

# IMPERIAL MINISTERS' REPORTS

## JULY 2004

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### President's Report

*Provided verbally at the Estates Meeting. When transcribed, it will be added to this report.*

### Arts and Sciences

*Presented verbally at the meeting was a statement by Sir Karl that there are a number of questions that he will issue a ruling of law on, to be done by August 1 so everyone will be on the same page for the Imperial War.*

Greetings to the Imperial Estates of the Empire:

The report for the Office of Arts & Sciences for this meeting will focus on this office's goals.

One of the most important functions of the position of the A&S Minister is to be the point of contact for those who may have questions, comments or suggestions regarding the arts in the Empire. In support of that, the main goal of this office is to be known as the place where not only the subdivision ministers but all artisans who may have questions can come for answers and encouragement.

Specific Goals to accomplish:

- Two "sample" collegia will be written and published on the Imperial Site. The collegium on judging has been done and published. The collegium on documentation is being written.
- The purpose of these is to offer the ministers of the sub-divisions a starting point for their collegia. New subdivisions and those having a re-interest in the arts sometimes wonder where to start on the training. This would give them a starting point.
- Complete three new matrices before the year is over. I will be looking to the Deputy A&S Minister as well as those on the Collegium board for help and feedback on developing these. Three matrices – embroidery, heraldic banners, and armor have been drafted and are on the board for review and comments. We are working on finalizing these.
- Compliance with the monthly reporting at 100%. Some months are better than others and as a whole compliance is on a positive trend, there is always room for improvement.

Again, I would like to ask the Crowns to encourage their A&S Ministers to sign up for the Yahoo Boards related to the Arts. This is the best way for everyone to stay in touch.

*In Service, Dame Toireasa McBride, Imperial Minister of Arts*

## Archery

My lords and ladies of the Imperial Estates, Greetings

All is well. Banner war went well with only a few hang-ups. A few various questions from the populace were asked and answered. No rulings from this office at this time. I am researching a source for pre-made combat arrowheads, they offer them at a very reasonable price, but safety is the concern.

*In service, Sir Nickademus Fiend, Imperial Minister of Archery*

## Chancellory

### Chancery

Unto Their Imperial Majesties, members of the Imperial Estates, Ministers and Subjects of the Empire, TIMs Servant, Sir William, sends greetings and reports:

- Thunder of Adria was officially recognized as a Domain of the Adrian Empire among the final acts of TIMs Elizabeth and Karl, and recognized by TIMs Wright and Aislyne.
- The Ministry was divided into: Chancery (Sir William) to provide advice and administer the Estates; Civil Courts (Prince Karl) to provide advice, Rulings of Law, and administer the Civil Courts; and, Ministry of Justice (Don Amador) to provide advice and administer the Courts of Justice.
- This Ministry has advised Crowns, Board of Directors, and Subjects of the Empire.
- The March Imperial Estates Meeting was administered swiftly (and to favorable review).
- The March Minutes and July Agenda were produced in a timely manner. The agenda includes all business received.

The Ministry could not have been successful without the Herculean efforts of HIH Dame Maedb and Sir Warren, who perform virtually every task of the Chancery. All credit is do them, any failures are mine alone.

*In Service, Sir William Baine, Chancellor, Adria*

### Civil Courts

*Added verbally at the meeting: When asking for a ruling of law, you **must** cc: your local crown and your local chancellor.*

To their most August Imperial Majesties, Sir Karl, Chief Justice of the Law Courts, doth send greetings:

The followings issues of Law have been addressed in the recent past.

Informal questions that I believed required no official ruling of law as they were plain on the face as to the state of the Law.

**Question:** Is there any legal bar to an Imperial War being held in the subdivision of a contender? From the Queen of York.

**Answer:** No there is no language other than the language that bars the Imperial War from being held in the subdivision of the seated Crown, note there are exceptions in Law for Featherly Park and Prado Park.

**Question from the Chancery:** Is the work product of a Minister the property of the Empire?

**Answer:** Yes especially if and consideration was granted for said work i.e. Points awards etc.

**Question:** from the Chancery on behalf of N Fiend Knight. Does the Crown have the legal right to act on behalf of his/her Ministers?

**Answer:** Yes in all cases other than those strictly forbidden by law ie Stewart and SoA.

**Question:** in the case of Co-rulers is the senior ruler bound by a “gag” order of the Jr. ruler.

**Answer:** No.

## **RULINGS OF LAW**

The College of Arms has no parliamentary authority . The authority to make rulings as to the Law of Arms lies strictly with the SoA with the exception of the instances that it would effect Imperial Law and then that authority rests with the Law Courts . The sovereignty of the Collage rests in the SoA and the members of the Collage offer learned advice to the SoA. There is no Legal rule by majority within the Collage of Arms.

YIM's, I request direction on the issue of where the vote lies in the Imperial Estates with the individual or with the Estate? The Civil Court ruling of March 2004 dose not preclude either interpretation thus it falls to the Crown to decide until such time as the Law becomes clearer on this matter. I need at least an interim ruling as the matter is before me presently as it may apply to the next meeting of the Imperial Estates.

*Your Servant, Sir Karl, Chief Justice of the Law Courts, Prince of Adria*

## **College of Arms**

*Presented verbally at the meeting:*

The backlog of all approved arms has just been published.

## **Hospitaler**

Unto their Imperial Majesties Emperor and Empress of all of Adria, and to the esteemed body of the Imperial Estates doth their servant Sir Auberon dela'Reve Imperial Hospitalier give the following report.

In November of 2003 I was charged with this office and several tasks were assigned to me to complete.

These tasks were as follows; Create a Yahoo group for this Ministry, create a document to help new sub-divisions to get started, create a manual for this ministry, contact members of the former shire of Rathlin Isle and see what can be done if anything to bring back a presence in that area and improve communication between the public and the Empire.

I am pleased to note that all of these tasks are complete. Attached to this report you will find a copy of the documents and forms that have been created. Along with the above documents, forms so designed to be used by the Adrian Empire Hospitalers are: Adrian Empire Lost and Found Log sheet, Adrian Empire Membership Profile, Loaner Gear Sign out sheet, and a Member interest form.

I have also completed a rough draft of part one of an Article titled "Medievalzing on a shoestring...or... the Bare bones Approach" which addresses some issues facing someone new to our hobby as to how to acquire things necessary to this hobby.

In March of 2004 I also requested a Deputy and was granted such and made Dame Keara Craig Deputy Imperial Hospitalier. Her duties are to assist me in this office as well as receive the reports from the Individual sub-divisions. The duties of this office will in all likelihood grow and evolve in time as well.

In taking this office I have had to learn as I went along, as I had no direct predecessor. The duties of this office have been discussed with their Imperial Majesties on several occasions and are and will continue to evolve over time possibly creating deputies to deal with the various aspects of this ministry.

What has been developed so far is as follows: that we are the conduits to new and prospective members of the Adrian Empire, this office is the public relations arm of the Empire, Recruitment and growth both Imperially through establishing new sub-divisions and in giving aid to the various sub-divisions to

expand within their territories, and also to assist any member when relocating to another sub-division to connect with the sub-division.

A big factor in all these services is communications.

In the area of growth we have received several requests for information from such areas as Arkansas, Alabama, California, Georgia, Nebraska, Utah, Texas and Wisconsin among others.

One major issue I have encountered in my term of office has to do with the fact that there are still sub-divisions without Hospitalers and or difficulty in contacting someone in a sub-division.

Growth is essential to the Empire for many reasons but chief among them is; we need new blood to revitalize the organization as new members bring potential leaders and new ideas.

An organization that does not grow tends to stagnate and results in burnout to those individuals who are often our leaders and ministers. While yes we are all in a sense ambassadors for the group one of the main reasons for the existence of this Ministry is to deal with the growth of the Empire both Nationally through the Imperial Hospitaler and on a local sub-division scale through the appointed Hospitaler.

Communications within the Empire also needs to improve especially when we have members moving to other sub-divisions and being unable to have a contact to give them. This however is only one issue when a member relocates.

In some cases there exists sub-divisions with vast territories and the majority if not all the population in many of these cases exists in one geographical area. This is an issue I feel needs to be addressed in some fashion. I am currently working on a document that does address this to some degree and should have a rough draft ready by the November Estates meeting. The document will explore this issue and will offer ideas, suggestions as well as information on how to grow and expand within ones borders.

In the last 8 months I have dealt with several individuals relocating to new sub-divisions so this is an area that this office has needed to deal with as it does fall under the realm of duties assigned with the office.

Other current issues being examined are how can we better serve new members, Reviewing and possibly revamping the New Members guide, and working with the Ministry of Ether to develop a section of the Imperial Website specifically for new and prospective members.

As previously stated this office is about communications and we welcome and wish that anyone having any suggestions to improve this office, and the various documents to please submit such.

In closing I would also like to request any ideas or suggestions on such topics as a National Adrian Recruitment Drive, and Advertising the Adrian Empire in such Magazines like Smithsonian and Renaissance Magazine as well as looking into advertising on the History Channel. I personally feel that these topics are important and would at the very least like to see a dialog started.

All forms and Files can be seen on the Hospitaliers Yahoo Group in the file section, which is located at:

[Http://groups.yahoo.com./group/adria-hospitaliers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adria-hospitaliers)

*Yours In Service, Sir Auberon dela'Reve, Imperial Hospitalier*

## **Joust and War**

*Presented verbally at the meeting:*

Sir Gwyllum has suggestions from Banner War. He is updating the manual, but that does not mean he is rewriting it. He is assembling a proposal of suggested changes, as is the right of any minister. There is a possibility that the tests will be changed (including incorporating verbal questioning), but they will not be eliminated.

## Publishing Office

From Dame Maedb Hawkins, presented by Dame Cathan ni Sinoid

The Publishing Office has taken on two additional web masters. Sir Madoc McDonnon is focusing his attentions on the technical, behind-the-scenes aspects of the web site. Dame Cathan ni Sinoid is focusing her attentions on maintaining the contact information (both the contact list and the web site), and making sure the ministry yahoo groups have current contacts. I would like to take a moment to publicly thank both of them. Without their dedication of time, input, and inspiration, none of the projects would never have gotten this far.

### Web Site

It is with great pleasure that the Publishing Office announces a major step in the completion of the web site overhaul. The first step was to get the information on-line and available. That was done over the last two years. The second step was to expand, make it more user-friendly, and jazz it up a bit. The web site has just revamped its look, and expanded to twice its size (180 pages, with many more pages in the works). The current heraldry armorial is on-line, and the database will follow as soon as it is ready. The rolls database is in the works. Every ministry office has its own section, with articles of general interest. We have some minor editing, and graphics, to implement, but that should be finished within a day or two. The Publishing Office has been, and will be continuing, working with several of the ministry offices to help them accomplish their own goals:

- The Hospitaler's Office has a guidebook, and a number of forms that are very near completion
- The Office of Rolls and Lists is working on a Domesday Database
- The Heraldry Office has the armorial completed, but the database is still in the works

### Dictionary Of Adrian Terms

This dictionary of Adrian terms is an attempt to bring together all terminology used in the Adrian Empire. It is a 30-page document detailing all words and phrases from all published manuals, guides, and handbooks. It also includes out-of-date phrases, with their currently-used counterpart. There are also a large number of definitions that do not appear in any manuals, but are commonly used. Finally, all terms have been cross-referenced in accommodate different ways of referring to them (for example, there are entries for both Archery Minister, and Minister of Archery).

### New Crown Handbook

This handbook for new Crowns is an attempt to guide a new Crown in what is expected of them, but in Adria, and in real life. Turnovers from reign to reign don't always include all this information, and this should make the transition easier. As a handbook, it is more informal than other manuals, and does not require the approval levels of a manual, but still contains all necessary information. It is being released after a review by the Crown e-list, and will be published this weekend.

### Bylaws

As soon as this Estates Meeting is finished, the bylaws will be updated to reflect all changes that have occurred over the last year. This is a project that was regularly scheduled for earlier in the year, but with the number of proposed changes (CH1, etc.), the update was postponed.

That concludes the major changes and projects that have been completed during the past few months.

*In service, Maedb Hawkins*

## Rolls and Lists

*Presented verbally at the meeting:*

Imperial Rolls information for the last 2 Imperial events is available online. There are unanswered questions in the rolls manual. It is my intent to open the manual for discussion. Comments will be accepted until September 15. That will give me enough time to have everything answered, and in TIM's hands by October 1. The database is coming, the logistics are being worked out now.

### Historical Medieval Re-Creation point conversion

*Italicized text is for information purposes.*

#### A. Combat

1. 5 Combat points (sergeant or Knight's list) = 1 Adrian Combat EP  
(A maximum of 30 sergeant's points can be converted) *A maximum of 5 points can be earned a month in HMR, and only 30 sergeant's points count toward HMR knighthood.*
2. In addition, 50 Combat points **or** 1 war participation = 1 Adrian Combat WP *Some HMR kingdoms track WP's, some don't.*
3. 1 sergeant's win = 1 Adrian sergeant's list TW  
1 Knight's list Renn win = 1 Adrian Knight's list TW  
1 Knight's list steel win = 1 Adrian Knight's list Armored TW
4. All DP's must be earned in Adria *HMR doesn't grant or track DP's*

#### B. Arts

1. 5 Arts points (master's or Knight's) = 1 Adrian arts EP  
(A maximum of 30 master's points can be converted) *A maximum of 5 points can be earned a month in HMR, and only 30 master's points count toward HMR knighthood.*
2. In addition, 50 arts points **or** 1 war participation = 1 Adrian Arts WP *Some HMR kingdoms track WP's, some don't.*
3. 1 master's win = 1 Adrian journeyman's list TW  
1 Knight's win = 1 Adrian Knight's list TW
4. All masterworks/masterpieces must be earned in Adria *HMR does not have an equivalent of the Adrian masterwork or masterpiece*
5. All DP's must be earned in Adria *HMR doesn't grant or track DP's*

#### C. Ministry

1. 5 Ministry points = 1 Adrian ministry EP *A maximum of 5 points can be earned a month in HMR.*
2. In addition, 50 ministry points **or** 1 war participation = 1 Adrian Ministry WP *Some HMR kingdoms track WP's, some don't.*
3. 1 Autocrat = 1 Adrian DI
4. All DP's must be earned in Adria *HMR doesn't grant or track DP's*

#### D. Archery – there is no archery conversion at this time

*HMR does not do archery at this time.*