

IMPERIAL ESTATES ADDENDUM

JULY 2005

CRB6. Review Systems of Conversion

No action required.

Bylaws Article VI.E.4 provides that at the July Meeting of the Imperial Estates, the Estates shall “review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.E)”

Existing Systems of Conversion

Refer to the Rolls Manual, 2003, section VI, for detailed outline of existing systems of conversion for the Renaissance Military Society (RMS), Society for Creative Anachronisms (SCA), Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS), and **Historical Medieval Recreation (HMR) (Approved March 2003)**.

New Systems of Conversion

Amend Article IX.E. Ranks

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire...

Proposal 1: Limit conversion of Knighthood to first-level

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **Conversion toward knighthood shall be limited to 1st-level...**

Proposal 2: Limit conversion of Knighthood to second-level

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **Conversion toward knighthood shall be limited to 2nd-level...**

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Proposal 3: Hold voting privileges for converted members for one year

Amend to read: The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. **The voting privilege of Knighthoods and titles gained through conversion shall not vest for one calendar year from the date of membership; all other rights and privileges vest immediately upon conversion...**

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CH6. Create second chartered subdivision within South Florida (Castilles)

Was mistakenly listed as NB3 on the original agenda.

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Because Castilles (S. Florida) 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.

Commentary: In Adria it has proven difficult to manage populations exceeding 150 members. Castilles numbers have consistently exceeded 189, and reaching currently reaching over 250, with a continued huge potential for growth. Unfortunately, governing such a large population is starting to become problematic. Historically, when facing these numbers subdivisions of the Empire generally split to alleviate the pressure. Resistance to these splits has always resulted in conflict and anger and never prevented the splits from taking place in the long run. Therefore the people of our region wish to form this second subdivision. 100% of our populace is in concurrence that this best for Castilles.

However, Castilles is totally surrounded with no open borders to expand into and Broward County (the main population center) is a large metropolitan area that is virtually impossible to divide into meaningful geographic subdivisions. Also, because of the geographic isolation of the region, there are limited opportunities for members to participate in other regions.

With the limited opportunities to play elsewhere, some Adrians are choosing not to play at all, and potential members are starting to turn away.

This exception to law will provide an opportunity for Adria to exploit the region's growth potential.

Mundane history is rich with examples of independent city-states (the Vatican, Florence, Genoa, Venice), chartered towns (Holy Roman Empire), principalities (Republic of San Marino, Andorra, Monte Carlo), all existing within larger nations.

Note: The charter for Castilles will not change in any way, therefore the procedure required for changing a charter does not apply to this proposal. This is a request to allow an exception to law in order to charter a new subdivision within the same boundaries.

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