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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

Estates Meeting

March 22, 2003 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 23, 2003 – announced at the Saturday Meeting.

Location

The March meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held within the borders of the Kingdom of Umbria.

Estates Meeting

Executive Suites Extended Stay

1635 North Scottsdale Road

Tempe, AZ

(480) 947-3711 (for discount reservations)

www.bestwestern.com

Coffee and ice water will be provided during the meeting.

Hotel Information

Executive Suites Extended Stay: Discount rooms are available for attendees who make reservations by March 15th. Room rate is \$89/night, call (480) 947-3711 for reservations or questions. Be sure to mention "Adrian Empire meeting". The sleeping rooms are suites, each including a small kitchenette, sitting area (with fold-out couch), and separate bedroom.

Travel Information

Nearby Attractions & Other Things: With TIMS' permission, Umbria is planning diversions during the day for those not attending the meeting. In addition, the Phoenix Zoo is nearby, as are a wealth of parks, including the Tempe Town Lake recreational area, and some excellent shopping venues.

Airports: The nearest airport is the Phoenix airport. They have a very good website with traveler information regarding directions, parking, ground transportation etcetera at http://phoenix.gov/AVIATION/maps_dir/directions.html.

Airport Shuttles: One company, SuperShuttle, operates 24 hours a day on a time scheduled basis offering airport-to-door service. Vans depart at least every 15 minutes to all areas of the Valley from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with lesser frequencies from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Fares are charged on a flat rate to each sector of geographic area. Call (602) 244-9000/voice or (602) 243-7786/TDD, for reservations.

Taxi Service: According to the hotel, cab fare's about \$13. Three taxi companies have contracted with Sky Harbor Airport to provide service for the set rates. There are no extra charges for more than one in the party or baggage. The three companies are: AAA Cab (602) 437-4000, Allstate (602) 329-1017 and Discount (602) 266-1110.

Free Shuttle: Umbria has many subjects who have volunteered to serve as free shuttle service to any who are flying into the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like us to make arrangements for your transportation to and from the airport.

Disqualification (Article VI.E.4)

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) two official events in any subdivision within the previous (6) six months will be denied seat. The membership entitled to a vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the SUMMONING of the meeting and may not be subsequently altered by any means, including expiration of dues, nonparticipation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estates held by a given member, until the meeting is concluded. The only exceptions are resignation of a given member, judicial ban, or creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership. A meeting is deemed summoned at the point of minimum notice. The point of minimum notice is defined as thirty days for the Estates General of the chartered subdivision or sixty days for any body of Imperial Estates, unless a waiver of such notice is granted by the summoned body, in which case the point of minimum notice shall be the date of actual notice. The Crown, if available will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available. *Note: Past practice has permitted these estates, created after the notice period, to be seated (notice waived) when no objection is made. Examples: Count or Countess Royal, new March, Third Level Knighthood.*

Proposals (Article VI.F.1.E.I)

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

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

Voting Lists

Crowns and Chancellors please notify the Imperial Chancery at dreye@lvcm.com of your list of eligible voters from your subdivision, qualified as of 60 days before the meeting (January 22, 2003).

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 November 2002 Imperial Estates Meeting
([2002November_Minutes.pdf](#)).

V. REPORTS

Unless otherwise noted, the Ministers' reports are included in [2003March_Reports.pdf](#).

- President and Board of Directors ([2003March_President.pdf](#))
- Chancery ([2003March_Chancellor.pdf](#))
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Chronicler
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Physicks
- Imperial Webmaster
- 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:

- Mirkwood
- Slivowitz

Expand Andorra's Borders

Requires majority (Tabled in November)

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

Commentary: *When asked about the shire, and its progress since March 2002, these answers were provided by His Excellency, Auberon de la Reve (Viceroy of Andorra).*

How many events have you had? *Andorra holds court once a month and has hosted several events. From several Movie Nights to two feasts as well as showing up and setting up information booths at a local Celtic Highland Games and the Geneseo Shakespere Festival. We also marched in the parade at the Highland games and performed a Demo on Courtly Love and The arts of Love at the Geneseo Festival. We have also spent a day at a local Junior High School teaching classes on life in the Middle Ages. We hold two meetings a month on the first and third monday. The third monday is our monthly court. We have been holding meetings since November of 2001.*

How many ministry positions are filled? *At this time we have filled the positions of A&S, Steward, Physiker, Hospitaller and Rolls. The Viceroy covers the rest at this time*

Do you have a newsletter? *We have a newsletter page on our website. The newsletter is updated and written every two months.*

Any problems? *Our biggest problems have been recruitment while we have been able to get several responses outside of our official borders yet within the States of Illinois and Iowa. Another issue we have problems with is weather and a place to meet. Being we are a shire the other issue has been monies to pay for the various expenses that a subdivision incurs.*

How were they overcome? *Well we are listed in the three local newspapers in the Calander sections of what to do and clubs of the area. Several posters have been placed throughout our area, a website was also created which has generated several hundreds of hits the counter is of course on the front page for an actual count. Also we have had info booths at two major events and our planning to have more and will be attending several festivals in 2003. We will also be walking in the 2003 Bix race which is an international marathon in July. To this event we are inviting all the Empire to join us as this is a televised event seen on Espn and National news. Solving the meeting places has been partially sucessful. For general meetings and court we have been meeting at a public library. For combat and dance practice we meet in a local park when the weather is warm On the money situation we have been to the best our abilities covered such from our own pockets. We have not requested an imperial loan as we do not want to incurr any financial obligations until our membership base is much larger, even then we hope to be self sufficient.*

How many members? *While we have had several people who are interested and several non paying participants we have 6 current paid members.*

For how long? *For the most part we have had between 9 and 6 paid members throughout our existance which has been for about a year and a half.*

Anything else you can think of that the Estates might want to know about why you want the change? *The Adrian Empire is virtually unknown in this area and the only group other than us is the SCA. We feel that our current area is to small for us to actively grow. Add to that that we have had many questions and inquireies from outside our recognised borders*

Elevate Somerset to Duchy

Requires majority

Elevate the Shire of Somerset to duchy status (at the request of the shire).

Commentary: *When asked about the shire, and its progress since March 2002, these answers were provided by His Excellency, Sir Arthur O'Tyne (Viceroy of Somerset).*

How many events have you had? *Four events have been held as of January, 2003. Events are already in the planning for the next 5 months. By March, we will have had 6 official Crown events. Along with monthly Crown events we also have monthly meetings, weekly gatherings, monthly Brewers guild gatherings and fighter practice (weather permitting, of course!)*

How many ministry positions are filled? *All except the Chancellor.*

Do you have a newsletter? *Our bimonthly newsletter is currently available on our shire website. Hard copies will be available soon.*

Any problems? *We have had our share of problems, our main issue was an individual who has been removed for causing such problems. The shire as a whole has learned, and moved on, from this situation and has been concentrating on the future of Somerset. Other main problems have been our battle with cold weather and limited funds for indoor, heated sites as a small group.*

How were they overcome? *After the Adrian trial held in October of 2002, the individual's membership was suspended and other rights removed. The shire pulled together and made a unified decision that we would continue on. As for event sites, we have had joint cooperation from our Autocrats and members to lower other costs for events and to charge higher site fees. This way we have been able to compromise and continue to hold events during the winter months.*

How many members do you have? For how long? *Currently we have 30 paid members in Somerset. Approx. 20 members since September of 2002.*

Anything else you can think of that the Estates might want to know about why you want the change in status? *Somerset has had many great accomplishments during the past 6 months. We have 12 qualified fighters, and many talented and enthusiastic artisans in this area. Two of our ministers are currently on committees to rewrite current Adrian manuals. Our Herald, who comes from an extensive SCA Heraldry background, has been very helpful in assisting our members with personas and personal heraldry. We boast two strong houses, The House Blue Maid and The House Loki, whom have been essential to the success of Somerset. As for Archery, we are currently waiting for the dawn of spring to bring our Archery to life. Our Minister of Archery is impatiently waiting for the good weather to start...In conclusion, we are hoping that becoming a Duchy will assist us in our growth and bring civilization to these Barbaric Midwestern lands.*

Elevate Castilles to Kingdom

Requires majority

Elevate the Archduchy of Castilles to kingdom status (at the request of the archduchy).

Commentary: *When asked about the archduchy, and its progress since July 2002, these answers were provided by His Grace, Sir Wright Bentwood (Archduke of Castilles).*

How many events have you had? *We hold three regular events each month. On the second Sunday of each month the City of Shide (canton) holds its monthly tournament list. On the last Sunday of each month the City of Yorkshore (capital) holds its lists. On the Saturday before Yorkshore, event Archery is held. We have held events every month since creation as a canton over 1-1/2 years ago. During the time we are own subdivision, we have held regular events (for 6 months, times 3 events a month, or 18 events). We also sponsor a subdivision weekly fighter practice and just participated in our first faire. By the time this reaches the Imperial Estates, we shall have officially participated in one more faire and possible two additional depending on negotiations.*

How many ministry positions are filled? *All of our ministry positions are filled, including the deputy positions. In fact, we have competition for the positions. We had to make additional positions specifically for the city of Shide where needed and these are filled as well. The total number of ministers is about 31.*

Do you have a newsletter? *We have a newsletter we call the "Keep". It contains all local information needed at the events.*

Any problems? How were they overcome? *We have had the same problems that plague all the subdivisions. Guy A is upset with guy B. However, we have addressed these problems as they have arisen to the satisfaction to most of our members. Usually it involves the disputes being brought to a noble of higher rank (house sire, baron, count, marquee, Duke). Once all sides are heard, a middle ground is usually found. We have also had problems with archery locations. Being within city bounds limits the amount of places we can shoot. However, due to the diligence of our Archery Minister and our populace we now have a field and a backup field if needed.*

How many members? *The Imperial Steward count is currently 112. However, we know personally that all of our members are not shown timely and the actual count is in the 120 area.*

For how long? *We started with over 100 (I believe it was 112). However since then we have had some members join and some leave. We believe we are still growing. We attend a faire in February and our number always grow after this faire.*

Anything else you can think of that the Estates might want to know about why you want the change in status? *Even though the Archduchy of Castilles will have 8 months of self existence by March (more than the requirement for Kingdom level), it has been in existence for a year before that. It was created as a canton that was given the authority to operate and report only to the Crown for 1 year before its independence. The ministers that run this subdivision are competent and many hold or have held Imperial Positions. Some of our nobility (Archduke Wright, Marquess Etaine, Sir Trakx, Baroness Gabrielle) have all traveled to Imperial Events and Estate meetings that have taken place on the west coast of the Empire. These people plan to continue to do so. We humbly ask that this increase in status be granted.*

CRB2. Remove the current Imperial Crown, install a Lord Protector

Requires 2/3rds

Per Article, VI.F.1.c., remove the Imperial Crown from office. A Lord or Lady Protector be voted in to manage the Imperial affairs.

Commentary: none provided

Chancellor's Note: *The current Chancellor's Manual makes no provision for expediting this item of business from New Business, but the Crown and Chancery believe it could create the absurd result of removing the Crown and then automatically requiring reconsideration at the July Meeting. Therefore, the Crown has exercised its prerogative to place the request under Crown Business where it will not require 2/3rds to consider it. We feel that so serious a request should not be delayed. It still requires 2/3rds to approve. We hope to amend the Chancellor's Manual to reflect this interpretation.*

Author: Sir Eduardo di Peruzzi (King of Aragon)

Co-Sponsor: none

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Amend Article V.E. Member Participation, Estates Writ 11 TourneyWins

Requires 2/3rds (Was CH2, tabled in November)

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

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

Current Writ: No member of the Adrian Empire may gain more than one tourney win per month for the purpose of gaining rank in the Knightly Orders. The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of attending an Imperial Tournament in the same month as a Crown Tournament.

Option 1

Amend law to read:

1. A member shall earn one point and may earn one win, for purposes of advancement, for participation in one (1) sanctioned chartered subdivision event per month, in each area of advancement that the member participates in, regardless of the number of events actually attended. If the member attends multiple events, the member shall determine which participation from which event shall be recorded. Therefore, if a member participates in and wins in combat at one event, arts at another, archery at another, and ministers at yet another; the member may properly receive the most advantageous credit in each area of advancement. Likewise, if a member participates in a make-up event for a previous month and does better or more in that event, the member may have that participation or win recorded instead of one already recorded, provided it is for the same month.
2. In addition, a member shall earn a second point and may earn a second win, for purposes of advancement, for participation in one (1) sanctioned Imperial event in the same month that the member earns a point for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple sanctioned Imperial events, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation shall be recorded applies. This is not an exception, it is the opportunity to earn an additional point.

3. Both points and both wins apply to advancement; the number of months alone shall not limit advancement

Repeal writ as redundant. *(Requires majority)*

Option 2: Excludes earning a second point for Imperial Estates Meetings, classes, etc.

1. A member shall earn one point and may earn one win, for purposes of advancement, for participation in one (1) sanctioned chartered subdivision event or sanctioned Imperial event other than Wars and Tourneys (including but not limited to Meetings and classes) per month, in each area of advancement that the member participates in, regardless of the number of events actually attended. If the member attends multiple events, the member shall determine which participation from which event shall be recorded. Therefore, if a member participates in and wins in combat at one event, arts at another, archery at another, and ministers at yet another; the member may properly receive the most advantageous credit in each area of advancement. Likewise, if a member participates in a make-up event for a previous month and does better or more in that event, the member may have that participation or win recorded instead of one already recorded, provided it is for the same month.
2. In addition, a member shall earn a second point and may earn a second win, for purposes of advancement, for participation in one (1) sanctioned Imperial War or Tournament event in the same month that the member earns a point for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple sanctioned Imperial War or Tournament events, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation shall be recorded applies. This is not an exception, it is the opportunity to earn an additional point.
3. Both points and both wins apply to advancement; the number of months alone shall not limit advancement.

Repeal writ as redundant. *(Requires majority)*

Commentary: For a long time, there has been confusion about what points can be counted as exceptions to the 1-per-month rule. There have been rulings, and clarifications, but there continues to be confusion. It is time to change the law to be specific enough to eliminate the questions.

Authors: the Crown and Chancery

CH2. Amend Article VI.C. to require all typo corrections must be approved by the Imperial Estates

Requires 2/3rds to approve

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.

Author: Sir Eduardo di Peruzzi (King of Aragon)

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Adopt Marshal's Manual as Writ

Requires majority to approve manual. (Was OB6. Adopted July 2002 for playtesting. Presented in November 2003 and tabled for further playtesting.)

See [marshal_03.pdf](#) for complete manual.

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

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

Co-sponsor: The Crown

OB2. Amend Article XV. B. to provide new pax regium

Requires 2/3rds (Was OB8. Tabled in November 2002)

Current law: In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for the duration of time allotted for the Crowns to rule.

Amend to read: In a Kingdom Civil War, if the Royal Crown is successful, a new Pax Regium shall be instituted for **6 months if this is the first reign of the Crowns, or for the remainder** of time allotted for the Crowns to rule.

Commentary: The current law allows Civil War to be declared a short time before the scheduled Crown war, thus requiring supporters of the Crowns to fight two wars in a very short period of time, where the challenger gets a free 6 mos. After working hard to win a Civil war, it is only fair that a Crown who is not coming to the end of a 2 yr reign be granted the same.

Authors: Dame Juliana Hirsch, Dame Marcella Visconti

OB3. Amend Article XV. B., to approve Civil War challengers

Requires 2/3rds (Was OB9. Tabled in November 2002)

Current law: An Interim Civil War may be called by any member who meets the qualifications for Crown or Ruling Noble of the chartered subdivision or subdivision for which that member wishes to challenge.

Insert after first sentence: The Estates must approve the candidate by a majority vote.

Commentary: The current law allows a candidate who would not be approved by the majority of the estates for a Crown War to use Civil War to gain the Crown.

Authors: Dame Juliana Hirsch, Dame Marcella Visconti

OB4. Amend Article XV. B. 1., to correct the timeline in a civil war

Requires 2/3rds (Was OB10. Tabled in November 2002)

Current law: ...The Crown shall select the time and place so long as it is within the chartered subdivision and within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the challenge.

Amend to read: ...The Crown shall select the time and place so long as it is within the chartered subdivision and within thirty (30) days of the **approval of the candidate by the applicable Estates.**

Commentary: The current law has a contradictory timeline.

Authors: Dame Juliana Hirsch, Dame Marcella Visconti

OB5. Amend Article XV. B. 2., to provide a new Pax Regium

Requires 2/3rds (Was OB11. Tabled in November 2002)

Current law: A vote of 2/3rd's of the Estates Royal General may void the challenge. For an Imperial challenge, a vote of 2/3rd's of the Imperial Estates General may void the challenge...

Insert after second sentence: A vote of 2/3rds of the Estates to void the challenge shall result in a Pax Regium of 6 months or for the duration of time allotted for the Crowns to rule."

Commentary: The current law allows a challenger to harass the existing Government. If the challenge is voted down, the challenger or another can continue to challenge on a day to day basis. This is disruptive to government and the harmony of the Game.

Authors: Dame Juliana Hirsch, Dame Marcella Visconti

OB6. Award DI for attendance at Imperial Estates Meeting

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB1)

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

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

Author: Dame Etaine Llywelyn (Imperial Minister of Rolls)

Co-sponsor: The Chancery

OB7. Amend Article III.A.1 to add add sexual orientation and gender identification to the open membership definition.

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB2)

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

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

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

Author: Sir Nigel of Huntington

Co-sponsor: The Chancery

OB8. Delete Article I.C. operating principles

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB3)

Delete article I. C in its entirety

Current law: C. OPERATING PRINCIPLES

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

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

Author: Sir Cirus (Baron les Marchante des Ombres dû Morte, Knight Premier)
Co-Sponsor: The Chancery

OB9. Amend Article VII.F. to create Minister of Justice

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB5)

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

Current law: The Chancellor shall be the chairperson of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings and preparing the agenda. The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General.

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

Add: 2. Minister of Justice

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

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

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

Author: The Chancery
Co-Sponsor: The Crown

OB10. Amend Article IX.C.1.d - 4.d additional requirements for knighthood

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB6)

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

Archery Roll

Current law: d. Knight Archer

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

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

Combatant Roll

Current law: d. Knight Bachelor

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

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

Minister Roll

Current law: d. Knight Minister

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

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

Robe Roll

Current law: d. Knight Robe

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

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

Alternative Proposal

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

Archery Roll

Current law: d. Knight Archer

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

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

Current Law: e. Knight Forester

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

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

Current Law: f. Knight Warden

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

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

Combatant Roll**Current law: d. Knight Bachelor**

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

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

Current law: e. Knight Banneret

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

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

Current law: f. Knight Champion

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

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

Minister Roll**Current law: d. Knight Minister**

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

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

Current law: e. Knight Civil

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

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

Current law: f. Knight Premier

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

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

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

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

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

Current law: e. Knight Master

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

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

Current law: f. Knight Doctor

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

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

Commentary: The original proposal applied only to the Arts and created inequity between the peerages.

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

OB11. Add Article IX.C.5. to create Renaissance Combatant Roll

Requires 2/3rds (Was NB7)

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

Add: 5. RENAISSANCE COMBATANT ROLL

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

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

Proposal 1

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

Note: This will amend Estates Writ 11.

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

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Proposal 2

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

Note: This will amend Estates Writ 11.

Amend to read: 1.COMBATANT ROLL

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

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

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amend Article XI, to allow Civil Courts to impose penalties for members knighted improperly

Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve

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.

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

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Co-Sponsor: *The Chancery*

NB2. Amend Article IX.C.2. Robe Roll to allow non-judged arts activities to earn arts participation points

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

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) Master's tourneys at Crown events.

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

Current law: c. Master

- i. Participation in five (5) additional Master'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 Doctor

- 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 Master

- 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**

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- 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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NB3. Amend Estates Writ 6 to include DI for Crowns, local ministers

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve

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.

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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.

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NB4. Amend Article VII.F.3 and Estates Writ to redefine Steward's description

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

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 Steward(s) (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.*

Chancellor's Note: *Amend proposal, delete 'bounces' insert 'is returned for insufficient funds', delete 'who bounces a check' insert 'whose check is returned'.*

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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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NB5. Amend Article XVI.A. to disallow "outlanders" at Crown Wars

Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve

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.

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NB6. Amend Estates Writ 3, Steward's Manual, procedure for receipt of dues

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve

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: Suggested "bounced" should be reworded to read "returned by the bank for any reason".

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NB7. Delete Article XVII Empire of Chivalry and Steel

Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve

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?

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NB8. Amend Arts and Sciences Manual, Article I.E.2. to require judges re-qualification if inactive for one year

Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve

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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NB9. Amend Article XVII to not recognize ECS retirement titles

Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve

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.

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NB10. Remove retirement title from a member

2/3rds to consider; 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

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 (King of Aragon)

Co-Sponsor: none

NB11. Amend Article III.A.3. add to reasons for membership denial

2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to approve

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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X. DISCUSSION

As time allows.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

July 19/20, 2003. Details to be announced.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA