

IMPERIAL ESTATES MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 2005

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

Estates Meeting

March 12, 2005 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 13, 2005 – announced at the Saturday Meeting

Location

The March meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Duchy of Somerset. With special arrangements, the autocrats of the Meeting are HG Dame Kyra Evaine, Duchess of Chesapeake, and HE Dame Abegail del Oscuro, Vicerine of Valencia.

Hampton Inn - Cleveland Airport

10305 Cascade Crossings

Brooklyn, OH 44144

Phone #: 216-929-8400 or 1-800-HAMPTON (1-800-426-7866)

<http://www.clevelandairportiedeman.hamptoninn.com/>

Accommodations

Room Rates are \$79.00 per night; please tell them you are with the Adrian Empire to get this price. This rate shall remain in effect until March 1, 2005. Rooms are either 2 queen beds or 1 king, and all rooms come with a microwave and small (dorm size) fridge. Smoking rooms are very limited, so try to reserve those fast. There is also an indoor pool and hot tub as well as a workout room. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.

Amenities

The Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from Cleveland Hopkins Airport, simply call the front desk upon arrival at **216-929-8400** to make arrangements for transportation to the hotel. While the shuttle runs for most of the day, it does close. All cab fares for those who arrive while the shuttle service is closed will be reimbursed by the hotel.

There are no restaurants in the hotel. A Complimentary Continental Breakfast is available every day for guests of the hotel. There are also MANY restaurants within close walking distance, we will have maps and menus available for you!

The hotel offers wireless internet access in the Lobby and the meeting room. High speed internet access in the rooms is available, however an Ethernet cord is needed. There are Ethernet cords available for loan at the front desk.

Autocrats:

HG Dame Kyra Evaine (Duchess of Chesapeake): kyraevaine@earthlink.net

HE Dame Abegail del Oscuro (Vicerine of Valencia): abegail@cox.net

Attractions

The Cleveland Museum of Art

11150 East Boulevard

Cleveland, OH 44106

<http://www.clevelandart.org/>

Among their numerous collections, the Cleveland Museum of Art features a Medieval and Armor Court collections, which contains over 1500 works! Admission is FREE!

Hours of operation: Tue-Thur-Sat-Sun- 10-5, Wed-Fri- 10-9 (Closed Mondays)

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

One Key Plaza
751 Erieside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
<http://www.rockhall.com>

Price for Admission:

Adults: \$20

Seniors (60+): \$14

Children 9-12: \$11

Children 8 & under: Free with paid adult admission.

Discounts:

Student and Military discounts are available (must show valid ID). Groups of 20 or more will cost \$14.75 per person and must be paid at least 3 days in advance.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily.

Feast

The Imperial Estates Feast will be held on March 12th, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at:

Hampton Inn – Cleveland Airport Hotel (same site as the meeting).

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Brooklyn, OH 44144
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<http://www.clevelandairportiedeman.hamptoninn.com/>

The feast fee is \$15 for Adults, \$5 for children between the ages of 3 and 12, and free for children under 3. RSVP's are required and should be sent to HE Dame Abigail del Oscuro at:

Victoria Haky
419 Elizabeth St.
N. Versailles, PA 15137

Disqualification (Article VI.E.4)

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any subdivision within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including expiration of dues, non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- Resignation of a given member
- Judicial ban
- Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates to waive notice and seat the estate)

The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- Seating of qualified members
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 4. Disqualification

Note: This office has received several inquiries regarding seating disqualified members and new greater estates; addressing them here will reduce confusion

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the November 2004 Imperial Estates Meeting (2004November_minutes.pdf).

V. REPORTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President and Board of Directors • Chancery
(2005March_Chancery1.pdf) • Ministry of Justice • Chief Justice of Civil Courts • Rolls • Steward • Sovereign of Arms • Joust and War • Arts and Sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery • Physicks • Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.) • Hospitaler
(2005March_Hospitaler.pdf) • Minister of Education • Other Officers |
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VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charters

a. Place shires on inactive list

The following shires have zero membership and have been suspended:

- None

b. Reactivate inactive shire

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

- None

c. Recognize new shire

No action required.

The following shires have membership and their charter will be issued:

- Burgandy (NE Pennsylvania)
- Lancaster (NE Oklahoma/West Arkansas)
- _____ (Vermont) NOTE: Shire name shall be announced.

CRB2. Amend or repeal Imperial Estates Writ 22 (which replaced Article VI.C. requiring Imperial Estates approval on all changes)

Was CRB4, no action taken in November 2004. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to amend or repeal. No amendments or recommendations for re-write were received.

Current Law: All changes made to Bylaw or Writ, shall be published in the Chancery Report. The Estates may question any change. Changes, questioned by the Estates, shall be considered under CH1; changes not questioned shall stand.

Chancery Note: *This item should be taken from the table and if it is not repealed, it can be removed from future agendas, unless an actual amendment is submitted.*

Authors: *Imperial Crown.*

CRB3. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 23 regarding original paperwork

Was CRB5. Requires majority to take from the table; requires majority to approve.

Current Law: IEW 23. Original Paperwork

All original paperwork is the property of the Adrian Empire, Inc. Arts entries and documentation shall remain the intellectual property of the artist.

Amend to add: All original material shall be sent to the appropriate Imperial Ministry on demand. Chartered subdivisions may retain copies at their own expense.

Commentary: *All records belong to the Empire, which is obligated to maintain them. Subdivisions' status may change, some becoming inactive then active again. Members move from one to another, lapse and return. Some subdivisions report inconsistently. Centralized record keeping is the solution.*

Authors/Co-Sponsors: *The Chancery, TIMs Aislynn de Chartier (Empress), Wright Bentwood (Emperor)*

CRB4. Amend Article XIV.D. All Other Crowns and Ruling Nobles

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

D. All Other Crowns and Ruling Nobles

All other Crowns and Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed. They may be removed:

- Through war (except Viceroys)
- By 2/3 majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective chartered subdivisions
- By a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered or subdivisions which they rule.

Amend to read:

D. Ducal Crowns

Crowns of Archduchies and Duchies shall rule until they resign or are removed. Their reign shall be reviewed by the Estates of the chartered subdivision once per year. They may be removed:

- A method approved by the Estates of the chartered subdivision; if no other method is adopted, then by
- Annual Crown War, held in accordance with Article XVI. Crown War; or,
- By 2/3 majority vote of the Estates of the chartered subdivisions.

E. All Other Ruling Nobles

All other Ruling Nobles shall rule until they resign or are removed. They may be removed:

- Through war; or,
- By a majority vote of the composite Estates of the respective non-chartered subdivisions which they rule.

Commentary: *The local Estates can review the performance of the Archducal or Ducal Crown once per year. Individuals who wish the opportunity to lead an Archduchy or Duchy may do so without resorting to Civil War, and its negative effects on the subdivision.*

Authors/Co-Sponsors: *HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown), HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid (Duchess, Kildare)*

CRB5. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment To Chartered Subdivision

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law: . . . If the member does not physically live within 200 miles of the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval...

Amend to read: . . . If ~~the members~~ **does** not physically **live reside** within ~~200 miles of~~ the requested subdivision, they must apply for citizenship directly to that subdivision's Crown for approval...

Author: *Dame Juliana Hirsch (Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor)*

CRB6. Amend Article IV.F. Schedule, Article IV.G. Discounts to bring membership fees in line with insurance costs

Our current associate and family membership prices do not cover the per capita insurance that each associate or family member costs the Empire.

Proposal 1: Advisory questions: Amend associate membership fees

Requires majority.

- a. Eliminate associate membership.
- b. Increase associate membership to \$15/person.

Author: *HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)*

Commentary: *Per the November legislations: associate member has all the privileges of the participating member, except for the mailed newsletter. So does the e-participating member who only belongs to Adria – but pays \$10 more than the associate.*

Chancery Note: *The Imperial Crown has the authority to change the associate fees per Article III.B.4. Associate membership. The Imperial Crown is requesting advice from the Imperial Estates to either eliminate associate membership, or increase the fee. The bylaws provide for annual review in November. They do not prohibit action at other meetings.*

Proposal 2: Amend Article IV.F.2 Family

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$70.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$10.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

Amend to read:

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$7**05**.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$1**05**.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

Author: *HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)*

Proposal 3: Amend Article IV.F. Schedule; IV.G. Discounts

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

F. Schedule

Membership dues are set at the following:

1. Single

- Annual: \$30.00
- Life: Ten (10) times annual rate

2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$70.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$10.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

G. Discounts

There are currently four (4) discounts offered by the Adrian Empire. Only one may be applied toward membership.

A 10% discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:

- Military (with valid military ID)
- Students (with valid student ID)
- Senior citizens (55 years or older, with valid proof of age)

A \$10.00 discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:

- Electronic newsletter delivery

Amend to read:

F. Schedule

Membership dues are set at the following:

1. Single

- Annual: \$30.00
- Life: Ten (10) times annual rate
- **Includes mailed copy of the Adrian Herald**

2. Family/Associate/Electronic

X = per each additional member over the initial member. ~~Cap on family memberships set at \$70.00 annually.~~ The Adrian Herald newsletter may be obtained on-line at <http://www.adrianempire.org> and is not physically mailed (can be mailed for an additional \$10 fee).

- Annual: +(\$105.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

G. Discounts

There are currently ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** discounts offered by the Adrian Empire. Only one may be applied toward membership.

A 10% discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:

- Military (with valid military ID)
- Students (with valid student ID)
- Senior citizens (55 years or older, with valid proof of age)

~~A \$10.00 discount off an annual participating membership is offered for:~~

- ~~• Electronic newsletter delivery~~

Commentary: Annual Insurance is currently \$16,329.38 based on 1300 members. This amount includes the General Liability Insurance and D & O (Board of Directors) insurance. This comes out to approx \$12.56 per person (including kids), which makes it necessary to remove the family membership cap. The \$15 rate factors in rate increases for at least (2) two years as well as a modest contribution to all other administrative costs. Our fees are based on the number of members, liability, and safety record, and have increased by 3% per year over the past 10 years.

Memberships broken down:

Participating Members: 73 @ \$30 per.....	\$2,190
E-Memberships: 596 @ \$20 per.....	\$11,920
Additional Family Members: 635 @ \$10 per.....	\$6,350
Lifetime memberships: 24 @ \$300 per - cannot count this number in yearly total.....	\$0
Associate Memberships: 125 @ \$10 per	\$1,250
TOTAL from memberships.....	\$21,710
<u>Cost of Insurance.....</u>	<u>\$16,329</u>
TOTAL Amount Leftover for AE Budget.....	\$5,381

I personally request the Imperial Crowns review the Associate rates **as they are at the discretion of the Crown.** I recommend that they immediately change and announce that the Associate rates have increased to \$15 per person due to increase in insurance costs. This could come into effect when the rate increase is also approved by the Estates, or effective immediately at the discretion of the Crown.

This would bring all membership types, outside of Primary rates, into line with what we are being charged for insurance and assure us that we will have the money for Estates meetings, wars, coronations, and administration costs as outlined in the budget passed in Nov 2004. We cannot keep expecting monies from raffles, donations and excess attendance at feasts and wars to continue to cover our expenses.

Author: Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier, Imperial Steward - Insurance and disbursements)

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Chancery Report Review (See Appendix A: Chancery Report, Part 2 (Chancery - Estates))

As per IEW 22, changes to the Bylaws, Writs, and Manuals not normally requiring formal amendment are to be noted in the Chancery Report. The Estates may question any change and vote on it individually. The Chancery Report will be available on-line as [2005March_Chancery2.pdf](#) on the Adrian Empire website.

- A. Bylaws/Writs Corrections
- B. Bylaws/Writs Amendments for Clarification
- C. Combat Manual Corrections
- D. Marshals' Manual Corrections

CH2. Clarify Estates Writ 6, Demonstration Initiations.

Was CH4. Requires majority to approve.

Note: The Imperial Minister of Law shall be called upon to report on the state of this writ.

Current Writ: Ministry service, including but not limited to demonstrations, fundraisers, community service related to Adria, classes, collegia, feasts, tournaments, and wars may be substituted for demo initiations in the Ministry path to Knighthood. [what follows are the exact terms and conditions in which a DI may be awarded]...

Proposal 1: Enforce as written.**Proposal 2: Rewrite to allow “double-dipping” of points**

Amend to read: ...wars may be substituted awarded in addition to regular monthly participation points for demo initiations in the Ministry path to Knighthood...

Commentary: This writ clearly states that ministry service may be **substituted**, not awarded in addition to. Substitution is accepting something in lieu of the original writ. Few subdivisions award these DI points as a substitution, despite the clarity of its wording. The estates need to either enforce the writ as written and passed, or they need to change the wording to reflect common practice.

Authors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Dame Maedb Hawkins (Knight Premier)

CH3. Consider the reign of Aislynn and Wright.

Requires majority to approve.

Commentary: Per Article VI.E.5. 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:

- *Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office.*

CH4. Amend Article VIII.F.1 Chartered Subdivisions

Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

From time to time *chartered* subdivisions within the Adrian Empire may desire advancement. This is to be encouraged and permitted as long as the following standards and procedures are met:

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision.
- In the case of an existing *chartered* subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (*Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates with a 2/3 majority.*)

Proposal 1: Secession

Add: At least 5 members in good standing, residing at least 60 miles from the other active membership of a chartered subdivision (a regular event location), may petition the Imperial Crown for secession from their chartered subdivision. If the Imperial Crown determines that the petition has merit, an amendment to the subdivision's charter may be approved by the Imperial Estates by a two-thirds vote. A new chartered subdivision may then be established according to law. The lands ceded to the new subdivision must be adequate for that purpose without unduly reducing the original subdivision.

Counterproposal to Proposal 1

Add: At least 5 members in good standing residing at least 75 miles (or in the Imperial Crowns discretion to the distance Involved, Population Density and Travel Time also being considered) from other active membership of a chartered sub-division may petition the Imperial Crown and notifying the Sub-divisions Crown to form a Protectorate upon approval of the Imperial Crown.

A Lord and or Lady Protector would then be appointed by the Imperial Crowns with recommendations from the Sub-division Crown if the Petition has merit. These newly made Protectors will be charged with appointing ministers in consultation with the Crowns and ministers of the Sub-division, and work to develop the various disciplines with open cooperation from the Original Sub-division.

These Protectors would also receive as does an Imperial Viceroy one vote upon the Imperial Estates until such a time that Estate's have been developed within the Protectorate.

The Lord/Lady Protector will report to the Sub-division Crowns and the Imperial Crowns on a Monthly basis. Newly appointed Ministers of the protectorate will report and seek guidance both to and from the Sub-divisions Ministers and Imperial Ministers.

The Protectorate will be reviewed every 3 Months until such a time where the Imperial Crown; in consultation with the Sub-division Crown and The Lord/Lady Protector of the Protectorate; will make a judgment to elevate the Protectorate to the appropriate Sub-division level once they have proven able to develop strong ministries, shown documented growth and the ability to administer the area according to the strictures and rules as outlined in the Adrian Empires By-Laws.

At such a time the matter will be brought to the attention of the Imperial Estates for a change to the existing boundaries of the original sub-division and creating a charter and fixed boundaries for the new sub-division. Lands ceded in this manner must be adequate to allow the new sub-division to grow without unduly reducing the growth potential of the original sub-division.

***Commentary:** While the initial proposal addresses many of the issues it overlooks a key one "getting everyone on the same page". It has been our experience both in starting a sub-division from scratch and Sir Auberon's experience as Imperial Hospitaler that a mentoring is extremely helpful in creating a successful sub-division.*

This proposal also addresses the fact that travel time varies due to population densities and urban areas. 20 miles through Major Cities such as Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, etc. is vastly different than 20 miles in a rural setting.

Furthermore if the protectorate fails members in the chosen area will still have a sub-division to belong to rather than being reduced to Members at Large. In the Initial proposal there is no address for such. The original proposal also opens some room for possible abuse.

As Members of a Chivalric Society we should find ways to cultivate growth and understanding. Many times disagreements, while personality conflicts do occur, arise from a misunderstanding or misinterpretations of the actual rules of our organization.

The Counterproposal minimizes the possibility of bad blood that could occur in an out-and-out split. It also has a built-in mentoring system giving the Protectorate the advantage of having individuals closer with experience to rely and call upon.

***Authors:** Sir Auberon dela'Reve (Duke of Andorra, Imperial Hospitaler), Dame Isabeau dela'Reve (Duchess of Andorra)*

Proposal 2: Charter Reduction

Add: A review of all current chartered subdivisions of the Adrian Empire shall be conducted by a panel appointed by the Imperial Crown. Any subdivision containing mundane counties without a single subject in residence may be recommended for charter reduction. The panel should consider the feasibility of future growth and the proven ability of the subdivision to expand its membership. If the Imperial Crown concurs with the recommendation of the panel, an amendment to the subdivision's charter may be approved by the Imperial Estates by a two-thirds vote. New chartered subdivisions may then be established according to law.

***Commentary:** In several of the geographically larger subdivisions, especially those with smaller populations, there are serious obstacles to active participation. Groups in remote areas cannot get the assistance they need to function. Sometimes, their attempts to become Adrians are interpreted as attacks upon the chartered subdivision. Our goal should be expanding Adria, not preserving sovereignty over unoccupied lands. When the subdivision cannot develop its own lands, an alternative must be made available. Proposal 1 would create a smaller independent chartered subdivision where members wish to play. Proposal 2 would facilitate reducing the territory of chartered subdivisions to where they actually have subjects with the remainder reverting to Imperial lands to allow new Shires to be formed.*

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Imperial Chancellor, Knight Premier, Knight Doctor), Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Article XVI.C. Victory (to determine the conduct of wars in the event of a tie)

Was OB4. Referred to authors for re-write in November 2004. Requires majority to take from the table, 2/3rds to approve.

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.

Add: In the event of a tie, tied contenders shall compete in... (see below) ..., to determine a victor.

Proposal 1: One additional battle

Choose either (a) or (b)

- a) ... one additional armored champion's battle
- b) ... one additional melee (shinai, renaissance, or armored to be randomly determined).

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: Second set of Champion's battles

... a second set of three champion's battles, one each in archery, arts, and combat ...

(The Estates should select either renaissance or armored.)

Note: This is unlikely to produce a tie, and represents all three areas. Regarding arts, the piece submitted should be prepared in advance for the event of a tie.

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

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Princess, Countess Royal, Knight Premier), Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

Counterproposal: Written ballot

In the event of a tie a vote consisting of a written ballot shall be taken. Only members of that warring subdivision, and who sign in at the war, will be allowed to vote in said ballot. The vote will be counted by the Chancellor, with the help of the Steward to verify the membership of the voters. Participation in this vote will not earn the member a war point. The contender with a simple majority will win the tiebreaker and will be announced at closing court of the war.

Commentary: In the event of a close war the will of the whole populace of the subdivision should make the final decision.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row), HRM Dame Claire Tonnesdtr (Queen, Terre Neuve), Dame Akria Krastel (Countess, County of Terre Amata)

Proposal 4: Size of contender's armies

In the event of a tie, the size of each contender's army shall be evaluated. Since outlanders are added to each army in proportion to the number of members of the warring subdivision supporting each contender, only members of the warring subdivision shall be counted. The contender with the largest number of supporters shall be declared the victor.

Commentary: This tie-breaking method is implied in the formation of armies. The will of the populace clearly stands behind the contenders supported; it is only fitting that the contender with the most support from the populace over which the contender will rule should be the one to ascend to the Throne.

Author: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

Co-Sponsors: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown), Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row)

OB2. Petition for Readmission as per XI.B.6.e.

Was OB8. Tabled in November 2004. Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve, requires Crown approval.

Proposal 1: Remove banishment

Removal of banishment from Winfred Lord Randall Llewellyn ap Alyson (Randy Allison) and Anginette Mesalyn Theresa de la Fouche' Alyson (Annette Allison). All other conditions imposed by the Imperial Estates are to be maintained in place.

Proposal 2: Remove banishment, retain prohibition of points, etc.

As above, add: **These members may not accrue points, or hold positions, ranks, titles, etc. until the remaining conditions are fully satisfied.**

Commentary: Winfred and Anginette have served three (3) years of Banishment by Adrian bylaw (i.e. remained paid members the full time). Their reparation payments are up to date. They wish to be allowed at events to enjoy a game and club they have dedicated much time to.

Chancellor's Note: In March 2004, the Imperial Estates granted permission to Randy and Annette Allison to appear at the Imperial Estates Meeting in which this is to be discussed, and to speak on their own behalf.

Author: HRM Sir Cirus (Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: Dame Katherine Marshal of London (Princess, Knight Premier)

OB3. Amend Article XIII. Policy on Religion, Introduction

Was OB29; approved by voice vote in November 2004; notice of reconsideration served. Requires 2/3rds to approve.

Expand this section of law to widen its definition of what religion was. Expressly state that this is the policy of religious activity within a non-religious entity.

Current law: Religion and spiritual life were very important to the people of the middle ages. While this usually implied the Catholic Church, in the 14th Century there is evidence that Pagan faiths survived in many forms. Further, the current resurgence in devotion to those requires a policy on religious and magical usage, these shall be as follows.

Amend to read: Religion and spiritual life were very important to the people of the middle ages. This usually implied the Catholic **or Orthodox** Church, though there is evidence of **many other** faiths. The current resurgence in devotion requires a policy on religious **activity in the Adrian Empire, which is a non-religious entity.**

Commentary: *The original law was very narrow in its explanation of what Churches were in the medieval and renaissance eras. I'm sure Henry the VIII would have disagreed with limiting it to the Catholic Church. In addition, there were many other faiths, but not all of them Pagan.*

Committee Comments: *No comments on the substance of the above proposal were received.*

Authors: *Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Dame Maedb Hawkins (Knight Premier)*

OB4. Amend Article XVI.B. War to create War Points for Ministry Voting

Was OB41, referred to committee for final re-write in November 2004. Requires majority to take from the table, 2/3rds to approve.

Current law: The Minister of War will then provide a copy of the first day's battles to each contender. On the following morning, after Opening Court, the battles will begin.

There shall be twenty-one (21) war points consisting of:

- Three (3) light weapons battles
- Two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- One (1) renaissance champions battle
- Two (2) armored battles
- One (1) armored champions battle
- Eight (8) arts points consisting of:
 - Four (4) Masters' Tournament
 - Four (4) Knights' Tournament
- Four (4) archery points consisting of:
 - One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Master's list (Bowman))
 - One (1) Knights' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Knight's list (Huntsman))
 - One (1) Open Tournament War Point (combined score of all master's list and knight's list.) This is a separate act from above.
 - One (1) Champion's War Point (highest score of any individual). This will be determined by the highest score by any individual from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion.

Note: These are separate matches, and must be competed in separately.

Amend to read: The Minister of War will then provide a copy of the first day's battles to each contender. On the following morning, after Opening Court, the battles will begin.

There shall be twenty-five (25) war points consisting of:

- Three (3) light weapons battles
- Two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- One (1) renaissance champions battle
- Two (2) armored battles
- One (1) armored champions battle
- Eight (8) arts points consisting of:
 - Four (4) Masters' Tournament
 - Four (4) Knights' Tournament
- Four (4) archery points consisting of:
 - One (1) Masters' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Master's list (Bowman))
 - One (1) Knights' Tournament War Point (combined score of all Knight's list (Huntsman))
 - One (1) Open Tournament War Point (combined score of all master's list and knight's list.) This is a separate act from above.
 - One (1) Champion's War Point (highest score of any individual). This will be determined by the highest score by any individual from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion.
- Four (4) ministry points consisting of: There will be a vote consisting of a written ballot taken among the populace. Only members of that warring subdivision/Empire, and who sign in at the war will be

allowed to vote. No outlanders will be allowed to participate in said ballot and participation in said ballot will not earn members a war point. The ballot will be made up of two separate ballots as follows:

- 2 Points All Knight Ministers.
- 2 Points All members except Knight Ministers who have earned a Ministry EP within the last 6 months (prior to the freezing of the voting membership) in that subdivision/Empire in which the war is taking place.

The votes will be counted by the Chancellor with the help of the Steward and Rolls Minister to verify Knighthood, participation, and membership. The voting membership will be frozen 30 days before the war at the Kingdom level, and 60 days at the Imperial Level. The contender with the highest number of votes will win the points. In the event of a tie the points will be split evenly among the two highest totals (In the event of a three way or more tie no one will receive the points. After the vote has been counted the Chancellor will give the results to the Minister of Joust and War to be announced with the rest of the scenarios.

Commentary: While those who perform the acts in Ministry are what help keep the Empire running, they are denied a direct say in the choosing of a Crown in war. This proposal will correct that imbalance without changing our whole system of government.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis, March of Where Dat Al Row), Dame Akria Krastel (Countess, County of Terre Amata)

OB5. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 1, Manual of Arts and Sciences

Was NB2. Requires majority to approve.

Current Law:

Article V.D.5. War Judging

An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 30% of the entries.

Amend to read:

If possible, an artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 30% of the entries.

Commentary: Sometimes, qualified judges do not show up because of mundane reasons, sometimes judges quit judging because they feel they have judged enough to receive a ministry war point for judging, some judges leave because they are just tired and we are left with either breaking the law by having the left over judges finish or we are left with having no one there to judge. We also may have the problem of starting out judging with four to a panel and at the end of the day only enough for three judges are left; not breaking a law but certainly not equally fair to all artisans and contenders.

We already have in place, in law, whereby the judge has to be disqualified from judging certain entries. It's their contender's family or direct vassal, or their own work that they already cannot judge.

The 'amending' by adding 'if possible' puts in place the use of qualified judges to judge if needed.

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Sponsors: Sir Pavo Rosalia (Knight Premier), Dame Nisha (Comtessa Royal, Umbria)

OB6. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imp. Estates Writ 2, Missile Weapons Manual

Was NB3. Requires majority to approve.

The Imperial Crown has stated the goal of having a single Adrian War that would include the entire Empire to be held in a central location. We expect this to happen in the next year. The Imperial Crown wishes to strictly follow the combat manual. This would alleviate the normal cultural differences that exist between subdivisions. While these cultural differences are fine and add tremendous flavor to the Empire, in a combined war, major differences must be addressed. We have identified two major differences that would hinder this event. We wish the Imperial Estates to share the burden of deciding how to proceed.

Item 1: Amend IEW 17, Combat Manual, Article III.G.1 to remove the term "Schläger" from the description

Commentary: The combat manual states schläger blades are to be used in rapier combat. It also lists actual blade specifications. Several subdivisions use non-schläger blades commonly referred to as "schläger type" or Paul Chen blades that meet the specifications. These blades satisfy the requirements for both Renaissance and Cut & Thrust combat. The Imperial Ministry of Combat has determined that these blades have enough flex to use with a three weapons mask. These blades are available in longer sizes than standard schläger blades (over 40" in length).

The Imperial Crown does not care which blades are to be allowed. The Imperial Crown wants the manual to be clear. We leave it to the Estates to decide whether Renaissance combat should be restricted to using schläger blades only, or allow all blades meeting the specifications.

Note: If adopted, the corrected language shall be made throughout the manual.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

Item 2: Amend IEW 2, Missile Weapons Manual Article IV.A. Armor

Current Law: Combat archers and siege weapon crewmen must be armored appropriate to the type of combat they will be participating in. Archers/crewmen may re-arm themselves with close-combat weapons once they are out of ammunition or otherwise desire to join the battle as a combatant (within the restrictions of the scenario). Armor standards are found in Section III of the Adrian Combat Manual.

Add: For Renaissance and Armored combat scenarios, archers wishing not to participate in close combat may armor themselves according to the Shinai requirements.

Commentary: The 1999 Archery Manual lists archer armor requirements, suggesting that this is the armor requirement for archers in all forms of combat. The Missile Weapons Manual states that archers must wear the armor of the type of combat in which they participate (with the exception that they may wear gloves). In practice: in the west, archers in steel must wear steel armor; in the east, archers not wishing to engage in "hand-to-hand" combat in steel wear "archer armor" (basically shinai gear) and are called dead within weapon reach. No injuries have ever been reported in either case. The Imperial Crown does not care which method is followed. The Imperial Crown wants the manuals to be clear and practice to be consistent.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

OB7. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 2-1 Marshal's Manual Article VII.A.1.a. Written Test

Was NB4. Requires majority to approve.

Option 1: Remove in its entirety

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Option 2: Replace with an itemized performance checklist to be determined by the Ministry of Joust and War

Note: This would only remove the written test for combatants. The written test for marshals would still be required.

Commentary: His Imperial Majesty believes that the written test does not determine a fighter's effective knowledge of the rules. He also believes that it discourages new fighters from participating in combat. Either option would allow new fighters to qualify for combat more readily, thus encouraging participation.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Premier, Knight Champion)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imp. Estates Writ 2-1, Marshals' Manual (see Appendix B: Combat, Marshals' Manual Amendments)

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

Will be available as [2005March_combat.pdf](#) on the Imperial web site.

Authors: Lord Wright Bentwood (Emperor), Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Champion, Knight Premier)

NB2. Amend Article IV.F. Discounts to remove military, student discounts

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

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...

Authors/Co-Sponsor: Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier), HRM Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

NB3. Amend Article III.A.1. to remove 30-day grace period

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

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.

Authors/Co-Sponsor: Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier), Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

NB4. Add Imperial Estates Writ - Renaissance Faires and Mundane Contracts

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

Add: "All Renaissance Faires involving more than one chartered subdivision of the Empire, regardless of where they are located, will be considered to be Imperial events and shall require Imperial sanction. Negotiations regarding them will be handled by the Imperial Crown or Their appointed autocrats."

"All original copies of legal contracts shall be submitted to the Imperial Steward no later than five (5) business days after formation; additional copies may be retained by the subdivision. All contracts obligating the Adrian Empire require Imperial permission, which, at Their discretion, may be delegated in advance or may require specific prior approval."

Author's Commentary: Since so many subdivisions do faires together, they should be Adrian and not belong to one subdivision alone. This will reduce tension when multiple subdivisions are involved.

Chancery Commentary: Mundanely, all contracts are the responsibility of the corporation. Our corporate officers (TIMs) are free to delegate authority to whomever they wish (appoint autocrat), but the authority remains Theirs. Some newer and smaller subdivisions may not understand this relationship. Retaining Imperial jurisdiction will reduce confusion and permit members to earn Imperial participations.

Author: HRM Dame Etaine Llywelyn (Queen of Castilles)

Co-sponsors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), HRM Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Queen of Albion, Knight Premier)

NB5. Amend Article V.B.2. War list

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

Current law: A list shall close no sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the list mistress has contacted both contenders of the pending closure of the lists and no later than the initial entry in a particular list being judged. All artisans shall have their entries available to be judged at the closing of the list.

Amend to read: A list shall close no sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the list mistress has contacted both contenders of the pending closure of the lists **each day of the war** and no later than the initial entry in a particular list being judged. All artisans shall have their entries available to be judged at the closing of the list.

Commentary: This gives people who could not make it to the first day of the war a chance to still participate. We allow people to sign in on the list in combat and archery when they show up. We should give the same courtesy to artisans.

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NB6. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article V.F.4. Most Total Masterworks/Masterpieces

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

Current Writ: V.F.4. MOST TOTAL MASTERWORKS/MASTERPIECES

The army with the most total masterworks or masterpieces awarded on each of the lists.

Amend to read: V.F.4. Highest Score for an Individual Entry

The highest arts score awarded on each of the lists. Ties would divide the point by percentage.

Commentary: This effectively becomes the Arts Champion Point, equivalent to Archery and Combat Champion's points. The reason for this change is because it is unlikely that the Journeyman's list will produce a Masterwork, such that the impact of the Arts is lessened by one point. Also we have removed the concept of Masterpieces. This still encourages and awards excellence in a simple fashion more equivalent to the other fields of endeavor.

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

NB7. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 1 Arts and Sciences Manual Article V. Wars

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

Current Section Heading: V. Wars

Amend to read: V. Contested Wars

Commentary: The Arts and Sciences Manual does not need to regulate the scenarios at a fun war.

Author: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Knight Premier, Knight Doctor, Imperial Chancellor)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

NB8. Add Imperial Estates Writ/Playtest: Champion's List

Requires 2/3rds to consider. Requires majority to approve as Estates Writ or authorize for playtest.

Chartered subdivisions shall be authorized to conduct a Champion's List, in addition to the Sergeant's and Knight's Lists.

Knight Bannerets and Champions shall be required to compete in the Champion's List; they would no longer be allowed to fight in the Knight's List except as provided below. Knight Bachelors may join the Champion's List in addition to fighting in the Knight's List. A Champion's List win is recorded as a Knight's List win. If there are less than four (4) qualified Knights, and a Champion's List cannot be held, Bannerets and Champions may compete in the Knight's List.

Commentary: Combatants achieve levels of performance. Beginners compete on the Sergeant's List; Sergeants and above compete on the Knight's List. My experience indicates that Sergeants and Bachelors represent intermediate competition and that Bannerets and Champions represent advanced competition. Too often, Sergeants and Bachelors are unable to develop the skills necessary to compete with the most advanced combatants. Understandably, they become frustrated and do not learn, just as beginning combatants would fail if thrown into the Knight's List. This concept was attempted by Sir Frederick von Burg (nearly 7 years ago) when Adria had too few advanced combatants to hold practical Champion's Lists. I believe that the larger subdivisions can finally test the concept. The three list tiers have great potential to increase participation and improve combatants' skill.

Author: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Aislynn du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

NB9. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 17 Combat Manual Article I.G. Melee and War Combat Rules to include Non-Combatant Infantry, Non-Combatant Supporters

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

Current Law:

3. People allowed on the Field

- Only the combatants, marshals, water bearers, physickers, and unarmored squires are allowed on the field of combat during a Hold.
- Only the combatants and marshals are allowed on the field of combat after a Lay-on is called.

Proposal 1

Amend to Read:

3. People allowed on the Field

- ~~During combat (after "Lay-on" is called), only the combatants and, marshals, and non-combatant infantry are allowed on the field-of combat after a Lay-on is called.~~
- ~~During a "Hold", only the combatants, marshals,~~ water bearers, physickers, ~~non-combatant infantry,~~ and unarmored squires are ~~also~~ allowed on the field-of combat during a Hold.
- ~~Prior to and at the conclusion of combat, non-combatant supporters are also allowed on the field.~~

Add:

6. Non-Combatant Infantry

- Non-combatant infantry are members of an army who shall be allowed on the field during wars but may not participate in combat; they may neither engage nor be engaged.
- There are two types of non-combatant infantry:
 - Standard Bearers, who carry banners during combat
 - Musicians, who play musical instruments during combat
- The minimum age of non-combatant infantry shall be 13 years of age.
- Non-combatant infantry shall wear the armor required for the type of war scenario in which they participate.
- Non-combatant infantry must leave the field when:
 - Instructed by a marshal; or
 - Killed or captured by a live combatant within 10 feet calling "dead my lord".

7. Non-Combatant Supporters

- Non-combatant supporters are members of an army who shall be allowed to escort their army onto the field.
- Non-combatant supporters are encouraged to don appropriate heraldic tabards, carry flags, play instruments, etc. in support of their army.
- There shall be no minimum age of non-combatant supporters.
- Non combatant supporters must leave the field when:
 - Instructed by a marshal; or
 - Before "Lay On" is called.
- Once combat begins and until the scenario ends, non-combatant supporters may not be allowed back on the field, including during a Hold.

Commentary: We are encouraged by the interest of our youngest members to be more involved and fully encourage safe participation. They should be involved with the excitement of the beginning of the battles, leading their army to the field, escorting the Generals to the Marshal's meeting, waving banners and playing instruments to encourage their army.

Authors: TIM Lord Wright Bentwood and Aislyne du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

Proposal 2: Amend Proposal 1

3. People allowed on the Field

- During combat (after "Lay-on" is called), only ~~the~~ combatants and, marshals, ~~and non-combatant infantry~~ are allowed on the field ~~of combat after a Lay-on is called.~~
- During combat (after "Lay-on" is called), non-combatant infantry are allowed in designated areas adjoining the field with a dedicated marshal present.
- During a "Hold", ~~only the combatants, marshals,~~ water bearers, physickers, ~~non-combatant infantry,~~ and unarmored squires are also allowed on the field ~~of combat during a Hold.~~
- Prior to and at the conclusion of combat, non-combatant infantry and supporters are also allowed on the field.

6. Non-Combatant Infantry

- Non-combatant infantry are members of an army who shall be allowed on **designated areas adjoining the field with a dedicated marshal present** during wars but may not participate in combat; they may neither engage nor be engaged.
- There are two types of non-combatant infantry:
 - Standard Bearers, who carry banners during combat
 - Musicians, who play musical instruments during combat
- The minimum age of non-combatant infantry shall be 13 years of age.
- ~~Non-combatant infantry shall wear the armor required for the type of war scenario in which they participate.~~
- ~~Non-combatant infantry must leave the field when:~~
 - ~~Instructed by a marshal; or~~
 - ~~Killed or captured by a live combatant within 10 feet calling "dead my lord".~~
- Combatants using missile or siege weapons shall exercise caution when non-combatant infantry is present.

Authors: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier), Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis, Marzo di Morte e la Foresta)

X. DISCUSSION

D1. 20th Anniversary Event

Sponsor: Dame Sapphire Jade (Senior Minor Estate, Galloway)

Co-Sponsor: Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

D2. Appendix C: Boffer Manual

See [2005March boffer.pdf](#).

If discussion is favorable and our insurance does not prohibit it, TIMs may adopt the manual as Crown Writ for playtesting.

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XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

July 16-17, 2005. Location: TBD (region 1: Terre Neuve, Esperance, Carolingia, Brandenburg, Sangrael). The chartered subdivisions of Region 1 are encouraged to submit bids at their earliest convenience.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA