activity or other measurable progress that can be verified by the Crown and Minister of Arts and Sciences, approximately 20 minutes for Apprentices and Journeymen, approximately 40 minutes for Masters and Knights. This may be over the course of the event, not necessarily in a single block of time and may comprise more than one art form or science.
- The participation or demonstration of the Art or Science enhanced the educational or medieval environment of the event or demonstration.
- The artisan is responsible for establishing the authenticity of the activity in advance of the activity.
- The artisan has signed up on the Arts Sign-in sheets in the appropriate List area that she is doing a non-judged art that day.
- The Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions for Imperial Events.

## **Add to Arts Judging Guidelines description of Non-judged Participation to Article II**

### **Add:**

#### **D. Non-judged Participation**

In addition to gaining participations through tournament entry, arts participations for events (EP) or demonstrations (DP) may be awarded by the Crown based on the following criteria:

- The activity must be performed in a publicly accessible/visible area by actively participating in or demonstrating an art or science.
- The activity must be an activity which was performed in Europe during the period 1066-1603. The Crown and Minister of Arts and Sciences should require the minimum documentation from the artisan to prove this, if it is not known to them as a period activity.
- The activity must be performed with period tools and equipment and using period techniques.
- The activity must meet a minimum time of activity or other measurable progress that can be verified by the Crown and Minister of Arts and Sciences, approximately 20 minutes for Apprentices and Journeymen, approximately 40 minutes for Masters and Knights. This may be over the course of the event, not necessarily in a single block of time and may comprise more than one art form.
- The participation or demonstration of the Art or Science enhanced the educational or medieval environment of the event or demonstration.
- The artisan is responsible for establishing the authenticity of the activity in advance of the activity.
- The artisan has signed up on the Arts Sign-in sheets in the appropriate List area that she is doing a non-judged art that day.
- The Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions for Imperial Events.

**Commentary:** *We believe the proposed system will also allow those who are discouraged by paperwork and the idea of being judged to start participating in the Arts and Sciences earlier and more often. We realize that competitive documentation can be a science unto itself, extremely time consuming, and is daunting for many.*

**Goals:** *To make the Arts Knighthood requirements more consistent in effort with those for Ministry, Combat and Archery knighthoods and to encourage artists to practice and demonstrate arts at events, thus increasing our educational status.*

**Additional Commentary:** *Similar to DIs, DPs and Minstry EPs, the Crown is responsible for granting non-judged Arts EPs. The above criteria are provided as a guideline.*

*This allows those wishing to participate in the Arts in the natural Medieval context may do so and earn participation points. This must be a public activity. The artist should not be hidden off in the corner of a pavilion embroidering and expect to earn a point.*

*Earning participation points for Arts and Sciences activities may require some documentation to be provided to the Crowns and Minister of Arts and Sciences so that they may determine if this is a period activity. Period tools and techniques are required to gain participation. For example, pyrography (woodburning) is a period art form. Performing pyrography by plugging in a modern electric woodburning tool at an event would not qualify as "period tools and equipment" and would not gain an arts participation. Heating a metal poker over coals and burning a period design on a period wooden object for at least forty minutes would qualify for a Knights Arts Participation. Likewise pre-cooking a meal, pulling it out of the ice chest and putting it on some period plates, re-heating food, or cooking it using propane would not qualify for an arts participation, but cooking over coals or wood fire using period cookware, ingredients and methods would definitely qualify. Another example might be chain maille construction. If Master John works on a maille coif or avantail at an event, his rings in wooden bowls, with his plastic tool handles*

replaced by leather, he could receive an arts participation, but Lord James making a fantasy headdress with drop crystals should not.

There is no restriction that this be a different project at each event. A long term woodcarving or embroidery project can be worked on over multiple events and still gain participation at each event. The Crown may wish to see measurable progress during an event for a long term project.

An Arts participation can consist of a mix of art forms. An artist may also break their participation up over the duration of an event. For example an artist might sing for 20 minutes in the morning, do a knitting demonstration for 20 minutes mid-day, and do 1/2 hr of dancing in the afternoon. Since the total is over one hour, they could be awarded an Knight level Event Participation.

Documentation of authenticity should only be required for the first occurrence of a specific activity by any member. For example, Mistress Mary is knitting some wool socks. Mistress Mary emails the Crowns and Ministers for approval for the activity as an art. The Crown and Minister of Arts and Sciences is not familiar with period knitting, so requests documentation of the authenticity from Mistress Mary. Mistress Mary emails them some web site links. The Minister of Arts and Sciences and Crown verify that Mistress Mary is indeed knitting period style woolen socks, fulfills the time criteria, and makes an effort to do it publicly and answer questions on it. Mistress Mary's sock project is so inspiring that Dame Jane decides to make socks as well. At the event she asks Mistress Mary if the activity has been approved by the Crown. Dame Jane should not need special approval to use socks as her art activity at a future event. Mistress Mary can continue to receive participations for work on her socks at future events.

Groups can participate together to gain participations. For example a game of Boules, medieval dancing, or a group singing period songs would gain participations for all the members participating for the minimum time.

Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions on earning Arts EPs at an Imperial Event due to the magnitude of coordinating and monitoring the activity. Examples of possible restrictions:

- Non-judged arts participations must take place within the Imperial Encampment/Arts area;
- Non-judged arts participations must schedule their participation with the Imperial Minister with the location and time;
- All who work a specified time on a designated Imperial Arts project will earn a participation point; or
- Non-judged arts performers must perform at the Imperial Encampment or at the Imperial Feast to earn a participation point.

**Discussion:** No other area of rank requires a minimum "judgement" to earn participations. Ministry, Combat, and Archery all allow participants to earn "on the spot" participations. Arts is the only area which requires pre-planning and "homework". Imagine the Marshals and the Crowns getting together and telling a combatant "sorry, your fighting wasn't up to snuff today."

Arts tournaments do not provide a general educational outlet for more than the entrants and judges. Open participation would benefit all who are at an event.

Arts "judging" and tournaments is not an activity done within our period. For those trying to create a medieval atmosphere and environment, the most natural way to do so is to actively participate in arts in its natural format. Requiring the judging of arts to gain participations mandates that at least 3 people are prevented from participating in the other activities of the event during judging. If there are many arts entries, this can take the entire event.

This proposal does not "do away" with judging. All war participations will be judged and an artist will still be required to enter arts for judging to meet the Tournament Win and Masterwork requirements. In most cases, more Tournament entries will end up being needed by an artisan than the number of required wins due to the unlikely case of someone getting wins or masterworks for each and every entry. This proposal does not affect the standard of quality for either Tournament Wins or Masterworks.

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## Counter Proposal

*Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaws, majority to amend writ*

This counter proposal provides that the non-judged arts activities have been approved by the Crown.

### **Amend Bylaws: Robe Roll**

#### **Current law: b. Journeyman**

- i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in three (3) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events **or participation in three (3) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

#### **Current law: c. Master**

- i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events **or participation in five (5) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

#### **Current law: d. Knight Robe**

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in ten (10) Knight's tourneys at Crown events **or participation in ten (10) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

#### **Current law: e. Knight Master**

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events **or participation in eighteen (18) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

#### **Current law: f. Knight Doctor**

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events.

**Add:** Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events **or participation in thirty-six (36) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.**

### **Amend Arts Manual Article I.C.3. description of Ministry of Arts and Sciences**

*(this represents no change to the original proposal)*

**Add: n. Assist the Crown in determining the authenticity and activity level for non-judged event participation.**

### **Add to Arts Judging Guidelines description of Non-judged Participation to Article II**

Do not change the Arts Judging Guidelines (as suggested in the original proposal).

*Commentary: Non-judged tournament activities do not belong in the judging guidelines.*

### **Add to Arts Manual description of Non-tournament Participation**

Do not change the Arts Manual (as suggested in the original proposal).

*Commentary: Non-judged tournament activities do not belong under the non-tournament participation activity.*

### **Amend the Arts Manual (Section IV.B.2) description of Tournament Entries**

**Current manual:** 2. An artisan can submit one item per Crown event or up to four items per war. Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws.

**Amend to read:** An artisan can submit one item per Crown event **or participate in one non-judged art activity with Crown approval per Crown tourney,** or up to four items per war. Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws **and tournament participation points will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws for non-judged activity.**

## Add to Arts Manual (Section IV.B.) description of Tournament Entries

### 13. Non-judged art activities:

- i. The activity must be performed in a visible area by actively participating in a non-judged activity at a Crown tourney and approved by the Crown.
- ii. The activity must be an activity which was performed in Europe during the period covered in our bylaws.
- iii. Minimum written documentation from the artisan is required to authenticate said activity.
- iv. The activity must be performed with period tools and equipment, using period techniques.
- v. The non-judged activity must be signed up on the Arts Sign-in sheet in the appropriate List area designated for same.
- vi. The activity must meet a minimum time of activity of thirty (30) minutes and verified by the Crown or Arts and Science Minister.
- vii. The complexity of the art activity will determine the number of times the artisan may perform a non-judged art activity at a Crown Tourney. The number of participation points to be determined by the Crown and Arts and Science Minister and Artisan before the activity is put on the List.
- viii. Non-judged art activities not be held at Wars.
- ix. The Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions for Imperial Events.

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*Co-Sponsor: The Chancery*

## OB5. Amend Estates Writ 6 to include DI for Crowns, local ministers

*Requires majority to approve (Was NB3)*

To acknowledge that the hard work and effort performed by a Crown is equivalent to the other Imperial Ministers.

### **Current Writ:** Demonstration Initiations

Ministry service, including but not limited to demonstrations, fundraisers, community service related to Adria, classes, collegia, feasts, tournaments, and wars may be substituted for demo initiations in the Ministry path to Knighthood.

- a. A demo initiation may be granted for each two (2) months of service as Imperial Minister and for each service as Autocrat of Feasts, Tournaments, War, or Collegium.
- b. The local Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and useful; in the case of Rulers it will be determined by the Imperial Crown and in the case of Imperial Crowns by the Imperial Estates General. Imperial ministers will be reviewed by the Imperial Crowns.

## Proposal 1: Include local Crowns in the two months of service

### Amend to:

- a. A demo initiation may be granted for each two (2) months of service as Imperial Minister, **local Crown or Imperial Crown**, and for each service as Autocrat of Feasts, Tournaments, War, or Collegium.

**Commentary:** Crowns do at least the equivalent in service and effort of an Imperial Minister and that should be recognized.

**Author:** Dame Julianna Hirsch (Viscountess), Sir Arion Hirsch (Viscount), Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal)

## Proposal 2: Include Imperial/Royal Crowns in the two months of service, Archducal, Ducal Crowns, local ministers at three months of service

### Amend to:

- a. A demo initiation may be granted for each two (2) months of service as an Imperial Minister **or Imperial/Royal Crown, or three (3) months of service as a Ducal Crown or local minister**, and for each service as Autocrat of Feasts, Tournaments, War, or Collegium.

**Commentary:** Crowns (local and Imperial) and local ministers should be afforded the same opportunities to earn D.I. points as the Imperial ministers for the same reasons. Those reasons being 1) voluntary service to the populace and Crowns for enabling the 'game' to be fun and run smoothly and promoting our 501c 3 status 2) recognition of hard work and diligent service for those individuals who put forth the effort. Being a minister is not a glamorous job at either level (Imperial/local) and donating one's time, abilities, knowledge, and resources should be recognized at both the Imperial and local levels. To just say that only Imperial level positions should be awarded for their service is both disheartening and insulting to the local level counterparts. How can one place a value on a person's time donated to the game to complete their tasks as a minister. If Imperial ministers give more time and effort because it is an Imperial level position then why bother with having local ministers.

**Author:** Dame Circe-Skye O'Malley

**Co-sponsors:** Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland) and Dame Draconia E. DeVona (Countess of Black Dragon)

## OB6. Amend Article VII.F.3 and Estates Writ to redefine Steward's description

*Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaws, majority to amend writ (Was NB4)*

**Current description:** 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.



## Proposal 1: Delete 2-signature requirement, and rewrite financial responsibility

Strike the requirement for two signatures on checks (paragraph b) in its entirety. Strike the requirement for financial responsibility on unapproved expenditures (paragraph c), to be replaced by the proposed language (new paragraphs b-d).

**Amend to read:** 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. The Steward/Deputy Stewards (i.e. the signators) shall assume financial responsibility for any expenditure paid out and not authorized by the Crown nor approved by the Estates.**
- c. For any expenditure approved by the Crown yet not approved by the Estates, the Crown shall assume financial responsibility.**
- d. Financial responsibility is defined as being responsible for restitution to the Adrian Empire.**

*Commentary:* This portion of the law does not prevent abuse or theft and serves more as a hindrance to fulfilling one's duties as steward, especially if part C. is not being enforced. If the appropriate paperwork is completed (check request form per the Steward's Manual-2001) and the steward is bringing forth all expenditures to the estates for approval, then this requirement is rather redundant.

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*Co-Sponsors:* HRM Aislynnne (Queen of Umbria), Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland) and Dame Draconia E. DeVona (Countess of Black Dragon)

## Proposal 2: Amend to require steward to request an audit every year

**Add:**

**d. The Imperial Steward shall request a full and complete audit done on the Adrian Empire, Inc. by a Third Party (non-involved) Licensed and Bonded Accounting Firm. This audit will include all accounting books, computer program accounting software, all tax returns, bank accounts, etc. (For all Subdivisions and the Imperial) Audits should be done at least once a fiscal year.**

*Commentary:* We suggest that this include authorization from the Estates to approve a budget item to pay for this. Since the Empire has grown in numbers, our Board of Directors is in place, it is now necessary to run portions of the Empire like a business. If this is not done now, then future problems can and will become compounded.

*Chancellor's Note:* Many similar organizations obtain the advantage by having outside audits performed every three years or so, but avoid the cost of annual outside audits. An audit was budgeted for at the November 2002 Estates Meeting, and the President is already acting upon that request.

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*Co-Sponsor:* Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Knight Premier)



## OB7. Amend Article XVI.A. to disallow “outlanders” at Crown Wars

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (Was NB5)*

### **Add: 5. Visiting Members and Participants**

Ducal/Royal civil/crown wars shall only have the participation and points earned of their chartered region in combat, archery and the arts. Visiting members and participants may participate in the following capacities: marshal/arts judge or scribe/water bearer, archer/artisan (archery/arts entry points earned by visiting members and participants shall not go toward any contenders total war points accumulated). All qualified visiting members and participants allowed to marshal/judge or scribe shall have been given the approval of the current Crown/Lord and/or Lady Protector and the contenders of the throne. All visiting members and participants will be awarded their War Participation point if they sign-in on the Minister of Rolls participation sheet.

**Commentary:** *No outside involvement should be able to sway or interfere with the rights of the local membership in voting for their Leadership/Crown. The Leadership/Crown is supposed to represent the local chartered subdivision and win the right to represent said region accordingly. This proposal recognizes individuals that wish to travel to other lands to earn points for their knighthoods and enables said points to be earned.*

*Mexico and Canada are not allowed to vote for who becomes President of the United States of America - why should any chartered geographic subdivision have to suffer the rule of a leader who couldn't raise enough local support? War is how voting is done in Adria.*

**Note:** *If passed, several sections of law shall be amended to be in accordance with this.*

**Author:** *Dame Circe-Skye O'Malley*

**Co-sponsors:** *HRM Aislynn (Queen of Umbria), Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland) and Dame Draconia E. DeVona (Countess of Black Dragon)*

## OB8. Amend Estates Writ 3, Steward’s Manual, procedure for receipt of dues

*Requires majority to approve (Was NB6)*

Add language to Section III.D. Procedures for receipt of dues when checks are returned from the bank.

**Current language:** The amount of dues for each type and length of membership is set by the Imperial Estates General; you MAY NOT change this. You will receive dues from new members and for members who are renewing their dues. You need to have everyone fill out a membership application; this will help you keep your register current. Give each member a receipt for their dues and note on the receipt the type of membership, length of membership, new membership or renewal, amount, cash or check and date paid. Checks must be made out to the "Adrian Empire, Inc.". [Refer to the Bylaws for a current dues table and types of memberships.]

**Add:**

- 1. If a member's check bounces, the member shall be notified they are not in good standing with the Adrian Empire, notified of the restitution amount necessary to rectify the matter, and given a time limit in which to resolve the matter. The amount of restitution shall include covering the original amount of the check plus bank service fees and a \$25.00 penalty. This shall be paid in cash or by money order. Failure to pay restitution will result in the matter being turned over to the Board of Directors.**
- 2. Any individual who bounces a check to the Adrian Empire, Inc. shall have their check-writing privileges permanently revoked, requiring all financial matters to be handled in either cash or money order format.**

**Commentary:** Suggested time limit for resolving a bad check - 2 weeks; Consult Imperial Steward's Office on acceptable time limit as needed. Check writing is a privilege, and those who abuse this privilege should be made to face the consequence.

**Chancellor's Note:** Amend proposal, delete 'bounces' insert 'returned by the bank for any reason', delete 'who bounces a check' insert 'whose check is returned'.

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## OB9. Delete Article XVII Empire of Chivalry and Steel

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (Was NB7)*

Remove this Article in its entirety.

**Delete:** Article XVII. Empire of Chivalry and Steel

- A. Recognition & Scope  
The Adrian Empire recognizes its common origins with the Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS) and maintains as its goal the encouragement of cross-participation between the two Empires, perhaps with a view toward ultimate reunification. It is the policy of the Adrian Empire to cooperate with the ECS with regard to recruitment, and to discourage competition between the Empires for membership.
- B. The Council  
To that end, a joint body of Estates is formed. The Imperial Estates of the Adrian Empire and the Imperial Estates of the ECS shall together form a joint body known as the Council. The Adrian Imperial Estates General shall have 100 votes, and each active Estate, whether or not present at a Council Meeting, shall have a proportionate share thereof (e.g., if there are 20 Estates, each would have 5 votes; if 22 Estates, each would have 4 and 20/22 votes). The ECS Imperial Estates shall have 100 votes, and each Estate, whether or not present at a Council Meeting, shall have a proportionate share thereof.
- C. Council Functions  
The Council shall have the power to:
  - 1. Create Law  
By a simple majority vote (more than half), create law not in conflict with the Imperial Bylaws or Imperial Estates Writs, and approve expenditure of treasury funds not to exceed \$500 only insofar as such law and/or expenditure concern issues jointly relating to the two Empires.
  - 2. Alter Or Amplify Imperial Bylaws  
By a 2/3rd's majority amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the Imperial Bylaws (except [Article VI: Meetings of the Governing Body](#)) or change the dues structure only insofar as said bylaws or dues relate to the two Empires.
- D. Summoning The Council  
The Council may be called into session by the President of either corporation with the same notice and quorum (of the 200 votes outstanding) requirements as the Imperial Estates, except that if the ECS Imperial Estates as a body decline to participate in the Council, the Imperial Estates General shall have all the powers designated to the Council.
- E. Limitation Of Votes  
Those who hold votes on both the Adrian Imperial Estates General and the ECS Imperial Estates must choose for which organization they are voting and cast only those proportionate votes as per [Article XVII.B](#) (above).

**Commentary:** As the bulk of this Article references a Council that has never been held (to my knowledge, why clutter up the Bylaws with dead law? We already have provisions elsewhere in the Bylaws to recognize points earned in the ECS and allow their conversion to Adrian Knighthoods - what need do we have to leave legalese in place for a meeting that will probably never occur?

**Author:** Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland)

**Co-sponsors:** HRM Aislynnne (Queen of Umbria), Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland) and Dame Draconia E. DeVona (Countess of Black Dragon)

## OB10. Amend Arts and Sciences Manual, Article I.E.2. to require judges re-qualification

*Requires majority to approve (Was NB8)*

Add requirement that members requalify as a judge if they have not participated in the arts in the last 12 months.

**Current Manual:** 2. Requirements: All shall participate and be qualified at a judging collegium for the current version of the Arts and Sciences Manual.

**Add:** 2. Requirements: All shall participate and be qualified at a judging collegium for the current version of the Arts and Sciences Manual. **When a member has not entered an art or judged an art for one full year, the member will re-qualify themselves with the Minister of Arts and Sciences or his/her Deputy before judging at tourney or war.**

**Commentary:** *As the Arts and Sciences manual/judging guidelines is a dynamic document, we feel it is necessary for those who have been inactive in the Arts to show they have kept up with any changes made to the manual/guidelines before they be allowed to judge. At all Imperial Estate meetings the by-laws and manuals get changed. Some changes are immediate and some are for playtest.*

*Requalification could be as simple as a conversation with the local A & S Minister or a Deputy, but it would save an artisan from the burden of an uninformed judge. I do not feel it will prove a hardship for the Minister of Arts and Sciences/Deputy to re-qualify the member.*

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**Sponsors:** HRM Aislynn De Chartier (Queen of Umbria), Sir James the Red (Earl of Northumberland)

## OB11. Amend recognition of points/title from other organizations

### Proposal 1: Do not recognize retirement titles from other organizations

*Requires 2/3rds (Was NB9)*

Retiring titles for holding the position of sovereign in other similar organizations shall not be recognized and no voting privileges will be awarded for this function.

**Commentary:** *Whether it was the original intention or not this has been happening. Letting a newcomer, that has no idea how we play, have an immediate vote on our Imperial Estates is not a good thing. No matter the similarities between the groups there are vast differences in our laws and views.*

**Chancellor's Note:** *This issue was extensively debated when the law was originally adopted. It was both the similarities and the differences that were cited in support of the legislation. The different experiences and points of view were recognized as benefits to the Adrian Empire.*

**Additional Chancellor's Note:** *This is wholly inconsistent with our six-year philosophy that a Knight is a Knight, and that these organizations share so much that we treat them as equals. We have also said that we value these members' different experiences. In other words: resistance is futile; they will be assimilated; their uniqueness will be added to our own.*

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

**Co-Sponsor:** Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Knight Premier)

## Proposal 2: Limit transfer of points, titles from other organizations

*Requires 2/3rds*

Points and service in other groups should only be allowed to transfer up to a first-level knighthood and no further and that said transfer can only occur after a person has been active in the Adrian Empire for at least one year. Points earned in other groups while actively an Adrian Member should no longer transfer. Titles earned in other groups should not transfer, as they were not earned within Adria.

**Commentary:** *The basic Idea is not to get rid of initial conversion but to limit such. It is the intention of this Proposal to limit any transfer of points only upon initially joining Adria as well as to place a ceiling for such advancement. At this time there is no other group who recognizes our Knighthoods, Peerage, awards, nor our Titles of nobility. While there are several groups that are similar to the Adrian Empire there are also many differences. Therefore why should we recognize those outside our group? Theoretically as it now stands a person could transfer from another group and achieve a status of a Third level Knight in all disciplines of knighthood.*

*The problem with this is that Third level Knights are granted the privilege to influence the way we play the game due to the fact that 3rd level knights have a vote on the Imperial Estates. Also many of our leadership positions require knighthood to rule. It is in my experience that people will when given an opportunity take the easy route. Wow, think of that you could enter our group, transfer points and automatically be a leader in our organization while knowing virtually nothing on who we are or how we do things.*

*While we recognize that individuals from other groups do bring experience and can add to the knowledge of the Group as a whole The Adrian Empire is a unique entity which differs often greatly from other groups especially as to how we choose our leaders as well as to how we govern ourselves. It should be noted that we do not transfer experience from other groups non related to Medieval Re-enactment and yet these individuals bring along experience that helps us just as much as those who do come from Medieval Re-enactment groups. Should we, do we award knighthoods to individuals who are Eagle scouts in the BSA? Or to people who have a PHD in History? What about Masons? Or Shriners? What about those individuals who have served in Companies in the Capacity as Treasurer, president or on the Board of Directors of Major corporations? Surely their experience and knowledge is worthy of acknowledgement is it not? They do have valuable experience and we as a group do benefit from their knowledge and experience yet they do not gain any transfer points or recognition.*

*It is not logical to give credit to experience to an individual just because he or she was a member of another medieval re-enactment group while essentially snubbing those who chose Adria as their first medieval re-enactment group. Maybe they looked at the other groups first and decided we were the best why should they start anywhere else. Adria is unique and our culture and rules are unique to us regardless of similarities. Adria is Adria and everything else is simply that something else.*

**Author:** Lord Auberon de la Reve (Viceroy, Andorra)

**Co-Sponsor:** the Chancery

**OB12. Remove retirement title from a member**

*Requires 2/3rds to amend, repeal, make exception to VI J; 2/3rds to amend, repeal, make exception to IX.D.Titles, conversion authority; and, a majority to overrule Crown (Was NB10)*

Request that the Imperial Estates vote to remove Captain Justin Kase's retiring title (This title is from the ECS) There has been evidence submitted to the Prior Board of Directors and the Present Board of Directors from the Empire of Chivalry and Steel's Board of Directors and the Local ESC Subdivision (Kingdom of Vega) proving that this gentle is on a ministerial ban. This would include him not being allowed to sit as a House Lord, minister, and autocrat for a period of two years and is no longer a member in good standing in the ECS.

**Commentary:** none provided

**Chancellor's Note:** This item cannot be considered without an action to repeal, amend, or make an exception to Imperial Bylaw VI. J. Protection of Status Against Legislative Change.

**Author:** Sir Eduardo di Peruzzi (former King of Aragon)

**Co-Sponsor:** none

**OB13. Amend Article III.A.3. add to reasons for membership denial**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (Was NB11)*

**Current Law:** Membership in the Adrian Empire may be denied for the same reasons as revocation. Membership may also be denied if the reasons for a previous revocation of membership are still valid.

**Add:** Membership in the Adrian Empire may be denied for the same reasons as revocation. Membership may also be denied if the reasons for a previous revocation of membership are still valid.

**Members that are not in good standing from similar organizations shall have their dues refused until such issues have been dealt with in that organization. If the member is already a member of Adria, then the membership should be placed on probation until the judicial action has been satisfied.**

**Commentary:** After accepting a membership, it was brought to the Empire's attention that the individual was on a ministerial ban from another organization. With this in place we can in the future prevent any possible harm to the Empire or its members.

**Chancellor's Note:** This Bylaw amendment will require amending the Conversion writ. Further, it eliminates from our law our ability to make our own evaluation of the member's situation. It is analogous to adopting a 'Full Faith and Credit Clause' without the mundane world exception for violations of our own public policy.

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**Co-Sponsor:** Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Knight Premier)



## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### NB1. Amend Article III.F. to allow members to choose subdivision

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to adopt*

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

**Amend to read:** A participant may declare their citizenship to a chartered subdivision annually when they pay their membership, members can only form estates, or be estates holders in the subdivision they choose to be a member of, this may be changed when the member renews their membership on July 1st. Lifetime memberships could also be changed at the July 1st renewal date. If no choice is made, the participant will be considered to be a member 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.

**Addition 1 (to be voted on only as an addition to the original proposal):** If the participant does not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval.

**Addition 2 (to be voted on only as an addition to the original proposal):** If the participant's change of subdivision takes the subdivision they physically reside in below numbers the member must provide a written reason why they are requesting the change, and appeal directly to Imperial Crown for permission.

**Commentary:** *For our organization to grow, we need to allow memberships to not be so rigidly defined. We need to allow our members to have a voice in where they want to play, and not where they are allowed to play.*

*There is a cultural community and honored traditions that vary from kingdom to duchy to shire. Many people feel a better fit and acceptance in a subdivision where they are not assigned. Often these are people who wish to fully participate in the workings of that subdivision, yet they are unable to fully do so because of this restriction in the bylaws. With the dividing of some of the larger subdivisions, and the close proximity of many subdivisions, this issue has become more prominent as many subdivisions are within an easy distance for the member to reach; if a participant has friends and people who want to be together, how are we serving our membership by keeping these members from fully participating in their local governance by geography?*

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### NB2. Reinstate Sumptuary and Regalia Writ #18 (Chains of State)

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to adopt*

It is the wish of the Crowns and Chancery of Aragon to put forth an agenda item to reinstate the use of regalia and sumptuary laws. This writ was removed at the November 2001 meeting by a vote of the Estates.

**Chancery note:** *The Imperial Estates Writ #18 on Armigerous Rights, Regalia and Modes of Address, Orders and Awards, and Ministry Badges reads as follows. Only those sections of the Writ which are relevant will be noted, for brevity's sake. Those sections in red boldface are the sections removed by the vote of the Imperial Estates in November 2001.*



## II. REGALIA AND MODES OF ADDRESS

### A. THEORY.

#### 1. Chains of State

- a. **A Chain of State goes with a vote on the Estates. Therefore, those ranks which do not carry a vote on the Estates are not permitted a Chain of State.**
- b. **The Chains of State are divided into three groups: Precious metal for Estates Royal, mixed precious and base metal for Estates Major, and base metal only for Estates Minor.**

*(Current law: Chains of State are not regulated by Law.)*

#### 3. Restrictions.

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

### B. PRACTICE

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

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

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

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

**Commentary:** *It is the feeling of these individuals that by not utilizing proper regalia and sumptuaries we do a disservice, not only to those who have worked hard to earn those positions, but also to newer members who are confused as to how to address the issues of respect, deference, and what types of adornment they themselves may wear. With a guideline, it is laid out, and will assist in avoiding unpleasant or uncomfortable circumstances surrounding these activities, and will enhance enjoyment of the gaming experience.*

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### **NB3. Amend Article VI.E.2 to define budget, and include Kingdoms**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to adopt*

Budgets will be submitted by Imperial/Kingdom officers per regnal year, at which time they will be put before the Estates General for approval. Budgets may be approved or amended by a majority vote of the Estates General. Budgets will include items and cost, and reflect a total expenditure.

**Current Law:** 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:

- a. Imperial budget

**Commentary:** *Although this is good practice, it is not Law, which makes it confusing for incoming Crowns and Officers to know exactly what Budgeting limitations are. This will eliminate confusion and argument over Budget requirements.*

**Author:** Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Chancellor of Aragon)

### **NB4. Amend Article VII.C. to require all estates-holders/ministers not be wards/minors**

*Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to adopt*

Change to requirements to hold Office. Any person holding a vote on any Estates and/or all Ministers may not be a legal ward or under the guardianship of any other individual.

**Current Law:** C. Requirements To Hold Ministerial Office

All ministers and their deputies shall hold a participating or family membership and shall maintain such membership for the duration of their appointment. Those holding statutory offices must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Glossary: Statutory Officers - Those officers which have responsibilities within the mundane side of the organization. These officers include all Crowns, and the ministers outlined in Article VII. Ministries. These officers must be at least 18 years of age (see Article VII.c. Requirements to Hold Office).

Article VII (referenced in above glossary definition) include Chancellor, Minister of Rolls, Steward, Minister of Arms, Chronicler, Minister of Joust/War, Crown Marshal, Minister of Arts/Sciences, Minister of Physicks, Hospitaler, Viceroy, Minister of Archery.

**Commentary:** *Legally, no one who is under the legal guardianship of another may enter into a contract or hold logistical rights outside of the realm of what that guardian will allow. It is therefore improper for the Adrian Empire to extend rights to individuals that they may not enjoy outside the confines of Our organization. Also, there is a question of informed consent if that individual is unable to make binding decisions for themselves. This prospect damages the Integrity of the vote/office that they hold.*

**Author:** Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Chancellor of Aragon)

## **NB5. Add VI.F.1.d.v. and VI.F.2.b.iii. to adopt rules of procedure for the body**

**Add:** The Imperium tends to use a form of Robert's Rules of Order; however, the Chancellor may adopt Rules of Conduct, and Rules for Limiting Debate if deemed necessary for completing business within the confines of their limitations (i.e. time, location, etc.), as long as these rules do not patently conflict with Imperial Bylaw, Subdivision Codicil, or Mundane Laws. These Rules must be noticed to the Estates 30 days prior to their enactment, and may be amended by the Estates General by a Majority Vote. They may be disposed of by a 2/3rd's vote of the Estates General. In cases where no Rules have been presented the Chancellor will utilize the Imperium's revised Parliamentary Rules and/or Robert's Rules of Order.

**Commentary:** *Following strict Robert's Rules of Order is very difficult, as it is complicated and hard to understand. Besides, who wants to memorize a 650 page book, just so they will be able to vote on an issue. It just does not fit the needs of the Estates. Unfortunately, in cases where time is very limited for doing business, there is no set limitation to Debate. The Chancellor needs to have the ability to set reasonable times, so that business may be dealt with in a prompt and concise manner.*

**Chancellor's Note:** *Previous rulings of law have held that the Estates control their own rules of procedure, but it does not clearly appear in the Bylaws.*

**Author:** Dame Ashlenn Tiernan (Chancellor of Aragon)

**Co-sponsor:** The Chancery

## **NB6. Remove point-earning restrictions**

It is the intent of this proposal to both encourage and reward individuals who go the extra mile especially on the road to knighthood. In no way are we suggesting of getting rid of the Point system. What this proposal would do is the following:

1. Eliminate the Maximum points earned per month.
2. Place a two year time on all levels of Knighthood where the person must remain active attending and participating at least once a Month during the two year period. Thus it would take 6 years total time to achieve a Third level knighthood, Four years for a Second Level and Two for First level.
3. Establishing special Orders/Awards for those individuals who over achieve
  - A. One order for those who gain twice the required points
  - B. One for five times the required points
  - C. One for those who achieve over five times the required points

Members of these orders would be allowed to augment their arms with a symbol as worked out with the College of Arms.

**Commentary:** *As our organization is a chivalric organization it is implied that recognition should be awarded by the deeds of the individual. I feel that by limiting the points to be earned limits participation. We are a group by stature that recognizes and holds achievement in high regard. This being the case I feel it is in the best interest of all of Adria to be given the opportunity to earn as many points as they are willing to invest their time and effort in. If such a change has the effect of creating an abundance of over achievers (IE. Say 75% or higher then it would behoove us to broaden and expand the minimums). Another advantage of this proposal would be to eliminate the various laws contained within the by-laws that currently restrict point achievement. Knighthoods are about doing and doing deeds. This being the case then should we not encourage those who wish to put forth the extra effort?*

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**Co-sponsor:** the Chancery

## NB7. Amend Article IV.F. Discounts to remove military and student discounts

**Current law:** Military with valid military ID, students with valid student body cards, and senior citizens (55 years +) with valid proof of age are allowed a 10% discount on annual participating memberships. Participating members may receive a discount of \$10 on annual dues with electronic newsletter delivery. These discounts are **not** cumulative.

**Amend to read:** Senior citizens (55 years +) with valid proof of age are allowed a 10% discount on annual participating memberships...

*Commentary:* Military and students may receive a \$3.00 discount, or they may choose the e-herald discount of \$10.00. It makes more sense to eliminate the lesser discount offer, since it is rarely used anyway. I believe we are legally required to offer a senior citizen discount, or I would recommend removing that one, as well.

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## NB8. Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period

**Current law:** 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.

**Amend to read:** 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.

*Commentary:* July 1 is a very clear due date and **everyone's** membership expires at that time. By allowing a 30-day "grace" period, people assume they expire on August 1. This mistaken impression has led to countless lapses in membership that have prevented people from holding office, counting participations, attaining knighthoods, etc. With the due date so very clear for everyone, the need for a grace period has been eliminated. A magazine subscription doesn't give you an extra issue if you don't renew your subscription on time. Other organizations don't give you an extra month if you don't renew your dues. We need to eliminate grey areas, especially when they have historically caused so many problems.

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## NB9. Amend Article III.B.4. to be clear that Associate Members may not hold office.

The bylaws state that a participating membership (either single, family, or life) is "the basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, convey the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire and a subscription to the appropriate chartered subdivision newsletter." This implies that Associate Membership does **not** convey those rights. Amend the bylaws to make that clear.

**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.

**Add:** The rights of participating membership do not extend to associate members.

**Commentary:** Associate membership is an extremely discounted rate (\$10.00/year as opposed to \$30.00). I do not believe it is too much to ask for those members who are holding office, becoming knights, and otherwise having all the advantages of participating membership to actually have to be a participating member. Especially when, with the e-Herald discount, it is a difference of \$10.00 a year. This law is already there by implication and this proposal simply makes it crystal clear.

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## X. DISCUSSION

As time allows.

*By request of Lord Auberon de la Reve (Viceroy of Andorra):*

**Adding Language concerning Wars:** Currently there is no description of Wars other than Imperial Wars and Civil Wars in the By-laws. While other Wars such as Banner, Holy and Border Wars are mentioned there is little to no description on how they are handled and so forth. It has been said that these types of War are simply "Art". However being that they are point bearing events it makes sense to at least add descriptions and to define the perimeters of such. One can stipulate that such is already defined as for them being an event, but it is always better to place such things in specific language so that everyone is on the same page.

**Distance Entries for Arts:** It is the intention of this proposal to allow those unable to attend an Arts tournament to enter a project without being present. The individual who wishes to make such an entry must first contact a knight in good standing to receive the Entry and all accompanying documentation and to act as the individual's representative. The Creator of the entry would of course cover all costs of shipping and handling. Such long distance entries while capable of earning points for the individual would not be considered for points going to an Army's Score in a War situation. We feel that this is a good option especially for those in smaller sub-divisions who due to size limitations do not have the number of people necessary to judge Arts. We also feel that this would help encourage Arts participation as early as possible in Newer sub-divisions, getting the individual Artisans feet wet.

## XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 1/2, 2003. Details to be announced.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

**END OF AGENDA**