

IMPERIAL ESTATES AGENDA

MARCH 2006

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time

Estates Meeting

March 18, 2006 – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

March 19, 2006 – 9 a.m. until all agenda items have been addressed

Location

The November meeting of the Imperial Estates will be held in the Kingdom of Albion and the Archduchy of Desert Rose.

The meeting will take place on the UNLV Campus, in Lecture Hall A112. All classes will be held in the C-wing located next to the A-lecture halls. A schedule will be posted on-site.

Recommended Airport:

Las Vegas International Airport (LAS). If you need a ride from the airport, please contact [HIM Ashlinn Tiernan](#). We have a member who has volunteered to run a shuttle service between the Meeting Site and the Hotel. A schedule of transport times will be posted at the Hospitality Room at Howard Johnson's.

Accommodations

Howard Johnson Airport: www.hojo.com 5100 Paradise Road

Knight's Inn: www.daysinn.com 5123 Swenson Ave.

These hotels are just a few blocks from the Las Vegas International Airport and the UNLV Campus. They are adjacent to each other. It costs less to make individual reservations on the Internet than we could get for a group rate. Please get your reservations in ASAP, so you get the best deal. Cost currently is ranging from \$50.00-\$90.00 per night, depending on what you want

We will be offering lunch both days of the Meeting for a modest fee of \$5.00 per meal. We will also be taking reservations for dinner Saturday Night at the Hoffbrau Haus (German food). Cost will be whatever the restaurant charges (between \$10 and \$20 per plate, without beer). Please RSVP to [HIM Ashlinn](#) for either of these plans by March 5th, so we can have an accurate count for ordering and reservation purposes.

Disqualification (Article VI.E.6)

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. 6. Disqualification

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the November 2005 Imperial Estates Meeting (2005Nov_minutes.pdf).

V. REPORTS

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

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

- Dun' Afton (Western Virginia)

CRB2. Amend Article III.E. Membership Assignment To Chartered Subdivision

Was CRB2 (Nov 2005). Requires majority to take from the table; 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. If a non-resident member of a subdivision is deemed to be a problem, the Crown of that subdivision may petition the Imperial Crown to revoke the transfer of citizenship...

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

CRB3. Amend Article VI.C. Publication of Changes

Requires 2/3rds to approve. Requires 2/3rds to enact immediately.

Current Law:

All changes or additions to bylaw, estates writ, or codicil approved by the Imperial Estates during a given calendar year shall be published and enacted on January 1st of the following year. Charters and items of business deemed urgent by a separate 2/3rds vote may be enacted immediately. These items and Imperial Crown writs shall be published as soon as possible and become enforceable thirty (30) days after publication unless for cause or specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ.

Until publication takes place, the former Law shall remain in force. Previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later, merely require notice, not ratification.

Note: The current policy on official means of publication: a copy provided (either mailed or sent electronically) to the Crowns of each Chartered Subdivision for distribution.

Amend to read:

All changes to the Imperial bylaws or Imperial Estate writs shall be published as soon as possible to the Ruling Crown of each Chartered Subdivision before becoming law. Until such a publication has taken place, the former Law shall remain in force. Previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later, should merely require notice, not ratification. Once per year, the Imperial bylaws and Imperial Estate writs shall be updated and published. All changes or additions to existing law, and Crown or Estate writs should be published as soon as possible (preferably within thirty (30) days) and becomes enforceable thirty (30) after publication unless for cause and specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ.

Note: The current policy on official means of publication: a copy provided (either mailed or sent electronically) to the Crowns of each Chartered Subdivision for distribution.

Commentary: The current law, which was changed in November 2005, adds a significant amount of work not only to the Chancery in tracking which laws are in effect and those that are pending for the upcoming year, but it also adds a significant amount of work for the Estates. With this law, any New Business items that are approved at this meeting and any business approved in future meetings that the Estates want to enact immediately requires a separate 2/3rds vote, which may unduly lengthen meetings and prevent the Estates from completing as much work during the weekend than in years past. This law was intended to limit the number of changes to law in a given calendar year, but we believe that this law inhibits the Government from performing its duties.

CRB4. Amend Imperial Estates Writ 10 Shadowlands

Requires majority to approve. Requires 2/3rds to enact immediately.

Current Law:

The Shadowlands (i.e. Internet and e-mail) shall constitute an official means of communication with the following strictures. The overriding consideration and policy of the Imperium is that of "free and equal access." Thus, so long as all parties directly involved in a matter have e-mail, said e-mail may be used as the sole means of communication among the parties. When even one party directly involved in a matter does not possess e-mail, then this may no longer be used as the "sole" means of communication. Other means must be employed so that ALL parties have equal access to information. Furthermore, the pace of communication and decision-making must be such that the party with the slowest means of communication has a reasonable opportunity to participate in the process if that person so chooses.

Amend to read:

The Shadowlands (i.e. Internet and e-mail) shall constitute an official means of communication with the following strictures. The overriding consideration and policy of the Empire is that of "free and equal access."

a. E-Mail

So long as all parties directly involved in a matter have e-mail, said e-mail may be used as the sole means of communication among the parties.

- i. When even one party directly involved in a matter does not possess e-mail, then this may no longer be used as the "sole" means of communication.
 - ii. Other means must be employed so that ALL parties have equal access to information.
 - iii. The pace of communication and decision-making must be such that the party with the slowest means of communication has a reasonable opportunity to participate in the process if that person so chooses.
- b. E-Groups and Websites**
It is recommended that all chartered subdivisions establish and maintain at least one e-group or website and post all official events. The group or site shall provide access to all Adrians who apply, except for cause, in writing, subject to appeal. The privilege to post is at the discretion of the Crown.
- Additional e-groups or websites are encouraged and may restrict membership to members in good standing of the chartered subdivision, non-chartered subdivisions, guilds, or other interest groups, provided that access is also granted upon request to the Imperial Crown and Their designated representatives.
- The Imperial Crown may restrict official notice to groups and sites in those that comply with these requirements.

Commentary: In keeping with our notice requirements, each subdivision should electronically post official events and all Adrians should have access to that information. The Imperial Crown cannot be excluded from any communication where the Empire may be legally liable. There is no conflict with 1st Amendment issues because these rules apply only to official Adrian communications. These rules do not conflict with Adrian case law holding members accountable for private or external communications violating other rules.

Authors: HIM Ashlinn Tiernan (Imperial Crown), HG Sir William Baine (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

CRB5. Adopt Crown Writ regarding new minimum Rapier age

Requires majority to approve.

Item 1: Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual, I.D. Minimum Ages

- Renaissance, schläger: ~~16~~ 14 years of age

Item 2: Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual, I.F.3. Knightly Combat Current Imp. Estates Writ:

If Knight's list combatants desire to conduct knightly combat (i.e. shield bashing, grappling, etc.), they shall notify the marshals prior to the start of combat.

The marshals shall make sure both combatants have agreed to knightly combat.

Add (Current Crown Writ):

Knightly combat is not permitted with any combatant less than 18 years of age.

CRB6. Adopt Crown Writ amending Imp. Estates Writ 1, Arts Manual, Article IV.A.1. Journeyman's List

Requires majority to approve.

Current Imp. Estates Writ:

For those who have not yet achieved the rank of Master; a training area for artisans. Per the Bylaws, only eight (8) participations and one (1) tournament win on the Journeyman's List count toward knightly rank. Once an artisan has a Journeyman's List win, the artisan must compete at the Knights' List level as a Master.

Amend to read (Current Crown Writ):

Once an artisan has achieved a Tournament Win on the Journeyman's list they have the option of either remaining on the Journeyman's List or elevating to the Knights list. They may only move to the Knight's List with Crown approval. If an Artisan chooses to remain on the Journeyman's list, they can take one Masterwork, and no further Tournament Wins on that list toward advancement to Knighthood. Once an Artisan has 8 participations, 1 Journeyman's Win, and 2 DP's in Arts, they must move up to the Knight's List.

Chancery Note: The portion of the Crown Writ addressing automatic elevation is a reiteration of the brevetting policy approved by the Imperial Estates in November 2005 (OB11). The manual had not been updated to reflect that language at the time the Crown Writ was pronounced.

CRB7. Add Article I.D. Vision Statement

Requires 2/3rds to approve. Requires 2/3rds to enact immediately.

Add:

The true "Dream" for Adria is that in the chaotic world of our mundane lives, much like the chaotic times in medieval history, we can create and uphold a society where individuals from all walks of life are made equal, no matter what rank or title, all have the same opportunities and all are expected to uphold the same chivalric ideals. "The Dream" is exemplifying the best qualities of medieval history and applying them, not only within Adria but within each of ourselves and in thus, making our mundane lives a better place to exist. Self-indulgence and oppressiveness are prohibited. Fellowship, compassion, and a need to keep matters simple and to the point are to be embodied by the populace. As founders, our future "Dream" for Adria was that each member would hold a true and honest love for Adria so as to nurture and help her grow into a shining example of what a Noble Society could have been in the past and perhaps should be today and in the future.

Author: Sir Antoine de Burgandy (Founder)

Sponsors: TIMs Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlenn Tiernan

CRB8. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 1, Arts and And Sciences Manual, Appendix D. Judging Forms (Comment Cards)

Requires majority to approve. Requires 2/3rds to enact immediately.

Can be found on the Adrian Empire website as 2006March_Arts.

Commentary: *As you know, the participation in arts tournaments sometimes dwindles which requires the Minister of Arts and Sciences to come up with ways to revitalize their artisan's interest in creating and entering monthly tournaments.*

It is because of this I come to you. As an administrator and facilitator of the Kingdom of York's Arts and Sciences I request that each artisan be given the choice to have their projects judged with or without the use of a matrix.

Let me explain my thought process in this endeavor. I have spoken with many artisans in York and get mixed responses of the arts in general. There were many thoughts and comments with one being that there are not enough matrices for every type of project that would or could be entered in a tournament. The concern was because of the lack of matrices which prevents every artisan's project being judged in a uniform fashion. If their project did not have a matrix then it was left up to the judges to rely on someone they felt was more qualified to assist in judging the complexity of the project. I feel that my request, with its supporting documentation and information, will provide a more comprehensive judging process for the projects that do not have a matrix.

According to the Arts and Sciences Manual, it is up to each individual subdivision to decide on the use of the matrices. I have conferred with the Crowns of York and they feel this would be a positive beginning of breathing new life into the arts and requested that this be reviewed on an Imperial level before implementation in the Kingdom of York.

Of course there would be some minor modifications with the administrative process of running the Arts Tournament. Each one is specific to the artisan's choice of matrix use.

The first judging form is the form we are currently using which has been in use since the new Arts and Science Manual has been approved which utilizes the use of the matrices.

The second judging form is one that I have recently created to be used in the absence of matrices. I have extracted questions regarding the complexity of the project directly from the Arts and Science Manual as well as the Judging Guidelines with the questions satisfying the complexity requirements of judging a project.

Author: *HIH Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or (Imperial Princess)*

Sponsors: *TIMs Sir Pavo Rosalia and Dame Ashlinn Tiernan*

CRB9. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 19 Marshal's Manual Article VII.A.1. Qualification Procedure

Requires majority to approve.

Amend by substitution:

1. Qualification Procedure

In order to take the field of combat, each combatant must perform the following:

a. **Written Test**

The combatant qualification test is given to the new combatant. See [Appendix D: Qualification Tests](#). The combatant must score at least 75% on the test to be allowed to continue the qualification process. The test is an open book test covering general safety, target areas, and issues specific to the type of combat in which the combatant will be qualified. (Note: The test may be given orally if necessary.)

Paragraphs b. does not apply to Combat Archery or Siege Weapons qualifications.

The qualifying marshal will correct the test immediately. If the score is less than 75%, the combatant must retake the entire test. This may be done that day, or on another occasion (at the test-giver's discretion). There is no limit on the number of times a combatant may take the test. Once the test has been scored at 75% or better, any missed questions will be reviewed and corrected by the combatant prior to being mailed to the Imperial Crown Marshal for filing. The Imperial Crown Marshal will maintain the list of qualified combatants.

b. **Performance Checklist**

Each combatant must undergo a physical evaluation as set in Appendix F: Combat Performance Qualification Test.

c. **Acknowledgement of the rules of combat**

Each combatant, prior to taking the field of combat, must sign that they have read and acknowledge that they agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Combat and Marshal's Manuals.

Commentary: This statement will be integrated into the Combat sign-in form used for creating the various combat lists. This will add no operational overhead or procedures for ministers and combatants.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Consider the reign of Dame Aislyne de Chartier and Sir Wright Bentwood

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.*

CH2. Amend Imperial Estates Writ #1 Arts and Sciences Manual II. Scoring

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

Amend to read:

B. ~~EXECUTION~~/CRAFTSMANSHIP/~~FUNCTIONALITY~~ (10 POINTS)

~~Execution, e~~Craftsmanship, ~~and functionality~~ scoring will include evaluation of the following aspects:

- How well is the piece made (or performed)?
- ~~How well does it function with respect to its historical purpose (and are the materials and choices appropriate to said function)?~~
- Does the piece demonstrate the level of skills or training appropriate to the item?
- How well are period craftsmanship and skills presented in the item, and are they consistent to the stated requirements identified in the documentation?
- If substitutions were made were they well chosen and contribute to, or detract from the piece?
- Did the craftsman successfully implement an unusual and/or difficult technique?

C. FUNCTIONALITY (5 POINTS)

Functionality scoring will include the following criteria:

- How well does it function with respect to its historical purpose (and are the materials and choices appropriate to said function)?

~~D.~~ DIFFICULTY/COMPLEXITY (~~10~~5 POINTS)

Difficulty and complexity scoring will be aided by a matrix provided in the Judging Handbook that provides examples of many projects. Documentation should express the difficulty of process, practice, learning and hours taken to create the entry. Difficulty and complexity scoring will include evaluation of the following aspects:

- Is the piece complex for its type, demonstrate a variety of skills, or take a many hours to create?
- Did the craftsman attempt an unusual and/or difficult technique?
- Does it demonstrate complex technique as a process?
- Was the scope of work something that an apprentice, journeyman, or master be expected to undertake?
- Did it take a lot of practice and learning to perfect the skills needed to accomplish the piece?
- Does it require or combine multiple or composite elements to achieve a cohesive piece?
- In a group entry, was coordination/direction of multiple individuals required and achieved?

~~D.~~E. BONUS POINTS

Bonus points can be allocated to an area based on authenticity, documentation, craftsmanship and difficulty above and beyond the normal scope of work required for full points for those criteria. Each point awarded as a bonus point must be described and justified.

Commentary: *It is my thought that in the past few years the emphasis has moved from craftsmanship and has move to complexity. In my opinion this is one of the factors that has caused the arts to dwindle over the past few years. In the eyes of many, it no longer matters how good your work is, just how much time you put into it.*

So my idea is this: Change the way we score. Keep Authenticity and Documentation at 5 points each for a total of 10 points. Make Craftsmanship a separate score at 10 points. Make Functionality a separate score at 5 Points. Then Make COMPLEXITY A SCORE HALF OF WHAT IT IS PRESENTLY; 5 POINTS.

This keeps Complexity in the scoring field, which is important. We do need to have some complexity to our entries. But by making it worth 1/6th the total score rather than 1/3rd, it does de-emphasize the importance, while raising the importance of Craftsmanship once again.

Author: HG Sir Angus Kilshannig (Knight Premier, Deputy Imperial Minister of Arts)

Co-Sponsor: HIM Pavo Rosalia (Imperial Crown, Knight Premier)

CH3. Add Imp. Estates Writ 2, 12 Codex Adjudicata Article V. Sentencing Guidelines

Requires majority to adopt as Writ or as guidelines not rising to the level of Law. May be adopted as Crown Policy (no Estates Action required).

These are guidelines, not automatic sentencing. The goal is to make punishment more consistent and better fit the actual offence--not remove discretion. All involved should have guidance. An opponent would not be punished too harshly, nor a friend too lightly. We intend to clarify the appropriate level of offense that warrants specific punishments; without violating Crown authority to impose sentence or the Imperial Crown's authority to impose Imperial sentence and review and modify all sentences.

A. Authority

Article III.A.2. Membership Revocation b. referencing sentencing guidelines, Article XI.B.9. Punishments, and Adrian Case law:

1. Censure and Apology
NOTE: Censure is to "condemn as wrong." The convicted may be required to apologize in any or all of the following: privately, in writing, publicly, and electronically; and what must be included to be acceptable.
2. Loss of Orders, Awards, Ranks, or Titles
NOTE: "Orders," refer to membership in both peerages (4 knighthoods) and various orders (Fleur-de-lis, local fraternities of knights, etc. "Awards," generally a recognition of service or performance other than points and advancement, sometimes order, award, and title are used interchangeably (such as awards named orders or conferring court titles). "Ranks," specifically advancement earned by points and "milestones" (such as in the combat ranks both non-knight, and levels of knighthood), may specifically include or be limited to actual points or milestones (as stated in the sentence: rank, points, or rank and points). "Titles," specifically LoC, BoC, Viscount, Founder, Count Royal, and Imperial Prince (voting and nonvoting).
3. Service
NOTE: This includes Adrian and mundane tasks ranging from a day to a year, Crowns should consider whether the service is reasonable and appropriate. While it is an excellent opportunity to educate, act as restitution, or symbolize contrition, service should not be excessive or humiliating. Even if the convicted volunteers, we should not confuse punishment with "hazing."
4. Judicial Ban
NOTE: Art.XI.B.6. Judicial Ban provides a detailed explanation. Sentences of full or limited Judicial Ban may include or exclude any provision and be of any duration.
5. Banishment
NOTE: This section fully describes Banishment, but duration has also included conditions other than time (repayment, acceptable apology, etc.). See also Banishment from Presence.

B. Revocation of membership

Precedents establishing (including but not limited to):

1. Banishment from presence;
NOTE: This is when a member is excluded from the Crown's physical presence including court, audience, and other ceremonies--it does not apply to judicial and civil courts or estates meetings--but the member should not abuse this privilege without regard to further measures.
2. Mentoring;
NOTE: This is when another Knight or Knights agree to give guidance and the convicted agrees to abide by it or face further consequences. It is intended to teach positive behavior.
3. Permanent expulsion from any or all Orders of Knighthood (regardless of participation and future points earned), derived from Art. III.A.2.c.;

4. Execution of persona and excommunication from the Church.
NOTE: This is a theatrical symbolic punishment in effigy, but includes forfeiture of the persona to the extent Adria owns it under copyright.

C. Breach of Law

The first task for the Justice after determining guilt should be evaluating the severity of the crime. Consider these four levels:

1. Infraction of Adrian Law, or conviction of a mundane misdemeanor in an Adrian context
1 point
2. Violation of Adrian Law, or conviction of a mundane gross misdemeanor in an Adrian context
3 points
3. Gross Violation of Adrian Law, or conviction of a mundane felony in an Adrian context
5 points
4. Conviction of a serious mundane felony in an Adrian context
8 points

D. Explanation of Categories

Crimes in Adria are enumerated in the bylaws Art XI and in Judicial precedent, the three categories are intended to convey the seriousness and willfulness of the breach of law. Infraction, may indicate a minor or technical breach of Adrian Law similar to a lesser misdemeanor in mundane law (probably omission or neglect, nonfeasance or minor misfeasance, "bonehead"). Violation, is intended to convey a breach of Adrian Law analogous to a gross misdemeanor or lesser felony in mundane law (deliberate, serious misfeasance, "bad"). Gross Violation, is intended to be the Adrian equivalent of a serious felony (malicious, malfeasance, "evil"). My intention is to distinguish between conviction of an Adrian offense (Infraction, Violation, Gross Violation) and conviction of a mundane crime (mundane allegation/charges are dealt with in Article III Suspension, as punishments only follow actual conviction).

E. Treating Violation of Host Site Rules as Breaches of Law

Adrian Host--would be included in Adrian crimes.

Mundane Host--may constitute mundane civil breach of contract, in this context it may be useful to consider consequences (a relatively minor violation with minimal consequences as an Infraction, a breach resulting in modest monetary damages or restrictions on use as a Violation, and a breach resulting in serious monetary damages or loss of use as a Gross Violation).

F. Conspiracy and Attempt

Conspiracy has been established in case law as participation in the underlying crime. The underlying offense would not need to be completed successfully. Therefore treat the attempt to commit or "conspiracy to commit" (where such can be applied) as the offense itself.

G. Graduated Punishment

Punishments should be graduated based upon the above level of severity and whether one is convicted of multiple offenses. The justice should also consider whether offenses are repeated. The particular punishment and its scope may include all or any part authorized. Therefore, a numeric score can be generated reflecting a combination of the above and indicating:

1. Censure and apology, and act of service;
2. Add a period of service, banishment from presence if appropriate;
3. Add appropriate limited judicial ban;
4. Add banishment of no more than 6 months and appropriate suspension of orders, awards, ranks, or titles;

5. Add banishment of no more than 1 year which may include denial of any points earned or conversion thereof, during banishment and loss of orders, awards, ranks, titles;
6. Add banishment up to 3 years;
7. Add execution of persona and excommunication from the Church;
8. Add revocation of membership.

Conversion of Orders, Awards, Ranks (including points), or Titles earned in other organizations during Banishment, or Suspension or Revocation of Membership, may be denied.

H. Recommendation and Sentencing

While the Court (the Justice or panel, not the Magistrate) may recommend a sentence, all authority to issue final sentence lies with the Crown, subject to review by the Imperial Crown and the appellate process. It will remain the privilege of the court to use its best judgment in its recommendation, the right of the Crown to impose sentence, the right of the Imperial Crown to review and amend, and the right of the Imperial Estates to hear appeals and further modify sentences when appropriate.

Commentary: The purpose of this proposal is to identify three levels of culpability for various Adrian crimes (current law does not distinguish between technical violation, intent, and malice), 3 levels of mundane offense (lesser misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor/lesser felony, serious felony), non-criminal mundane breaches and disruptions fitting the system (based on seriousness and consequences), graduated punishment, and reconciling level of offenses and repetition with levels of punishment.

Author: HG Sir William Baine (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

Sponsor: HRM Warren Anthony (King of Albion)

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

All business contained in this section of the Agenda is not subject to the law passed in November 2005 regarding enactment.

OB1. Amend Article XVI.A.5. War to create War Points for Ministry Voting

Was OBI (Nov 2005). 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:

Option 1: Written Ballot (Original Proposal)

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.

Chancery Note: The following options have been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Option 2: A vote of the Ministry

There will be a Single vote for the 4 points; in event of a tie, points are divided equally among the Contenders. Those who can participate in the Vote must perform a service that would earn a war point during the war. This service must be an hour in length, relate to the running of the war, and be verified by the Autocrat of the War. The vote will take place after the last scenario for the war takes place in either Combat, Arts, or Archery. The service cannot be in any of the following positions: Minister of Joust and War, Minister of Arts and Science, Minister of Archery, Chancellor, or Autocrat of the War. The Chancellor or Autocrat will then take and count the votes with Rolls Minister and Steward to verify participation and membership. Each contender will have a representative present at the vote counting. All members will be given the ability to serve in a ministry function of some type. Having too many volunteers cannot be given for grounds for denying a member participation but lack of qualifications can be for certain ministerial functions. For example, you must be a qualified Marshal to serve as a Marshal.

Option 3: A vote of the Ministry (weighted)

Same as option two, except those who are Ministry Knights get two votes, those who are Knight Civil get three votes, and those that are Knight Premier receive four votes.

Option 4: A vote of the Ministry Discipline

As option three, except there are 4 separate votes for one point each:

- All non-knight Ministers
- All Knights Minister
- All Knights Civil
- All Knights Premier

Members may participate in the vote category equivalent to their rank. If no members are present that qualify for participation in the vote, that point is not awarded.

Option 5: A vote of the Ministry, excluding outlanders

As Option 2, 3, or 4 but outlanders are not allowed participate in the vote.

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)

OB2. Amend Imp. Estates Writ 17, Combat Manual and Imp. Estates Writ 19, Marshals' Manual (see Appendix B: Combat, Marshals' Manual Amendments)

Was OB3 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table, majority to approve.

Will be available as [2006March_Combat.pdf](#) on the Imperial web site.

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

Additional Amendment: replace "renaissance" with "rapier or C&T" throughout (see Appendix B-2: Amendment Replacing "Renaissance" with "Rapier" or "Cut-and-Thrust" Regarding Combat)

Does not require removal from table. Requires 2/3rds to amend bylaw, majority to amend writ.

Amend Article XVI.A.5.a.; IEW 13 Heavy Ren; IEW 17 Combat Manual; IEW 19 Marshal's Manuals: replace "renaissance" with "rapier" or "C&T"

Authors: Rohan of Brandenburg, HG Sir Terrin Greyphis (Count Royal, Knight Premier)

Sponsor: Sir Gwyllum Ap DuDrane (Knight Champion, Knight Premier)

OB3. Reconsideration/counterproposal: Add Imperial Estates Writ/Playtest: Champion's List

Was OB6 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from table, majority to reconsider, majority to approve as Estates Writ or authorize for playtest. Counterproposal does not require a vote to reconsider, requires majority to approve.

Legislative History (July 2005):

Failed by voice vote; notice of reconsideration served by HG Sir Gwyllum ap DuDrane.

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 Aislynne du Chartier (Imperial Crown)*

Counter-Proposal: Add Imperial Estates Writ/Playtest: Knight's Challenge – Alternative List Win

A combatant may earn one Knight's List by successfully challenging a Knight Combatant. The challenge must be made by a person who is not yet a Knight Combatant. Only one such List may be earned regardless of the number of challenges fought. Accepting the challenge is not mandatory, and the challenged Knight must be capable of defending the integrity of the List, subject to the ruling of the Crown.

Option 1: Knight challenged must be either a Banneret or Champion

Option 2: Challenger must defeat two Knights Combatant (Bachelor or higher)

Commentary: *In subdivisions with irregular lists or where combatants of requisite skill cannot best an overcrowded list, once in their combat careers, a combatant may challenge a Knight of sufficient rank to defend the integrity of the List, allowing the combatant to earn one Knight's List for advancement.*

Author: *Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)*

Co-Sponsor: *HRM Warren Anthony (King of Albion)*

OB4. Amendment to Non-judged Arts Playtest

Was OB7 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table, requires majority to approve.

Amendment:

Participation in arts activities at events and demos shall earn a Demonstration Participation point (DP). Participation shall be approved by the Crown and Arts Minister, and shall conform to the guidelines in the Arts Manual (Section IV.B.). At the discretion of the Crown, arts DPs may be converted to Event Participation points (EP) at this ratio: One (1) EP shall replace three (3) DPs. No more than one-third of the points required for any level of arts knighthoods shall be as a result of DP-conversions.

Add to the Arts Manual (section IV.B.): As originally proposed, with the addition of reasonable substitutions for the tools (as discussed at the July 2005 Imperial Estates Meeting).

Add to the Rolls Manual: With the approval of the Crown, an artisan may replace three (3) arts DPs with one (1) arts EP, up to one-third (1/3) of the EPs required for the member's next level of knighthood. The DP shall remain listed (with a zero instead of a one in the appropriate column), and a note shall be placed in the entry with the date the conversion took place.

Note: The conversion ratio of 3-to-1 can be changed, as can the percentage allowed (1/3), per the will of the Estates.

Commentary: There has been a lot of discussion about this topic. One of the main stumbling blocks has been terminology. Many people feel that a non-judged arts participation is a demonstration. By addressing this issue, and allowing for conversion of DPs to EPs the goal is reached: arts are encouraged at events, judging is removed for a set percentage of participations, and the bookkeeping is much, much easier to maintain.

Authors: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Knight Master, Knight Premier), Sir Jamie the Red (Knight Artisan, Knight Champion, Knight Robe)

OB5. Add XI.C. Alternative Dispute Resolution

Was OB9 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table; requires 2/3rds to amend bylaw, majority to amend writ.

Members with problems requiring redress which do not yet call for a Court of Justice may use a process that does not lead to court proceedings.

Procedures are outlined in Imperial Estates Writ 2, Codex Adjudicata. *Note: Imperial Estates Writ 12 incorporated in IEW 2.*

Amend Imperial Estates Writ 2 CODEX ADJUDICATA to include Alternative Dispute Resolution.

V. Alternative Dispute Resolution

A. Chartered Subdivision

1. Mediators

a. Pool of Mediators

Each subdivision Chancery will maintain a list of volunteer mediators that will consist of one volunteer mediator per Estate in the subdivision. The list will consist of two classifications: Mediator or Mediator-in-Training. If the Estate is newly formed or does not have an experienced mediator then the volunteer is considered a Mediator-in-Training.

In the case of Shires, the list will be provided by the Imperial Chancery.

b. Training Mediators

Mediators chosen for ADR will have previous mediation experience. In order to train new mediators, three Mediators-in-Training, if available, will observe but not participate.

- c. Choosing Case Mediators
Each side of the dispute will pick one mediator from the list excluding mediators from their own Estates. Unless involved in the dispute, the Crown will choose the third mediator. If the Crown is involved, the third mediator will be chosen at random.
 - d. Mediators will swear an oath to remain impartial. Once the process has been initiated the presiding Herald at the next available Crown Event or Estates General meeting shall administer an oath of fidelity and good faith to the process.
2. ADR Process
Some cases will need informality while others will need a more formal atmosphere. The mediators will decide how cases will be conducted.
 3. Time Constraints
Once a request for ADR has been given to the local Chancery, they have 30 days to initiate the process. Once the mediators have been chosen and sworn in, they have 30 days to complete the process. Extensions may be granted by the Crown for cause.
 4. Restrictions
ADR may not assess a penalty that deprives a member of any award, order, rank, title, or membership rights. However, any member may voluntarily relinquish any of the above.
 5. Agreement to Resolution
ADR is a voluntary process, but binding. Parties may not be forced to participate. Failure to participate may result in the complainant filing a formal complaint. All parties who enter ADR must be willing to come to an agreement to solve the original issue and agree to abide by the final judgment of the mediators.
 6. Failure to Comply
If members who enter ADR fail to comply with the final resolution they can be brought to a Court of Justice as outlined in Article XI. B. of the Bylaws by the mediators in the case.
- B. Imperial
1. Imperial Requests for ADR
Imperial ADR may be requested for the following:
 - a. Any dispute with the Imperial Crown, Imperial Ministers or Deputies, Royal Crowns, or Imperial Peers.
 - b. Any dispute between chartered subdivisions or members of different chartered subdivisions.
 2. Council
The Imperial Crowns will appoint a council to evaluate all Imperial ADR. Members of this Council will be second level Knights or higher who have Adrian law experience. The Council will consist of five people from different subdivisions, at least one in each Region (as per IEW 21). It will be the responsibility of this Council to recommend:
 - a. A proposal to change current law
 - b. ADR
 - c. Request for a Civil Court
 - d. A formal complaint
 - e. A ruling of lawThe Council has 30 days to make a decision after receiving the request.
If complainants disagree, they may initiate a., c., d, or e.
 3. Mediators

- a. Pool of Mediators
Each subdivision Chancery will be required to provide the Imperial Chancery with a list of volunteer mediators. The Imperial list will consist of all experienced second level Knights and above from the subdivisions.

In the case of conflict, or lack of names, the Imperial Chancery's office can call upon Knights who have previously sat on mediation, Civil Court or Court of Justice cases.
 - b. Choosing Case Mediators
Mediators will be chosen from the existing Imperial list. Each side of the dispute will pick one mediator excluding those from their subdivision. The third mediator will be chosen at random.
 - c. Mediators will swear an oath to remain impartial. Once ADR has been initiated the presiding Herald at the next available Crown Event and/or Estates General meeting shall administer an oath of fidelity and good faith to the process. The Herald will then communicate to all parties involved that the Oath was made in good faith.
4. ADR Process
Some cases will need informality while others will need a more formal atmosphere. The mediators will decide how cases will be conducted.
 5. Time Constraints
Once the Council has recommended ADR the Imperial Chancellor has 15 days to initiate the process. Once the mediators have been chosen and sworn in they have 30 days to complete the process. The results of ADR must be reported at the next scheduled Imperial Estates meeting.

The process from request to the conclusion of ADR should take no longer than 75 days to complete.
 6. Failure to Comply
If members who enter ADR fail to comply with the final resolution they can be brought to a Court of Justice as outlined in the By-Laws XI. B. by the mediators in the case.

Commentary: This proposal is designed to alleviate the backlog on our current justice system. It is our intention to form a system that can deal with issues in a friendly manner versus the hardships we have experienced over the last year.

Chancery Note: This was referred for a re-write in November 2005. No such rewrite was submitted to the Chancery.

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OB6. Amend Combat Manual Appendix B. Blade Flexibility and Blunting to allow modification of steel swords for thrusting

Was OB10 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table; requires majority to approve.

Add:

For swords used only in Armored Combat, an acceptable method for blunting a non-commercially blunted blade is:

- a. Grind tip of blade so the tip is no less than ½-inch wide at the tip, also the tip must not protrude more than ½-inch into a ¾ inch hole. The tip is to be ground flat not rounded.
- b. Use a professional weightlifting bar (metal) 1-inch stock, and cut a disc that is ¼-inch thick. Chrome and steel alloy solid bars are usable, standard aluminum, mild steel, or soft metal, or hollow bar stock is not allowable.

- c. Take the 1-inch wide and ¼-inch disk and slightly round the edges so there is no 90-degree striking edge on the disk (all edges should be smooth and rounded).
- d. Cut a groove in the back side of the disk to allow the sword tip to fit in the groove in the back of the tip.
- e. Have a Professional weld the Disk to the sword tip (to avoid damaging the temper of the tip of the blade). The weld must be a continuous weld surrounding the entire circumference of the sword tip touching the disk.
- f. Smooth the weld so it is without flash and is smooth to the touch.
- g. The tip must be at a 90-degree angle from the blade.

Each new thrusting tip is to be checked by the user of the blade and the marshal of the field. Field test the new tip by striking the sword tip into a hard surface with force using both thrusting and chopping strikes to ensure the weld is true and the tip will not angle or break on impact.

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OB7. Add to Article XI.B.10. Judicial Courts, Right of Appeal

Was OB12 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table; requires majority to approve.

Add to the law to include procedures for appealing judicial findings that are not findings of guilt, and includes all parties directly involved in a complaint.

Add (in boldface) to read:

A member who has been found guilty in a judicial court may appeal that finding to an Imperial Crown, in writing, within thirty (30) days. Within thirty (30) days of the written request for appeal, the Imperial Crown shall review the charges and evidence. Either 30-day deadline may be extended for cause.

A member with standing may request a review of the finding of a judicial decision by the next higher body of law, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the original finding. The Imperial Crown shall review a local decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request. The Imperial Estates shall review an Imperial Crown decision at the next scheduled Imperial Estates Meeting at which the request can be included on the official agenda.

A banished member shall be allowed to attend those events necessary to prepare for his appeal, but shall not be permitted to participate in the activities of the event.

The final Court **of for Appeals** shall be the Imperial Estates General. **Final reviews of findings shall be the next higher body of law, as outlined above.**

The judgment of the local court shall remain in effect until the Imperial Crown has rendered a decision. The decision of the Imperial Crown may only be appealed to the Imperial Estates General.

Commentary: In the law, a member who has been found guilty has the right to appeal that finding, and very specific procedures and timelines are provided. There is nothing in law that allows for reviews of findings other than that of guilt (and then only for the guilty party).

All members with standing should have the right to request a review by a higher body of law. A member found innocent may have cause to request a review, to assure the finding of innocence was valid. A complaint that was found to be without merit may have cause to be reviewed to assure any party with standing that the complaint was given adequate consideration.

However, there should be a limit of one review for a particular judicial finding. No one should be able to continually ask for review after review after review. Nor should purely local matters be escalated to the level of the Imperial Estates. There should also be the same timeline as that of an appeal. It is simply inconceivable that there is no statute of limitations on these types of reviews. By specifying that any

member with standing has the right to request a review, it allows everyone directly involved with the complaint to have an equal voice in the right for this kind of request.

This is not an appeal, though, and needs to be called something other than "appeal." It is not a "new trial," nor is it a chance to re-file a baseless complaint (thereby ignoring the statute of limitations). It is rightly called a "review of findings," as that is specifically what is being requested.

Chancery Note: *This was referred for a re-write in November 2005. No such rewrite was submitted to the Chancery.*

Author: *Dame Maedb Hawkins (Imperial Princess, Countess Royal, Knight Premier)*

Co-sponsors: *Dame Razi bint Sabra (Queen of Esperance, Countess Royal), Sir Jamie the Red (Knight Champion)*

OB8. Amend Article IV.F. Schedule and Steward's Manual

Was OB14 (Nov. 2005). Requires majority to take from the table; requires 2/3rds to amend bylaw, majority to approve Writ (Manual).

To be effective for the July 2006 memberships:

Option 1:

30% of the membership fees collected by each chartered subdivision will be returned to them.

Option 2:

25% of the membership fees collected by each chartered subdivision will be returned to them.

Author: *Dame Akria Krastel (Countess, County of Terre Amata)*

Co-Sponsor: *HG Dame Kendra McFayden (Countess Royal, Knight Premier)*

Chancery Commentary: *In order to rebate such a percentage to the subdivisions and meet our insurance and operating costs, a comparable increase in membership fees would be required.*

Counterproposal

Amend Article IV. Dues F. Schedule and Steward's Manual:

Current Law:

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 \$90.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X)
- Life: N/A

See Also:

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:

Membership dues are set at the following:

Option 1: 30% increase

1. Single

- Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$9.00 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: Ten (10) times annual rate

2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$117.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$4.50 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: N/A

Amend Steward's Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Option 2: 25% increase

1. Single

- Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$7.50 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: Ten (10) times annual rate

2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$112.50 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$3.75 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: N/A

Amend Steward's Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Option 3: \$5 increase

1. Single

- Annual: \$30.00 (Imperial Dues) + \$5.00 (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: Ten (10) times annual rate

2. Family

X = per each additional member over the initial member. Cap on family memberships set at \$115.00 annually

- Annual: +(\$15.00 * X) (Imperial Dues) + (+\$5.00 * X) (Chartered Subdivision Dues)
- Life: N/A

Amend Steward's Manual to distribute Chartered Subdivision Dues.

Author: *The Chancery*

OB9. Amend Article XVI.A.3.e. Recruiting to not allow second-day sign-ins for wars

Was NB1 (Nov. 2005). Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve.

Current Law:

Unless a clear winner is declared as a result of this selection process, the armies shall be set as per the final distribution. These members shall be bound to their contender until that army is eliminated. If their contender is eliminated they may drop out of the fighting or ally with another contender.

Insert:

After the final distribution, no additional sign-ins shall be allowed.

Optional, add:

Additional sign-ins may be allowed, but the participants must remain unallied to any army.

Commentary: Signing in on the second day of a two-day crown war alters the sizes of the armies, and can substantially alter the outcome of the war. This is not clear in law, and needs to be addressed so that wars are standardized throughout the Empire.

Authors: Dame Maedb Hawkins (Imperial Princess, Knight Premier, Countess Royal), Sir Jamie the Red (Knight Champion), Dame Tara Callahan (York)

OB10. Amend Arts & Sciences Manual IV.E.2. Participation Points

Was NB2 (Nov. 2005). Requires 2/3rds to consider, majority to approve.

Option 1: Amend IV.E.2.a. and b.

Amend to read:

- a) Every apprentice and journeyman that submits an entry to be judged shall receive an arts participation point, ~~provided the entry has a final score of 10 or above.~~
- b) Every master, knight, etc. that submits an entry to be judged shall receive an arts participation point, ~~provided the entry has a final score of 15 or above.~~

Commentary: It is my belief that as the by-laws are written now we are being highly discriminatory toward the arts participants. Right now it is possible for a person who enters the arts to receive no participation point for entering the arts. Though this is rare it can and has happened in the past. By removing the minimum points requirement to receive a participation point I believe that more people will enter the arts. Removing the minimum will not as some people think make it easier to receive a knighthood in the arts as the artisans will still be required a tourney win and a masterwork to become eligible to receive their knighthoods. This will simply encourage more people to enter the arts as their efforts will be viewed as actual participation and rewarded as such.

Option 2: Amend IV.E.2.a. as above

Commentary: The journeyman's list should encourage members to submit entries without the fear of not earning a participation point. This will not prevent those new to the arts from constructively learning how to improve the quality of future arts entries, for the commentary provided by judges on the returned judging sheets should provide guidance, and the 25-point requirement for a Journeyman's List Win still remains.

Author: Sir Duncan Wallace (Knight Champion)

Co-Sponsor: HRM Warren Anthony (King of Albion)

Option 3: Amend IV.E.2.a. and b.

Amend to read:

- a) Every apprentice and journeyman that submits an entry to be judged shall receive an arts participation point, provided the entry has a final score of ~~10~~ 8 or above.

- b) Every master, knight, etc. that submits an entry to be judged shall receive an arts participation point, provided the entry has a final score of ~~15~~ 12 or above.

Commentary: Reducing the minimum score is more consistent with the other orders; artisans are held to a much higher standard to merely achieve participation.

Author: Sir Duncan Wallace (Knight Champion)

Co-Sponsor: HG Sir William Baine (Knight Premier)

OB11. Amend Article VI.E.6. Disqualification to remove exclusion of expiration of dues

Was NB3 (Nov. 2005). Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve.

Amend to read: ... 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...

Commentary: Imperial Estateholders have an obligation to perform their duties to represent their respective constituencies, which includes the payment of membership dues in a timely manner. We have a uniform expiration date of June 30, with memberships due on July 1. Those who value the privilege of serving as a representative should be able to live up to this responsibility.

Author: HRM Warren Anthony (King of Albion)

Co-Sponsor: Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier)

OB12. Amend Article III.D. Membership terms to define the rights of members during the grace period

Was NB4 (Nov. 2005). Requires 2/3rds to consider, 2/3rds to approve.

Add: Members who have not renewed their memberships by July 1 are considered to be under an administrative judicial ban; they will not be able to hold office or exercise any voting privilege or carry proxies. This judicial ban will be automatically lifted upon renewal.

Commentary: This proposal is a workable compromise to eliminating the grace period. The grace period allows those members having difficulty in paying their dues by July 1 a 30-day period in which they can continue to participate. However, people who have not renewed their memberships should not be permitted to hold office or vote in the organization unless they actually renew.

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Co-Sponsor: HIH Dame Ashlinn Tiernan (Knight Premier, Countess Royal), Dame Lenora Greyphis (Knight Premier)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amend Article VI.A. Imperial Governing Bodies; Summoning Meetings and Article XV. Pax Regium and Interim Civil War for conduct of Estates Meetings to void challenges for Imperial Civil War

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

Add to Article VI A.:

Additional Imperial Estates Meetings may be called:

- At the pleasure of the Imperial Crown
- By any three (3) members of the body who must reside in different chartered subdivisions (the meeting must be for a location in a chartered subdivision in which none of the summoning members resides.) **If a Banner war is announced by March 1 as per Article XV. A, Paragraph 2 below, and a Civil War challenge is issued, members who reside in the subdivision of the announced War site may still summon an Imperial Estates Meeting to void a challenge.**

Amend Article XV.A. Pax Regium by substitution:**ARTICLE XV: PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVIL WAR****A. Pax Regium**

For a period of six (6) months from the date of coronation, the Royal and Ducal Crowns shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time, no one may challenge the Crown to for their throne. Anytime after that, an Interim Civil War may be called. Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with no less than **forty-five (45)** days advance notice as indicated in **Article XV.B.1: Notice** below. If no notice is given the Imperial Crown by **forty-five (45)** days before Memorial Day Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (e.g. a Banner War).

In any event, the Imperial Minister of War shall advise the Imperial Chancellor, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chronicler of the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war. **(To insure that a Banner War does not have to be moved if a Civil War challenge is issued, it must not be awarded to a location in which an Imperial Crown resides.)**

There is no Pax Regium for any Crowns or Ruling Nobles, except as specifically described above.

Amend Article XV.B.3. Location of the War:

In the case of an Imperial Civil War, the war must take place in chartered subdivisions other than those in which the Imperial Crown resides. (Note: Featherly and Prado Parks in Esperance are approved exceptions.)

Option 1:

If the Banner War location is announced as per Article XV, A, paragraph 2 in a location in which an Imperial Crown resides and a Civil War Challenge is issued, the location of the War must be moved to a location in which an Imperial Crown does not reside.

Chancery Note: Option 1 is offered for clarity. It does not change the current law.

Option 2:

If the Banner War is announced as per Article XV, A, paragraph 2 in a location in which an Imperial Crown resides and a Civil War challenge is issued, the War does not have to be moved to another location.

Chancery Note: Option 2 adds an exception to current law.

Author Commentary: I see having to change a Banner War location 30 days before to be a hardship on the members of the Empire who have already made travel arrangements, and also on the Empire as the chances of finding suitable locations 30 days before Memorial Day that are still available are very slim.

Add to Article XV.B.5. Void Challenge:

A two-thirds vote of the appropriate Estates may void the challenge.

A challenge for the Imperial Throne by Civil War may only be voided at a properly summoned meeting as per Article VI, A, part 2. Each motion to void a challenge shall be voted on separately.

Option 1

An Imperial Estates Meeting, if summoned, will be held at each of the duly appointed Banner War sites. The Imperial Chancellor, Deputy Imperial Chancellor, or highest ranking member of the Chancery present shall conduct the meeting at each War site, coordinate the vote, and report the outcome of the meeting. The meetings shall be convened simultaneously at 11 am EDT, 10 CDT, 9 MDT, 8 PDT. Roll Call and sign in shall be completed before the start time of the meeting. Debate shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes. The vote shall be taken and totaled in no more than thirty (30) minutes. The chairs of each meeting shall then immediately report the outcome to the Imperial Chancellor, who shall total the votes and report the official results. The chairs at each War site shall

then announce the results to the populace. The War, whether the challenge is voided or not, will begin immediately upon announcement of the results.

Option 2

An Imperial Estates Meeting, if summoned, will be held electronically (by email or phone) by the Imperial Chancery. The challenge must be announced immediately by the Chancery. The meeting may be summoned within seven (7) days of the announcement of the challenge AS PER VI, A, part 2. The question may be discussed in any forum, including local estates meetings and Adrian E-Groups, between the announcement and the beginning of the poll. The poll shall begin thirty (30) days after the announcement and be concluded seven (7) days before the War. The results shall be announced at the beginning of the War. The War, whether the challenge is voided or not, will begin immediately upon announcement of the results.

Commentary: Thank Goodness we do not have to deal with the time zones for Hawaii and Alaska, yet.

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NB2. Amend Glossary definition of Successful Completion of Reign

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

Current Definition:

Successful Completion of Reign - After completing a term of office, the Estates General of the Chartered Subdivision (the Imperial Estates General for the Imperial Crown) shall vote to determine if the completed term of office was successful. If deemed to have been successful, an appropriate retirement title is awarded to the outgoing Crown (see Article IX.D. Titles).

Amend by substitution:

Successful Completion of Reign - A reign shall be deemed successful after the completion of a term of office. An appropriate retirement title shall be awarded to the outgoing Crown (see Article IX.D. Titles).

Should a crown be removed from office prior to completion of a term, By Civil War, the Estates General of the Chartered Subdivision (the Imperial Estates General for the Imperial Crown) or Abdication. The Estates General of the Chartered Subdivision (the Imperial Estates General for the Imperial Crown) shall vote to determine if the uncompleted term is was deemed successful. If deemed to have been successful, an appropriate retirement title is awarded to the outgoing Crown (see Article IX.D. Titles).

A term of office is defined as one year. Those who succeed themselves pursuant to Article VIII.B.1.h. will be serving a second "term of office".

Commentary: Service which has been offered, accepted and completed, deserves merit.

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X. DISCUSSION

D1. 20th Anniversary Event

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D2. Move Imperial War Dates away from major holiday weekends

Each year, our Imperial Banner/Civil and Crown Wars are held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, respectively. These weekends are in conflict with major events held by the SCA, ECS, and others. They are also a hardship for members with family obligations. Access to major park facilities is at a premium and must be booked as much as a year in advance. Our disappointing turnouts reflect this. The simplest solution to these problems and to reinvigorate cross-play with our sister organizations is to reschedule these events. The dates selected would still be in the Bylaws, known a year in advance, and members should be able to arrange to attend.

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D3. Reforms Topics for future legislation

In order to “get on the same page,” we need concrete discussion of what if anything needs to be changed.

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XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

July 15-16, 2006. Location: The Kingdom of Terre Neuve (San Diego, CA).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

END OF AGENDA