

IMPERIAL ESTATES MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2005

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I. CALL TO ORDER 3/13/05 8:05 a.m. EST

Meeting called to order on March 13, 2005, at 8:05 a.m. EST.

Chancery Note: The members present on Saturday, March 12, 2005, participating in an open forum at the request of TIMS, agreed to postpone convening the Imperial Estates Meeting until Sunday, March 13, 2005.

II. ROLL CALL..... QUORUM MET

- Seating of qualified members
50 present, 90 by proxy, 4 absent (total votes: 140; quorum met).
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI. E. 4. Disqualification
 - Sir Nickademus Fiend (Knight Premier) – approved with no objections (proxy)
 - Dame Kyra Evaine (Knight Premier) – approved with no objections
 - Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Founder – lack of attendance) – approved with no objections
 - Shire of Burgandy – approved with no objections
 - Dame Rayvn Sophia (Countess Royal) – not seated (43 in favor, 49 against, 48 abstentions)
 - Sir Winfred (see OB2) – approved with 3 objections
 - Dame Anginette (see OB2) – approved with 3 objections (proxy)

TOTAL: 54 present, 92 by proxy, 4 absent (total 146).

Adrian Empire

Crown: Dame Aislyne de Chartier (Empress) present
Sir Wright Bentwood (Emperor) also present

Albion, Kingdom

Crown: Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Queen) present
Sir William Baine (King) also present
Marzo di Foresta e Morte: Dame Elaine Grae (Marquessa) proxy, HE Sir Warren Anthony
Marzo di Morte e la Foresta: Sir Warren Anthony (Marquis) present
Contea di Convenienza: Sir Angus MacBrus (Count) proxy, HRM Ashlinn Tiernan
County SeaWulf: Dame Merula Cornix (Countess) proxy, HRM Ashlinn Tiernan
Sir Justin Kase (Count Royal (Vega)) absent
Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Ashlinn Tiernan
Dame Caoimhe O'Raghallaigh (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HE Sir Warren Anthony
Sir William Baine (K3) present
Dame Rose of Aberlone (K3) proxy, HRM William Baine
Sir Ian McDonald of Connaught (K3) proxy, HRM William Baine
Sir Draco Rivenoak (K3) proxy, HRM William Baine
Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (K3) present

Alhambra, Archduchy

Crown: Sir Hamish McKlaine (Archduke) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal of London
County of Iberia: Sir Guillaume Marchand D'Fluer (Count) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal
Barony McKlaine: Dame Cryssida Blackwood (Baroness) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal

Andorra, Duchy

Crown: Sir Auberon de la Reve (Duke) present
Dame Isabeau de la Reve (Duchess) also present
House de la Reve: Lady Gwendolyn Gryfonne (Lady) proxy, HG Dame Isabeau
Lord Angus Phearquod (Lord)
School of Night: Katherine Terror (Lady) proxy, HG Dame Isabeau
Gregory Thomas (Lord)

Aragon, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (King) present
March de Borgia: Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Marquessa) present
March Dell' Amicizia: Dame Charicce DuBois Guilbert de Morello (Marquessa) present
County Black Rose: Sir Jean Marc Fontenay (Count) proxy, HG Dame Serina
County Mio Amici: Dame Bella Nicotra (Countess) proxy, HRM Cirus
Dame Serina Isobella de Torsiello (Countess Royal, K3) present
Sir David von Albrecht (Count Royal) proxy, HG Dame Serina
Sir Eduardo de Peruzzi (Count Royal) proxy, HG Dame Serina
Dame Aleigha Fyredrayk (Countess Royal) proxy, HG Dame Serina
Sir Damon of Antioch (Count Royal) proxy, HG Dame Serina
Sir Cirus la Marchate des Ombres du Morte (K3) present
Sir Winfred (Count Royal) present
Dame Anginette (Countess Royal) proxy, HG Dame Serina

Bedegraine, Shire

House Corr: Sir Gowen Corr (Lord) proxy, Sir L'Bete deAcmd

Brandenburg, Archduchy

Crown: Sir Erik Harbinger (Archduke) present
Dame Melora Fitzhammon (Archduchess)
Barony Hoffbrau: Dame Juliana Hirsch (Baroness) present
House Schutzhundheim: Sir Arion Hirsch (Lord) proxy, Dame Juliana Hirsch
Sir Erik Harbinger (Prince) present
Sir Arion Hirsch (K3) proxy, Dame Juliana Hirsch
Dame Juliana Hirsch (K3) present
Sir Stephan Belski (Prince) disqualified, Lack of attendance

Burgandy, Shire

Shire: Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Viceroy) present
(Wife) (Vicerine) also present
Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Founder) present

Cambridge, Duchy

Crown: Sir Greylong Winter (Duke) present
Dame Ravenna Winter (Duchess)
Monastery of the Sacred Light: Bishop Greco de Edessa (Lord) proxy, HG Greylong Winter
House Magisteri: Lord Roberto Sanchez (Lord) absent

Carolingia, Archduchy

Crown: Sir Nicholas Worthington (Archduke) proxy, HIIH Elisabeth Grey
March of St. Michael: Sir Karl von Katzburg (Marquis) proxy, HIIH Elisabeth Grey
House Verange: Sir Wilhelm der Grosse (Lord) proxy, HIIH Elisabeth Grey
Sisters of St. John: Dame Maud de Clayton (Lady) proxy, HIIH Elisabeth Grey
Dame Elisabeth Grey (Princess, K3) present
Sir Karl von Katzburg (Prince, K3) proxy, HIIH Elisabeth Grey

Castilles, Kingdom

Crown: Dame Etaine Llewelyn (Queen) present
 Don Amador de la Hoya (King)
 March Mercia: Dame Anna Llewelyn (Marquessa) present
 Sir Thorvald Isblod (Marquis)
 March Tartarus: Finnian MacLeod (Marquis) proxy, Sir Bleyz
 March Hygrove: Dame Tara Callahan (Marquessa) present
 County Stonehaven: Kathryne MacKay (Countess) present
 County Phoenix: Sir Giacomo di Verona (Count) proxy, Dame Anna Llewelyn
 Dame Zabrina de Vine (Countess)
 Dame Etaine Llewelyn (K3, Countess Royal) present
 Don Amador de la Hoya (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Etaine
 Lord Wright Bentwood (K3) present

Chesapeake, Duchy

Crown: Dame Kyra Evaine (Duchess) present
 Barony Rising Moon and Sun: Lord Malhavoc Gregori Blackthorne III (Baron) present
 House Pegasus de Liberatem: Dame Kelda RuddCatha (Lady) present
 Sir Aerindane McLorie (K3) present
 Dame Kyra Evaine (K3) present

Dunvegan, Duchy

Crown: Dame Isabel MacAskill (Duchess) present
 Barony Hebrides: Sir Karl Lagerstain (Baron) proxy, Dame Isabel MacAskill
 House Dragon's Bane: Dame Patricia Sparr (Lady) proxy, Dame Isabel MacAskill

Ekaterinegorod, Duchy

Crown: Sir Sergay Ruslanovich (Duke) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal
 Dame Kitara Kell (Duchess)
 Barony Bloodstone: Angus of Bloodstone (Baron) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal
 House Kell: Ella Tavender (Lady) proxy, HIH Sir Nikolai McClean Belski von Hapsburg

Esperance, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Caspain Holgar (King) present
 Raisa Razi bint Sabra (Queen) also present
 March of Aggravaine: Sir William Ce'Wolf (Marquis) proxy, HRM Razi bint Sabra
 County Aguilar: Dame Lyrica Angelique (Countess) proxy, Dame Lenora Greyphis
 Barony of Vineland: Sir William de Mild (Baron) proxy, Dame Lenora Greyphis
 Dame Katherine Marshal of London (Princess, Countess Royal, K3) present
 Dame Maedb Hawkins (Princess, Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Razi bint Sabra
 Dame Willow de Rara (Countess Royal, K3) absent
 Dame Aleta O'Barry (Countess Royal) proxy, HIH Jehan
 Sir Coda der Drachesohn (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HIH Dame Katherine Marshal
 Sir William Ce'Wolf (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Razi bint Sabra
 Raisa Razi bint Sabra (Countess Royal) present
 Kniaz Sergei Boroslav Beneshek (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Razi bint Sabra
 Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, K3) present
 Dame Marion Leal Durius (Countess Royal) present
 Sir James of Bloodstone (K3) proxy, HG Dame Marion
 Sir Jamie the Red (K3) proxy, HRM Razi bint Sabra
 Dame Lenora Greyphis (K3) present
 Dame Eleanor de la Pole (Countess Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance

Galloway, Shire

Shire: Sir Duncan MacLang (default, Viceroy) present
Dame Sapphire Jade (K2 (Senior Minor Estate)) present

Gloucester, Shire

Shire: Sir Frederick von Burg (default, Viceroy) proxy, HIM Aislynne
Sir Frederick von Burg (K3) proxy, HIM Aislynne
Dame Delia (Countess Royal) proxy, HIM Aislynne

Isle de Mort, Shire

Barony Badenoch: Pellas, Esq. (Baron) proxy, HRM William Baine
House Sea Raven: Sir Michael Sinestro (Lord) proxy, HRM William Baine
Sir Philippe duBois Guilbert (K3, Count Royal) proxy, HRM William Baine
Sir Michael Sinestro (K3) proxy, HRM William Baine

Kildare, Duchy

Crown: Dame Cathan ni Sonoid (Duchess) present
Sir Ian McMillan (Duke)
Barony Antrim: Sir Malise (Baron) proxy, HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
House Lochlann: Lady Isabella la Roussa (Lady) proxy, HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid

Nassau, Shire

Shire: Sir Odan (default, Viceroy) absent

Neu Eisenwold, Shire

Shire: Gerolf von Morgenstern (default, Viceroy) proxy, Dame Juliana Hirsch
Elayne Morgenstern (default, Vicerine)

Sangrael, Duchy

Crown: Dame Kirin Christopherson (Duchess) proxy, HRM Dame Claire
House MacDonald: Sir Gwydion Dionne (Lord) proxy, HRM Dame Claire
House Fa-lue: Dame Gwenllian Derwen (Lady) proxy, HRM Dame Claire

Somerset, Duchy

Crown: Constance Roswell (Duchess) present
House Blue Maid: Dame Sorche Kyrkeby (Lady) present
House Hijas del Sol: Gwirth verch Albrecht (Lady) proxy, Don Miguel

Terre Neuve, Kingdom

Crown: Dame Claire Tonnesdtr (Queen) present
Sir Angus McLean de McDonnon (King)
March of Where Dat Al Row: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Marquis) proxy, HG Dame Kendra
County of Anwnn: Sir Callon Bryn Corry (Count) proxy, HG Dame Kendra
County of Terre Amata: Dame Akria Krastel (Countess) proxy, HRM Dame Claire
Sir Nikolai McClean Belski von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) present
Sir Johan Warhammer Von Hohenstaufen (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Claire
Sir Badger Kelly McDonnon (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Dame Claire
Dame Kendra Finster McFayden de McDonnon (Countess Royal) present
Sir Madoc McDonnon (County Royal) proxy, HG Dame Kendra

Umbria, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Pavo Rosalia (King) present
 Dame Margarita duBois (Queen)
 March Blackstaff: Sir Knighthawke le Treson (Marquis) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Dame Ravyn Sophia (Marquessa)
 County Concorde: Sir Puck Lyttle Stormdragon Four'Now (Count) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Barony of Dragon's Lair: Dame Draconia E. DeVona (Baroness) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Sir Knighthawke le Treson (Count Royal) proxy, HIH Nikolai
 Sir Jean Mariq le Treson (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HIH Nikolai
 Sir James the Red (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Dame Aislynne de Chartier (Countess Royal) present
 Dame Al-sayyid Al-Farisa Nisha (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Waldham von Thurson (Count Royal, K3) present
 Sir Pavo Rosalia (Count Royal, K3) present
 Sir Ulis Rowden Blackarrow of Boyd (K3) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Dame Margarita duBois (K3) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Sir Duncan Wallace (K3) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Sir Angus Kilshannig Mcallister (K3) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Sir Cameron Kilshannig FitzCannon (K3) proxy, HRM Pavo Rosalia
 Sir Keegan (Count Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance
 Dame Roawyn O'Riley (Countess Royal) disqualified, Lack of Attendance

Valencia, Shire

Shire: Dame Abegail del Oscuro (default, Vicerine) proxy, Rhydderch ap Eirwyn
 Casa Fondante: Rhydderch ap Eirwyn (Lord) present

York, Kingdom

Crown: Sir Johanus (King) present
 Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Queen) also present
 March of Tir De Righ: Sir Nickademus Fiend (Marquis) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Brianna Delwyn (Marquessa)
 County of Contae Duir: Sir Mobius (Count) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Toireasa McBride (Countess)
 Barony of Dinn Righ: Dame Cerridwyn Fiend (Baroness) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Sir Raffe Cunningham (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Brejenne Cunningham (Countess Royal) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Sir Killian Oakesblood (Count Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Josephine Oakesblood (Countess Royal, K3) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Jericho Gutte D'Or (Countess Royal) proxy, HIH Nikolai
 Sir Elric Meladius (Count Royal) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Skye O'Malley Meladius (Countess Royal) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri (Countess Royal) present
 Sir Alaric Thorne (K3) proxy, HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
 Sir Gavin McAlister (K3) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala
 Sir Nickademus Fiend (K3) proxy, HRM Fionnaghuala

III. CONSENT CALENDAR NONE

No items submitted

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APPROVED

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

Approved with no objections.

V. REPORTS ACCEPTED

- 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
- Archery
- Physicks
- Office of Publishing (Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Hospitaller
([2005March_Hospitaller.pdf](#))
- Minister of Education
- Other Officers

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

A petition for Judicial Ban against HIM Lord Wright was presented to the Imperial Estates. 53 signatories were presented, there were 144 Estates before the meeting was convened; despite technical deficiencies, His IM directed the petition be accepted.

The Imperial Magistrate dismissed the underlying allegations. HIM Wright made a complaint against Himself for Conduct Unbecoming a Knight and requested the Crowns (or Their representatives) enjoin the complaint (to support the process). The Crowns enjoining were:

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|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| • Brandenburg | • Burgandy | • Galloway |
| • Umbria | • York | • Valencia |
| • Dunvegan | • Somerset | • Castilles |
| • Aragon | • Chesapeake | • Isle de Mort |
| • Terre Neuve | • Esperance | • Gloucester |
| • Cambridge | • Andorra | • Ekaterinegorod |
| • Kildare | • Albion | • Sangreal |

After much discussion with HIH Sir Nikolai, the representative of the original complainants, Sir Wright withdrew his complaint; all participating Crowns concurred.

The Ministry of Justice shall issue a report.

CRB1. Charters NO ACTION REQUIRED**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. - **Withdrawn**

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

Removed with no objections.

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..... **NO ACTION**

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 Aislynne de Chartier (Empress), Wright Bentwood (Emperor)*

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

Approved (115 in favor).

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

[correction] by:

- A method approved by the Estates of the chartered subdivision; if no other method is adopted, then by **[correction – remove bullet and join]** Annual Crown War, held in accordance with Article XVI. Crown War; or,
- **[correction]** **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 Aislynne du Chartier (Imperial Crown), HG Dame Cathan ni Sonoid (Duchess, Kildare)

CRB5. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment To Chartered Subdivision NO ACTION

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 SEE TEXT

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

Option a passes (82 in favor, 35 in favor of Option b). Motion for reconsideration approved. Motion to withdraw approved.

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

Author: HIM Aislynne 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

Friendly amendment to increase family cap in Proposal 2 to \$90 accepted by author and approved.

Preference Vote:

60 – Prop 2

47 – Prop 3

Proposal 2 approved (100 in favor).

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 ~~\$705.00~~ ~~\$90.00~~ annually

- Annual: +(\$1~~0~~5.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

Author: HIM Aislyne du Chartier (Imperial Crown)

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

Corrections by author: IV.G. Discounts should not be changed; F.2 – strike Electronic

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:

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

*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)) **TABLED**

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.

Tabled with no objections.

- 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..... **PROP. 1 APPROVED**

Proposal 2 approved (99 in favor).

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 Aislyne and Wright..... **TABLED**

Tabled with no objections.

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 **TABLED**

Tabled with no objections.

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)..... NO ACTION

Motion to take from the table failed (34 in favor, 73 opposed)

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 Tonnesdr (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 Aislynne 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..... **WITHDRAWN – SENTENCE COMPLETE**

During the Imperial Reign of HIH Prince Erik the Harbinger and HIH Elisabeth Grey (of the Grey Marches) in the spring of 2000 a disparity in membership records of the Kingdom of Aragon led to the discovery of financial irregularities in the Kingdom of Aragon's records to the great sadness of the Empire. At that time, after an initial audit, an agreement involving a Promissory Note was signed to Sir Winifred (Randy Allison), Dame Anginette (Annette Allison), Dame Clara de la Fouche, (Clara Fouche) and witnessed by the incoming Crowns of Aragon at that time, their Royal Majesties Sir David Von Albrecht and Dame Serena Isobella de Torsiello, and the State of Nevada County of Clark. Over time the initial audit has been able to be more completely verified and the amount owed re-established, paid, and satisfied as completely reimbursed by the above mentioned. All debts have been repaid, and the terms of agreement satisfied. Therefore, having completed the process it has come time for the final step, the reinstatement of Sir Winifred and Dame Anginette to the Empire of Adria.

Presented by HRM Sir Cirus and HIH Dame Elisabeth Grey

Chancery Note: Sir Winifred and Dame Anginette are reinstated, subject to conditions of sentence.

Proposal 1: Remove banishment

Removal of banishment from Winifred 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 APPROVED AS AMENDED

Amendment to remove second sentence approved by voice vote. Approved as amended by voice vote.

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 .. NO ACTION

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 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 **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Friendly amendment: "An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 50% of the entries unless there are too few judges willing to serve." approved with no objections.

Approved as amended by voice vote; effective immediately with no objections.

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.~~
 An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 50% of the entries unless there are too few judges willing to serve.

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 **TABLED**

Tabled with one objection.

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 **TABLED**

Motion to table failed (59 in favor, 71 opposed, 1 abstention). Tabled with 1 objection after discussion.

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 **NO ACTION**

Motion to not vote on any New Business approved with no objections.

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.

Authors/Co-Sponsors: Dame Etaine Llywelyn (*Queen of Castilles*), Dame Tara Callahan (*Marquessa of Hygrove*)

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 Aislynne 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 Aislynne 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.

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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.

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X. DISCUSSION.....NONE

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 30-31, 2005

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.

Motion made by HIM Aislynn to move the Imperial Estates meeting in July 2005 to the last weekend (30th – 31st), due to mundane obligations. Motion passes with no objections.

XII. ADJOURNMENT6:34 p.m. EST

END OF MINUTES