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# MINUTES

## I. CALL TO ORDER

**9:05 am Florida time (9:00 Adrian standard time), Saturday November 1, 2003**

## II. ROLL CALL

**Original seating: 29 present, 54 by proxy (83)**

**Motion to waive notice, seat Sir Blackarrow, Dame Marguerite (Knight Wardens): Approved  
Barony of the Monastery of the Sacred Light seated late (1 vote)**

**Final seating: 29 present, 57 by proxy (86 total of 113 possible)**

### Imperial Crown

Dame Elizabeth Grey (Empress) **present**  
Sir Karl von Katzburg (Emperor) **also present**

### Alhambra, Archduchy *Roll call verified 10-6-03*

Crown: Dame Amara vai'Datha (Archduchy) **proxy**, Dame Katherine Marshal  
County of Iberia **proxy**, Dame Katherine Marshal  
Barony McKlaine **proxy**, Dame Katherine Marshal

### Andorra, Shire *Roll call verified 10-20-03*

House de la Reve: Isabeau de la Reve (Lady) **proxy**, Dame Katherine Marshal

### Aragon, Kingdom *Roll call verified 10-30-03*

Crown: Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (Lord Protector) **present**  
Dame Elizabeth (Lady Protector)  
Marzo di Morte e la Foresta: Sir William Baine (Marquis) **proxy**, Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane  
March Foresta e Morte: Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Marquessa) **present**  
March Dell' Amicizia: Dame Charicce (Marquessa) **proxy**, Sir Cirus  
County Black Rose: Sir Jean Marc Fontenay (Count) **proxy**, Sir Cirus  
Contea di Convenienza: Calista O'Flannabrah, Esq. (Countess) **proxy**, Dame Ashlinn Tiernan  
Sean Brodaire, Esq. (Count)  
Sir Eric of Stavanger (Count Royal, Vega) **disqualified, lack of membership**  
Sir David von Albrecht (Count Royal) **absent**  
Dame Serina de Torseillo (Countess Royal, K3) **proxy**, Sir Cirus  
Sir William Baine (K3) **present**  
Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (K3) **present**  
Sir Justin Kase (Count Royal, Vega) **proxy**, Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane  
Beethag de la Gleen (Countess Royal, Vega) **disqualified, lack of participation**  
Dame Caoimhe O'Raghallaigh (K3) **proxy**, Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane  
Dame Rose of Aberlone (K3) **proxy**, Sir William Baine  
Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane (Count Royal) **present**

### Brandenburg, Archduchy *Roll call verified 10-10-03*

Crown: Sir Karl von Oberfuhrer (ArchDuke) **absent**  
Barony Hoffbrau: Baroness Dame Juliana Hirsch (Baroness) **proxy**, HRM Marion Leal Durius  
Barony Palentines: Dame Marcella Visconti (Baroness) **absent**  
Sir Arion Hirsch (K3) **proxy**, HRM Marion Leal Durius  
Sir Erik the Aweful (Prince) **absent**  
HE Sir James of March le Coir Noir (Prince, K3) **absent**  
Sir Johan von Hohenstaufen (Count Royal) **proxy**, Lady Claire of Eagles Roost  
Dame Juliana Hirsch (K3) **proxy**, HRM Marion Leal Durius  
Dame Marcella Visconti (Countess Royal) **absent**  
Sir Mathghamhain Kilshannig (Prince) **absent**  
Sir Nigel Seymor (K3) **proxy**, Sir Alaric Thorne  
Sir Rhys ap Thomas (Count Royal) **absent**

**Cambridge, Duchy** *Roll call verified 9-9-03*Crown: Lord Auren Benedict (Duke) **proxy, Dame Etaine**Barony of the Monastery of the Sacred Light: Bishop Greco (Baron), **proxy, Dame Etaine – seated Sunday, November 2, 2003, after lunch break**Clan Kyodai: Sir Darion Kiriakis (Lord) **absent****Carolingia, Archduchy (formerly Tierra Del Fuego)** *Roll call verified 9-11-03*Crown: Sir Nicolas Worthington (ArchDuke) **proxy, Elisabeth Grey**March of St. Michael: Dame Julianna **proxy, Elisabeth Grey**Sir Karl von Katzburg (Marquis) **also present**House Verange: Sir Wilhelm der Grosse (Lord) **absent**Sisters of Saint John: Dame Maud de Clayton (Lady) **proxy, Elisabeth Grey**Dame Elisabeth Grey (Princess) **present**Sir Karl von Katzburg (Count Royal, K3) **present****Castilles, Kingdom** *Roll call verified 10-26-03*Crown: Dame Etaine Llewlyn (Queen) **present**

Amador de la Hoya (King)

March Mercia: Gygantus Dannada (Marquis) **present**

Serelle Llywelyn (Marquessa)

March Norfolk: Sir Alaric Thorne (Marquis) **present**Countess Norfolk: Lady Carol Ann MacKay (Countess) **proxy, Sir Wright Bentwood**County Phoenix: Sir Giacomo di Verona (Count) **present****Chesapeake, Duchy** *Roll call verified 10-22-03*Crown: Lady Kyra Evaine (Duchess) **present**Sir Aerindane McLorie (K2) **proxy, Lady Kyra Evaine**Dame Kelda Rudd Katha (K2) **proxy, Lady Kyra Evaine****Dragon's Mist, Duchy** *Roll call verified 9-5-03*Crown: Xavier (Duke) **present**Barony Antrim: Catrianna Celeste O'Druane (Baroness) **proxy, Roxanne Mockabee**

Keir MacAlpine (Baron)

House Elfsdragon: Sir Bowen McBruce (Lord) **absent****Dunvegan, Shire** *Roll call verified 9-29-03 – Elevated to Duchy*House Dragon's Bane: Karl Lagerstein (Lord) **proxy, Lady Kyra Evaine**Shire: Dame Isabel MacAskill (Vicereine) **proxy, Lady Kyra Evaine – later seated as Duchess****Ekaterinegorod, Archduchy** *not verified*Crown: Sir Sergay Ruslanovich (Archduke) **absent**Barony Bloodstone: Angus of Bloodstone (Baron) **absent**Sir Perrin Malcolm: **absent**Dame Isabeau de Ravene (Princess) **absent**Dame Dorothea McEwan (Princess) **absent****Esperance, Kingdom** *Roll call verified 10-29-03*Crown: Sir Terrin Greyuphis (King) **present, holding vote**Dame Marion Leal Durius (Queen) **also present**March of Aggravaine: **disqualified, under numbers**March of Anvilania: **disqualified, under numbers**County Aguilar: Sir Vino Fanucci (Count) **absent**Barony of Vineland: Sir William de Mild (Baron) **proxy, HRM Terrin Greyphis**

Dame Lyrica Angeline (Baroness)

Dame Aleta O'Barry (Countess Royal) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**Sir Coda der Drachesohn (K3, Count Royal) **disqualified, lack of attendance**Dame Elspeth O'Neill (Comtessa of Lincoln) **proxy, HRM Terrin Greyphis**Dame Katherine Marshal (Princess, K3, Countess Royal) **present**Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**Dame Maedb Hawkins (Countess Royal, K3) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**Dame Razi bint Sabra (Countess Royal) **absent**Sir Sergei Boroslav (Count Royal) **absent**

Sir Terrin Greyphis (K3) **present**  
 Sir William Ce'Wolf (Count Royal) **proxy, HRM Terrin Greyphis**  
 Dame Willow de Rara (K3, Countess Royal) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**

**Sangrael, Duchy** *Roll call verified 10-27-03*

Crown: Sir Roger Lamont (Duke) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**  
 Dame Kathleen Lamont (Duchess)  
 House MacDonald: Dame Isabeau Dionne (Lady) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**  
 House Fealough: Dame Gwenllian Derwen (Lady) **proxy, Dame Katherine Marshal**

**Somerset, Duchy** *Roll call verified 7-1-03*

Crown: Sir Arthur O.Tine (Duke) **proxy, Dame Abegail del Oscuro**  
 Lady Sorche Kirkirby (Duchess)  
 House Blue Maid: Constance Roswell (Lady) **proxy, Dame Abegail del Oscuro**  
 House Hijas del Sol: Cecilia Viscorf (Lady) **proxy, Dame Abegail del Oscuro**

**Terre Neuve, Kingdom** *Roll call verified 10-27-03*

Crown: Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen de McDonnon (Queen) **present**  
 Sir Madoc McDonnon (King)  
 March Where Dat Al Row: Talian Bran McNeil (Marquis) **proxy, Lady Claire of Eagles Roost**  
 County Anwnn: Lyron de McDonnon (Count) **disqualified, under numbers**  
 County Terre Amata: Angus McLean de McDonnon (Count) **proxy, Lady Claire of Eagles Roost**  
 Barony Ard Artha: Keedaly (Baroness) **proxy, Lady Claire of Eagles Roost**  
 Sir Badger Kelly (Count Royal) **absent**  
 Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen de McDonnon (Countess Royal) **present**  
 Sir Nikolai McClean Belski von Hapsburg (Prince, Earl of Terre Neuve) **present**

**Umbria, Kingdom** *Roll call verified 10-5-03*

Crown: Sir Waldham (King) **also present**  
 Dame Nisha Rosalia (Queen) **present, holding vote**  
 March Blackstaff: Sir Valance Prize (Marquis) **proxy, HIIH Aislynne de Chartier**  
 County Concorde: Lord Gunther (Count) **proxy, HIIH Aislynne de Chartier**  
 Barony Dragon's Lair: **proxy, Dame Etaine**  
 Dame Aislynne de Chartier (Countess Royal) **present**  
 Dame Delia von Burg (Countess Royal) **absent**  
 Sir Fredrick von Burg (K3) **absent**  
 Sir James the Red (Count Royal) **proxy, Dame Etaine**  
 Sir Knighthawke le Treson (Count Royal) **proxy, HIIH Aislynne de Chartier**  
 Sir Pavo Rosalio (K3) **proxy, Dame Nisha Rosalia**  
 Sir Philippe Dubois Guilbert (K3, Count Royal) **present**  
 Sir Waldham (K3) **present**  
 Sir Michael Sinestro (K3) **proxy, Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert**  
 Sir Blackarrow (K3) **proxy, Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert – seated after notice waived**  
 Sir Marguerite Dubois (K3) **proxy, Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert – seated after notice waived**

**York, Kingdom** *Roll call verified 9-10-03*

Crown: Sir Killian Oakesblood (King) **present, holding vote**  
 Dame Josephine Oakesblood (Queen) **also present**  
 March Tir de Righ: Dame Brianna Fraser Delwyn (Marquessa) **present**  
 County Contae Duir: Sir Mobius (Count) **present, holding vote**  
 Dame Toreisa McBride (Countess) **also present**  
 County Lyonnese: Sir Bleyz MacBruce (Count) **present**  
 Dame Sionna Wylde (Countess)  
 Dame Brejenne Cunningham (Countess Royal) **proxy, HRM Killian Oakesblood**  
 Sir Killian Oakesblood (Count Royal) **present**  
 Dame Jericho Gutte D'Or (Countess Royal) **proxy, Sir Nikolai Belski**  
 Sir Raffé Cunningham (Count Royal) **proxy, HRM Killian Oakesblood**

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

**None**

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Approved as amended**

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

## V. REPORTS

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

- President and Board of Directors
- Chancery ([2003Nov\\_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

**Castilles, York: Sir Nikolai noted that charters were changed for the Kingdoms of Castilles and York; however, it appears that the operative language was changed and not voted on.**

**Motion to Refer to Crown and Chancery (note: Crown Concurs) To check and verify the Charters for missing implementation language changes and omitting of words for the charters of the Kingdom of Castilles and the Kingdom of York and Sangrael. Find out ORIGINAL language. . . . . Approved on voice vote**  
**Imperial Crown calls for Civil Court on Charter of the Duchy of Sangrael.**

### Reactivate inactive shire

The following shires have membership and their charters have been reactivated:

- Mirkwood (North Carolina)

### Border change, and elevate to Duchy . . . . . **APPROVED**

**Motion to divide the question: Border Changes and Elevation (approved by voice vote)**

**Motion to Elevate approved by voice vote**

**Motion to Elevate Vicerine to Duchess and Seating that Delegate as Duchess (approved by voice vote)**

**Motion to Change Border incorporating the Friendly Amendment: to increase border size.**

**Question raised about wisdom of expanding borders across State lines.**

**Current Borders: A Portion of Virginia**

**New Border: Most of VA minus which county (Lauden)**

**If this charter motion passes must not diminish Chesapeake's Territory. Evidence must be provided. Motion to Change borders of Dunvegan approved by voice vote.**

**Border change authorized pending documentation**

The Shire of Dunvegan wishes to increase its borders to include the western side of route 95 to the borders of West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The reason for this request is that we have people joining from within this new area that are forming Cantons under the Shire of Dunvegan umbrella. One of the Cantons will be located on the western side of Richmond Virginia, the second will be located in the City of Fairfax. Inaugural events are in the planning stages and scheduled for October and November. The crown event will continue to occur on the third Saturday of each month, with the Richmond Canton event the second Saturday and the Fairfax Canton the fourth Saturday. The Canton in Fairfax will have primarily college students for members. Most of whom are from Northern and Western Virginia.

Additionally, the shire requests elevation to duchy status.

**CRB2. Review Imperial budget. . . . . APPROVED**

*Motion to approve budget passed by acclamation*

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget.

**CRB3. Review associate memberships**

*No discussion*

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

- RMS: 100 members at \$10.00/member SCA: unlimited members at \$10.00/member
- ECS: unlimited members at \$10.00/member

**VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS**

**CH1. Amend Bylaws to incorporate modifications . . . . . TABLED**

*Moved to end of business, Sunday  
Motion to table approved by voice vote*

*Requires 2/3rds to approve*

As per the proposal adopted in July 2003, all modifications to the Bylaws, Codex etc. (word changes, cleaning up the language, etc., except minor spelling and grammar errors, and updates and omissions from previous updates) must be posted for review and ratified at the next Imperial Estates meeting. Appendix A ([2003Nov\\_appendixA.pdf](#)) contains a number of such changes.

*Authors/Sponsors: the Chancery*

**CH2. Consider the reign of Elizabeth and Karl . . . . . TABLED**

*Motion to table until March: Approved by voice vote*

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the Imperial Estates shall evaluate of the success or failure of the current Imperial Crown's reign as well as any prior reigns not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such reigns. The Imperial Estates General shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial reign.

- HIM Elisabeth Grey
- HIM Karl von Katzburg

**CH3. Elect the Board of Directors**

***Motion to suspend the order of the day to consider NB1 before CH3 approved (63 approved, 17 against, 5 abstentions)***

***Counter-motion to not consider any new business (made by HIM Karl) failed (28 in favor, 55 opposed)***

***Objection to consideration of question, failed on voice vote***

Pursuant to Estates Writ 14, elect the Board of Directors for an annual term. Arizona Corporate Law requires President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to be on the Board of Directors. Membership on the Board requires limited disclosure to the State of Arizona regarding your personal financial and legal history. Copies of the form will be available at the meeting to review.

- President: Christine Hugenburg (HIM Aislynne de Chartier)
- Vice-President: Chris Bagnall (HIM Wright Bentwood)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Sara Huizenga (Dame Lenora Scott Greyphis)
- 2 will be elected to 2-year terms, 2 will be elected to 1-year terms

***Board of Directors announcement from Her Imperial Majesty to inform all the potential members what the responsibilities entail in the legality of being a Board Member in the State of Arizona and will sign the disclosure form. Estates may want to establish a method or mechanism to take BoD Nominations at the same time as Imperial Crowns to declare their intent to run for the BoD ahead of time so that questions may be asked. Nominations heard Saturday, vote taken Sunday. Top 4 vote getters will be on the board. Motion to vote for the new Board members first, then determine which two members shall serve for two years approved by voice vote.***

***Nominees:***

- HG Sir Phillippe DuBois Guilbert (Victor Grady)
- HE Sir Pavo Rosalia (John Agee-Ross)
- HE Dame Ashlenn Tiernan (Andey Lounds)
- HRH Sir Bleyz McBruce (John Coffey)
- HE Gygantus Dannada (Dan McDade)
- HIM Sir Karl (Carl Ontis)
- HE Sir Warren Anthony (Warren Mitchell) pending legal review of the Imperial Chancery
- HRM Dame Marion Leal Durius (Mary Ann Coe)
- HRM Dame Kendra (Rachel Brees) nomination withdrawn by nominee
- HIH Dame Maedb Hawkins (Vicki Eldredge) nomination withdrawn by nominee

***First Vote:***

- HE Sir Warren Anthony (Warren Mitchell) - 51
- HE Sir Pavo Rosalia (John Agee-Ross) - 39
- HRH Sir Bleyz McBruce (John Coffey) - 43
- HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert (Victor Grady) - 35
- HRM Dame Marion Leal Durius (Mary Ann Coe) - 31
- HE Dame Ashlenn Tiernan (Andey Lounds) - 33
- HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg (Carl Ontis) - 26
- HE Gygantus Dannada (Dan McDade) - 15

***Run-off 1:***

- HG Sir Philippe DuBois Guilbert - 16
- HRM Dame Marion Leal Durius - 26
- HE Dame Ashlenn Tiernan - 24

**Run-off 2**

- HE Dame Ashlinn Tiernan - 30
- HRM Dame Marion Leal Durius - 28

**Final results:**

Sir Warren, Sir Pavo, Sir Bleyz, Dame Ashlinn are elected to the Board of Directors

**Motion to approve Sir Warren and Sir Pavo for 2-year terms approved by acclamation**

Sir Warren and Sir Pavo will serve for two years; Sir Bleyz and Dame Ashlinn will serve for one year

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS****OB1. Add Article IX.C.5., create Renaissance Combatant Roll . . . . . REMOVED**

*Requires majority to take from the table. (Was OB2, item failed in March 2003, notice of reconsideration was given at that time to allow for counter-proposals. Resolution adopted to endorse general concept, agenda item itself tabled in July 2003)*

*Requires 2/3rds to approve.*

*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.*

**Motion to remove from table approved (73 in favor, 12 against)**

**No reading of report from earlier caucus.**

**Motion to approve Ren Knighthood and defer the details to the Imperial Crowns failed (51 in favor, 28 against)**

**Motion to rescind resolution to keep placing OB1 on agenda of Imp. Estates Meeting failed (25 in favor, 54 against)**

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

**Proposal 1, Add Renaissance Combatant Roll**

**Note from Chancery:** *In March 2003, the author stated he would resubmit the proposal without the grandfather clause, and to correctly reflect his intent. The resubmission has not been received as of October 2003, so the proposal appears without change, though the Rolls Office strongly objects 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 11.*

### 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.

## 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."

### Option 1 to Proposal 2

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

### 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.

## Proposal 3

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

## Proposal 4

Leave the combat roll unchanged. Adopt authorized deviation from the law to permit second- and third-level advancement based on renaissance combat (to be titled Knight Master of the Fence (K2) and Knight Ancient Master of the Fence (K3)). Should the member subsequently earn sufficient armored participation and wins, the title may be converted to Knight Banneret (K2) and Knight Champion (K3).

## Proposal 5

Amend the combatant roll to be an armored roll (containing only shinai and armored styles), and create a renaissance roll (containing only schlager and cut-and-thrust styles).

### Amend to read: 1. **ARMORED COMBATANT ROLL**

#### a. Yeoman

- i. Be authorized by a **Armored** Knight Combatant or two Sergeants and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the Sergeants' List.
- ii. A member in good standing. (July 2002)

#### b. Guardsman

- i. Participation in three (3) Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.

#### c. Sergeant

- i. Participation in five (5) additional Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in a Sergeants' List at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in ~~shinai or armored combat at~~ two (2) demonstrations.

- iv. Be authorized by **an Armored 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 **shinai or armored combat at** one (1) war at a Crown event.
- iv. Participation in **shinai or armored combat at** 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 **shinai or armored combat at** five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in **shinai or armored combat at** 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 **shinai or armored combat at** ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
- iv. Participation in **shinai or armored combat at** fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

**Add: 2. RENAISSANCE COMBATANT ROLL**

**a. Student**

- i. **Be authorized by a Renaissance Knight Combatant or two Free Scholars and the Minister of Joust and War to enter the Free Scholars' List (schlager).**
- ii. **A member in good standing. (July 2002)**

**b. Scholar**

- i. **Participation in three (3) Free Scholars' Lists (schlager)\* at Crown events** (\*Note: previously referred to Sergeants' Light Renaissance lists but listed here as Free Scholars' lists for consistency in terminology).

**c. Free Scholar**

- i. **Participation in five (5) additional Free Scholars' Lists (schlager) at Crown events.**
- ii. **One (1) win in a Free Scholars' List (schlager) at a Crown event.**
- iii. **Participation in renaissance combat at two (2) demonstrations.**
- iv. **Be authorized by a Renaissance 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 (Cut and Thrust) at Crown events.**
- ii. **One (1) win in the Renaissance Knights' Lists (Cut and Thrust) at a Crown event.**
- iii. **Participation in renaissance combat at one (1) war at a Crown event.**
- iv. **Participation in renaissance combat at three (3) additional demonstrations.**

**e. Knight Master of the Fence**

- i. **Participation in eighteen (18) additional Renaissance Knights' Lists (Cut and Thrust) at Crown events.**
- ii. **Five (5) additional wins in the Renaissance Knights' Lists (Cut and Thrust) at Crown events.**
- iii. **Participation in renaissance combat at five (5) additional wars at Crown events.**
- iv. **Participation in renaissance combat at five (5) additional demonstrations.**

**f. Knight Champion of the Fence**

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

**OB2. Amend Article VII.F.3 and Estates Writ to redefine Steward . . . . . FAILED**

*Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaws, majority to amend writ (Was OB6)*

**Failed on voice vote**

Amend to require steward to request an audit every year

*(Was proposal 2 referred to the BoD, Chancery, authors for clarification of language)*

**Original proposal, 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.**

Suggested clarification will be provided.

**OB3. Amend Steward's Manual, procedure for receipt of dues . . . . . TABLED**

*Requires majority to approve (Was OB8)*

**Motion to return to the authors for re-draft regarding language approved by overwhelming voice vote**

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

**OB4. Amend Arts/Sciences Man., Article I.E.2. to require judges re-qual. . . . . APPROVED**

*Requires majority to approve (Was OB10)*

**Motion to approve OB4 approved by overwhelming voice vote**

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.**

**OB5. Amend recognition of points/title from other organizations .WITHDRAWN**

**Motion to allow author to withdraw the Item approved (45 in favor, 33 against)**

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

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

**Proposal 3: Recognize ranks and titles from other organizations, limit voting privileges**

**OB6. Amend Article III.A.3. add to reasons for membership denial . . . . .FAILED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (Was OB13)*

**Motion to approve failed by voice vote**

**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.**

**OB7. Amend Article III.F. to allow members to choose subdivision . APPROVED**

**Original Proposal . . . . . APPROVED**

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

**Motion to move to end of Old Business, just before Chancery Business failed by voice vote**

**Motion to approve first part as written approved (55 in favor, 23 against)**

**Motion to add Addition 1 to OB7 (51 in favor, 8 against)**

**Motion to add Addition 2 to OB7 (60 in favor, 13 against)**

**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.

## **Counterproposal: Create Second chartered subdivision within Aragon . . . APPROVED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve*

***Motion to table this motion failed by overwhelming voice vote***

***Motion to approve failed (51 in favor, 26 against)***

***Recount requested: 53 in favor, 22 against -- Motion Approved***

Because Aragon (Nevada) is unique in the Empire, an exception to law is requested that will allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries.

## **OB8. Reinstate Sumptuary and Regalia Writ #18 (Chains of State) . . . . . FAILED**

*Requires majority to approve (was NB2)*

***Motion to disapprove passed on voice vote***

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".)

## **OB9. Amend Article VI.E.2 to define budget, include Kingdoms . . . APPROVED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was NB3)*

**Approved by voice vote (Glossary definition referred to Chancery for re-write)**

Budgets will be submitted by Imperial/Kingdom officers each 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 proposed items and cost, and reflect a total expenditure. Budgets will be presented to the Estates General in the Agenda 30 days prior to the vote.

#### **Amend Rights of the Estates:**

**Current Law (Imperial Estates General):** VI.F.1.d.iv. Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown and approve expenditure of treasury funds.

**Amend to read:** Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown, ~~and approve~~ **annual budgets** and expenditure of treasury funds.

**Curent Law (Estates General of a Chartered Subdivision):** VI.F.2.b.i. Approve writs and charters issued by the Crown and approve expenditure of treasury funds

**Amend to read:** Approve writs and charters issued by the Crown, ~~and approve~~ **annual budgets and** expenditure of treasury funds.

#### **Amend Rights of Crowns:**

**Add: VI.F.3.b.xi. Draft and submit an annual budget to the estates general no less than 30 days prior to the published meeting date.** (*note to chancery: renumber remaining item*)

**Add to Glossary: Budget - Drafted and submitted annually by Imperial and Royal Crowns to their respective Estates General, budgets include proposed items, anticipated cost, and reflect total expenditures.**

*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 Ashlenn Tiernan (former Chancellor of Aragon)

*Co-Sponsor:* the Chancery

**OB10.Amend Article VII.C. to require all estates-holders/ministers not be minors ..... TABLED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was NB4)*

***Motion to to table until March 2003 to draft counterproposal - failed on voice***

***1st proposed amendment - clearly state that wards who gain a vote in their own right by virtue of knighthood cannot exercise their vote until they are no longer wards of the state***

***2nd proposed amendment - clearly state that wards must have a co-ruler who is above the age of 18 and is not under the guardianship of another person***

***Motion to refer to author for re-write approved (36 in favor, 27 against)***

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 Ashlenn Tiernan (Chancellor of Aragon)



**OB11.Add VI.F.1.d.v., VI.F.2.b.iii. adopt rules of procedure . . . . .TABLED**

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

***Motion to refer to author for re-write approved by acclamation***

**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 Ashlinn Tiernan (Chancellor of Aragon)*

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

**OB12.Remove point-earning restrictions . . . . .FAILED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was NB6)*

***Motion to disapprove approved by overwhelming voice vote***

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 overachieve
  - 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.

**OB13.Amend Article IV.F. Discounts to remove mil., student discounts .FAILED**

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

***Motion to approve failed (43 in favor, 38 against)***

**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...

**OB14.Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period . . . . . FAILED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was NB8)*

***Motion to approve failed (43 in favor, 43 against)***

***Re-vote called: Motion to approve failed (43 in favor, 43 against)***

**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.~~

**OB15.Amend Article III.B.4. Ass. Members may/may not hold office. . . TABLED**

*Requires 2/3rds to approve (was NB9)*

***Motion to disapprove failed (31 in favor, 46 against)***

***Motion to table for re-write approved (76 in favor, votes against not tallied)***

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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## Counter Proposal 1

The above proposal extends to holding and estate, or ministry service only.

*Authors/Co-Sponsors: The Chancery*

## Counter Proposal 2

Amend the law to specifically state that associate members have **all** the rights and privileges of a participating member.

*Authors/Co-Sponsors: The Chancery*

# IX. NEW BUSINESS

## NB1. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 14 on election, appt. of Board of Directors .

### APPROVED

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

**Considered before item CH3.**

**Motion to table until the next meeting of the Imperial Estates: failed (35 in favor, 47 against)**

**Motion to accept NB1 Original proposal as written approved (56 in favor, 23 against)**

**Motion to approve NB1 Alternate approved (63 in favor, 12 opposed)**

**Motion to waive notice of 30-day announcement and implement NB1 immediately (68 in favor, votes opposed not tallied)**

The effect is the following:

3 required members (Pres., VP, Steward)

2 members-at-large for 2 -year terms

2 members-at-large for 1-year terms

2 non-voting advisory members (past Pres., Imp. Chancellor)

We elect the members at large each November to a one-year term. Two appointed members are chosen through the Imperial Crown War process, and the Imperial Steward and advisory member are appointed by the President and Vice President, all also serving a one-year term.

**Current structure:** 3 required members (President, Vice President, Imperial Steward)

4 elected members-at-large

1 advisory member, without voting rights (Imperial Chancellor)

**Amend to:** 3 required members (President, Vice President, Imperial Steward )

1 appointed member (Retiring President or Vice President)

4 members-at-large elected by the Imperial Estates

1 advisory member (Imperial Chancellor)

The following shall serve one-year terms on the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Imperial Steward, and Retiring President. The terms of office of the President and Vice President may be extended in compliance with the successive reign by-law. The Steward is appointed by the Crown, and therefore may serve successive one-year terms. In the case that the retiring president cannot serve, the retiring vice-president shall be appointed to take his/her place.

The Imperial Estates shall elect 4 members-at-large, each to 2-year terms. Half the members-at-large shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election. Members-at-large that become President, Vice President, or Imperial Steward during the second year of their term vacate their seat as a member-at-

large, and the remaining year of their term shall be filled by a one-year appointment, elected by the Imperial Estates.

The following member shall be appointed as a non-voting, advisory member: the Imperial Chancellor (as appointed by the Crown).

In the implementation year of this change to the election process, 2 members-at-large shall be elected to a two-year term, and 2 shall be elected to a one-year term.

### **Alternate proposal**

Same as proposal one, only remove the voting rights of the Retiring Crown, and appointing him/her as an advisory member, along with the Chancellor.

**Amend to:** 3 required members (President, Vice President, Imperial Steward)

4 members-at-large elected by the Imperial Estates

2 advisory members (Imperial Chancellor & Retiring President)

The following serve one-year terms on the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, & Imperial Steward. The terms of office of the President and Vice President may be extended in compliance with the successive reign by-law. The Steward is appointed by the Crown, and therefore may serve successive one-year terms.

The Imperial Estates shall elect 4 members-at-large, each to 2-year terms. Half the members-at-large shall be elected each year, thus staggering the election. Members-at-large that become President, Vice President, or Imperial Steward during the second year of their term vacate their seat as a member-at-large, and the remaining year of their term shall be filled by a one-year appointment, elected by the Imperial Estates.

The following members shall be appointed as non-voting, advisory members: the Imperial Chancellor (as appointed by the Crown), and the Retiring President (for one year after stepping down as President). In the case that the Retiring President cannot serve, the Retiring Vice-President shall be appointed to take his/her place.

In the implementation year of this change to the election process, 2 members-at-large shall be elected to a two-year term, and 2 shall be elected to a one-year term.

## **NB2. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 (Arts and Sciences Manual) and Estates Writ 4 (Judging Guidelines) definition of Masterworks, Masterpiece**

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

Delete Masterpieces, and set a higher standard for Masterworks.

**Throughout manual, delete all references to Masterpiece.**

**Manual, Page 15, Current Description:**

A Masterwork can be awarded at the judges' discretion for those pieces that score a 30 or higher.

A Masterpiece can be awarded at the judges' discretion for those pieces that score a 33 or higher.

**Amend to read:** A Masterwork is awarded for those pieces that score 30 or higher by three or more judges; said 30 points not to include any bonus points awarded in any area of scoring.

**Manual, Appendix A. Tournament Procedures, 14c: Current Writ:** Masterwork wins may be awarded for scores of thirty (30) with the recommendation of the judges.

**Amend to read:** A Masterwork is awarded for those pieces that score 30 or higher by three or more judges; said 30 points not to include any bonus points awarded in any area of scoring.

**Guidelines, II.C. Masterworks/Masterpieces: Current Writ:** Entries scoring at least 30 points (approx. 100% of 30) shall receive a Masterwork at the judges' discretion and unanimous agreement. Entries scoring at least 33 points (approx. 110% of 30), shall receive a Masterpiece at the judges' discretion and unanimous agreement.

**Amend to read:** Entries scoring at least 30 points (approx. 100% of 30), shall receive a Masterwork said 30 points not to include any bonus points awarded in any area of scoring.

**Commentary:** *This proposal does not eliminate any of the requirements needed for a Masterwork other than the unanimous opinion of the judges scoring said art. A unanimous agreement of the judges is already achieved if three or more of the judges score the piece with 30 for Masterwork. Bonus points from any area of scoring are not to be counted within the 30 required for Masterwork.*

*When the new Arts and Sciences manual came out it came with a new scoring mechanism of adding 10 points specifically for Difficulty and Complexity. The difficulty and complexity was missing from the scoring in the old manual and it was left then for the judges to decide whether the art deserved a masterwork. We no longer have that problem. With the new scoring when I judge an art I am already scoring for everything required under the manual rules. Authenticity (5) is scored, Documentation(5) is scored, Execution, Craftsmanship & Functionality(10) is scored and Difficulty/Complexity(10) is scored; and/or bonus points. If I am already giving the artisan a score of 30 (without the bonus points) why do I need to discuss with another artisan whether it deserves a Masterwork? Especially at war it is very difficult to do this.*

*If I feel the artisan is missing something, did something incorrect, was not of a scope to qualify for a masterwork, it is my duty as a judge to tell them why they did not receive a masterwork and score points accordingly.*

*Having a Masterpiece as a scoring award is superfluous. The new A&S Manual has been in use long enough for those who wanted to make having a Masterpiece a requirement for knighthood in arts to do so. No one has requested the Imperial General Estates to put the Masterpiece as a requirement for arts knighthood under the law in the last two years. Steps to knighthood in the arts is hard enough without putting pressure on the artisans to achieve beyond what we already consider a Masterwork. No scoring mechanism is in place to record the Masterpiece anyway.*

*It would be better for the Imperial Crowns to Imperially award the artisan as they do for other outstanding work. This can be done by the A&S Minister of the sub-division. They can notify the Imperial Crowns of exceptional work and request an Imperial award for the artist.*

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### **NB3. Define minimum number of participants for archery, combat list wins**

#### **Proposal 1**

Refer to Crown for consideration as Continuing Crown Writ.

#### **Proposal 2**

Adopt Estates Writ (requires majority).

#### **Proposal 3**

Amend Imperial Bylaws, Article IX.C. Ranks (requires 2/3rds).

**Paragraph 3:** ... 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. ...

**Add: For archery and combat, a tournament list shall consist of at least 4 participants in order to award a list win; participants in smaller lists may receive a participation point.**

*Commentary: While long held in tradition, practice, precedence, and outlined in the Rolls Manual, this criteria is nowhere in law. This is a critical piece of information for members and officers, and should not be simply “traditional” or subject to change without adequate safeguards.*

*Who, or how many whos, should have the authority to change this? Crown? 2/3 of the Imperial Estates? Majority of the Imperial Estates?*

*Note to Chancellor: Add to glossary where applicable (if approved).*

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#### **NB4. Amend Article IV.A. Dues, to delete outdated financial practices**

**Current Law:** Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. Dues may be paid in annual or installments to the Steward of the Empire. Dues may be paid to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented, to the Steward of the Empire. **The current practices of subdivisions of a chartered subdivision in handling dues shall not be altered. Any subdivision or chartered subdivision created after March 1st, 1992 shall comply.**

**Amend to read:** Membership dues are set by the Imperial Estates General. Dues may be paid in annual or installments to the Steward of the Empire. Dues may be paid to the Steward of a chartered subdivision, but must be sent as presented, to the Steward of the Empire.

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#### **NB5. Amend Article VI.E. to add Imperial Estates Meetings in March**

Make the Imperial Estates Meeting in March a mandatory meeting. Move the requirement to evaluate the Imperial reign from the November meeting to the March meeting to allow for completion of ministry turnovers and any reviews that may be in process.

##### **Meeting Date, March**

The Imperial Estates General shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:

- a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's reign as well as any prior reigns not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such reigns. (The Imperial Estates General shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial reign.)

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#### **NB6. Create Writ to set rotation for Imperial Estates Meetings/Coronation**

The current rotation schedule is an Imperial policy, based off the rotation for composition of the membership suspension panel. What is needed is a schedule that alternates the meetings between the principle regions of the Empire, and within those regions, between the principal chartered subdivisions, while still subject to the bidding process. This rotation schedule can be easily amended to accommodate growth throughout the Empire.

##### **Regions**

**Region 1 (generally California):** Currently consisting of Terre Neuve, Esperance, Carolingia, Brandenburg, Sangrael

**Region 2 (central Empire):** Currently consisting of Umbria, Aragon, Ekaterinegorod, Alhambra

**Region 3 (Eastern Empire):** Currently consisting of York, Castilles, Chesapeake, Dragon's Mist, Andorra, Cambridge, Dunvegan, Somerset

## Rotation

Each year shall have its own separate rotation schedule. Year 1 shall be regions 1, 2, then 3. Year 2 shall be regions 2, 3, then 1. Year 3 shall be regions 3, 1, then 2. (This allows each region an opportunity to host meetings and coronations.)

## Participation

Kingdoms are required to bid during their rotation. Archduchies are requested to bid during their rotation. Any chartered subdivision is welcome to bid during their rotation.

## Selection and Autocrat

For Imperial Events, the Imperial Crown is the sole determining decision-maker for locations, and autocrats. Sometimes, the Imperial Crown may accept bids from individuals.

Subdivisions may not be an autocrat, although they may share in the planning and execution of the event. The autocrat is the individual responsible for the event. The Imperial Crown are the only people authorized to sign any contracts.

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## **NB7. Amend Article VIII.D.4. to delete “grandfathered” duchies . . .DISCUSSED**

***Motion to discuss approved (51 in favor, 11 against)***

***Which Duchies would be subject to this status change if this were to be approved?***

***Currently only the Duchy of Sangrael would be affected, Chesapeake was not a duchy until 1999, and Carolingia did not take this provision. Remove Chesapeake, Carolingia from territories listed in Agenda Item. No other action taken.***

***Chancellor's Note: The Duchy of Chesapeake was chartered in August 1997. The Archduchy of Caronlingia (formerly Tierra del Fuego) was chartered in July 1997. When shires were created in February 1998, both subdivisions were grandfathered as duchies. Dragon's Mist was chartered in August 1997 and should be added to the list of protected duchies. There are no official notes that any duchy declined this provision.***

Delete the privileged status of duchies that were in existence at the time palantine duchies were eliminated in order to create the current hierarchy of shires and duchies. This occurred in February 1998. (Note: Archduchies were created at a later time and do not apply to this privileged status of duchies.)

### **Current Law:**

a. Any Duchy chartered prior to 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 may, at its own discretion, continue to be governed under the provisions of the Article which this Article replaces. Any Duchy chartered after 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 shall conform to the provisions of this Article. (*Note: The only duchies affected by this clause are Chesapeake, Sangrael, and Carolingia.*)

b. This Article authorizes such changes in the Bylaws as are necessary to bring any conflicting Articles into conformity with its provisions.

### **Delete current law in its entirety.**

***Commentary: This grandfathering clause allows specific duchies with as few as 1 member. It has been five (5) years since this law was created, giving ample time to these subdivisions to grow beyond these protections.***

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**NB8. Amend Article IX.C.2. to change the name of the arts roll to be “Arts”**

**Current Law:** Robe Roll

**Amend to read:** **Arts Roll**

*Commentary:* Historically, the word robe was associated with ministry, not arts. Additionally, our other rolls are Combat, Archery, and Ministry, accurately and simply describing them.

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**NB9. Amend Article VI.F.3.a.vii., b.xii, c.iii., 4.f., 5.e. to limit authority of co-rulers**

**Current state of the law:** In the case of co-rulers, it is practice that either can unilaterally exercise decision-making authority, regardless of whether the other co-ruler is available or agrees. There is no express grant or limit of this authority, except in proxy, or that situations may require the co-ruler available deal with an imminent issue. This can, and has, resulted in contradictory decisions.

**Amend to read:** Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

*Commentary:* Some limits on unilateral decision-making authority are appropriate. Estates General have no such authority. Even an emergency meeting is limited by quorum, two-thirds waiver of notice, and automatic review.

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**NB10. Conduct of wars - ties**

There is a problem with the conduct of wars as currently written because some points may not be awarded, and because the number of points may produce ties.

In a two-day war, it may not be possible to eliminate armies so that only two will advance to the second day. In either a one- or a two-day war, it is possible to end up with a tie.

**Proposal 1**

Tied contenders will conduct one armored champion's battle, or a melee (shinai, renaissance, or armored) as a tie-breaker.

*Note:* This gives preference to combat, which already receives 9 of 21 possible points in a war, and altogether leaves out archery and arts.

**Proposal 2**

Hold a second set of three champion's battles, one each in archery, arts (probably a bardic), and combat (either renaissance or armored).

*Note:* This is unlikely to produce a tie, and represents all three areas.

**Proposal 3**

Tied contenders will draw lots, cut cards, play rock-paper-scissors, or other some such random choice decision-maker.

*Note:* This is a much less satisfying alternative.

*Commentary:* While none of these proposal are the perfect solution, we trust that needing them will be rare (hopefully never). We welcome other practical ideas.

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**NB11. Repeal Crown Writ A.3. Duels ..... REPEALED*****HIM Karl repeals Crown Writ.***

Much of this writ is covered in the combat and marshalling manuals. Some of the information falls under the description “Conduct Unbecoming a Knight” (Standards of Conduct).

**Current Writ:** It has come to Our attention that knight Combatants have in the past, and continue in the present, to attempt to settle their disputes via armed Combat. While this in and of itself is not a great concern to the Imperial Crowns, the nature of this combat most certainly is. Some knights are using this form of conflict settlement to attempt to bully or intimidate their fellows. They do this by requesting that this combat is by 'Knightly Combat' and that it be to the Yield.

These knights have described this 'Knightly Combat' to mean, basically anything goes and everyone else butt out. This is a fallacy and We will not allow this to continue. First off, the description of 'Knightly Combat' is flawed. Knightly Combat is, and shall always remain, to be described as allowing grappling between the combatants. That is all. It does not give the combatants the right to hit as hard as they want, to punch, gouge, kick and otherwise maim themselves. Nor does it mean that they can ignore the commands of Marshals. Nowhere in the Bylaws or the Manual of Combat are knights given the right to simply put aside a marshal for a duel. Second, Nowhere is it written that knights have a right to settle their differences through a 'Fight to the Yield'.

This type of activity is not only extremely dangerous to the combatants, but opens the organization to possible litigation, both civil and criminal. Also, since these forms of combat are not allowed in the Manual of Combat, our insurance company would have every right to cancel our policy in the event that they were ever made aware of it. These very knights, who will no doubt complain that their rights are being taken away, forget that their first duty is to safeguard the well being of the Empire. We will not condone an activity that will likely promote injuries to our members, and violates almost every rule of safety we have in place. This form of intimidation belongs in a back alley, and should remain there, not on the fields of honor in the Adrian Empire.

Therefore we do hereby ban any and all duels or challenges that attempt to make use of Knightly combat in any form other than what is expressly provided for in the Manual of Combat, and/or that attempts to be settled through a duel to the Yield. Any and all duels, defined as combat whose sole purpose is to resolve a dispute or question of honor, must be marshaled by at least three (3) Marshals, and will comply with the standard Adrian practice of best two (2) out of three (3) passes, with all shots being called by the marshals. Any Knights found violating this Writ shall be charged with Conduct Unbecoming a Knight, and We shall seek to have them expelled from the Chivalry.

Adria offers many means to resolve our differences. Mediation, Civil or Criminal Suit, and yes the duel. We should not, nor will we ever condone or support any mechanisms in which one may prevail through physical intimidation. And any Knight who chooses to try and settle his dispute through mediation or Court, should never be looked down upon. Every member of The Adrian Empire has the right to feel safe when settling a dispute. Adria shall live by the axiom of Might For Right, not Might Makes Right.

Delete in its entirety.

**X. DISCUSSION**

As time allows.

**XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES**

***March 13/14, 2004. Location to be determined.***

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

***5:22 pm, Sunday, November 2, 2003***

**END OF MINUTES**