



PROPOSAL NB5: LEX ADRIAE: PLAIN LANGUAGE



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Greetings unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire,

Thank you for considering this proposal to create a plain language revision of Lex Adriae (“The Law of Adria”). Its primary purpose is to provide a clean, easy-to-read, and easy-to-understand set of rules that eliminates or minimizes any areas that are currently open to multiple interpretations.

The majority of changes are as follows:

1. Elimination of bulleted items: For ease of reference and consistency, the document uses a traditional numbered outline format throughout.
2. Consolidation of information: Within the current Lex Adria Imperium, the law pertaining to specific ministries, subdivision, wars, and events are scattered throughout, forcing those wishing to find information to search multiple articles. Where possible, the information has been consolidated into a single section, drastically reducing the need to cross-reference those articles. This will allow for easier updates in the future in addition to having all the information pertaining to a topic in one place.
3. Language clarification: Many passages in the current law are excessively wordy, and may not accurately describe what we actually do. In those places, the language has been simplified to directly state what we do.

As you review this document, you will find multiple entries for Recommendations on certain sections. These recommendations were made by us for you to consider as actual changes to current law. The majority of these recommendations are for repealing laws that either have not been exercised or are unnecessary redundancies that were stated in earlier articles.

With the amount of work that has been put into the creation of this document and number of changes that have been made, we ask that you consider this document as a whole, and not to adopt some sections of the document without accepting others. If you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Imperial Chancery or HG Sir William Baine.

Please keep in mind that this document is a continuation of the work being done to make the Adrian Empire more enjoyable for everyone. We cannot change everything at once, but we can take incremental steps to achieve our common goals. This document is such a step. As it is being introduced as New Business, you will have plenty of time to analyze this document before voting on it. As you analyze it, we believe you will find it to be more concise and clear.

In Service to the Adrian Empire,

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PREFACE

Lex Adriae, 2008 and the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., 2008, shall supersede all previous bylaws. The previous bylaws are, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria in the 1350 to 1450 Period of Medieval History, 1987
2. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria, 1988
3. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Adria and Umbria, 1989
4. Bylaws and Governing Policy for the Kingdom of Navarre, 1990
5. Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

In any situation where the Adrian Bylaws are in direct conflict or violation of mundane law, the Adrian Bylaws will be subservient to existing Mundane Law. Mundane Law shall always trump Adrian Bylaws.

WE ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO: (WAS “OPERATING PRINCIPLES”)

1. Serve the best interests of our communities.
2. Act in the best interests of the Organization.
3. Communicate openly, honestly and directly.
4. Learn from their mistakes.
5. Be positive: Seek solutions, and be open to the views of others.
6. Support each other in balancing work, family and community.
7. Support and reward excellence, teamwork, productivity, and growth.
8. Honor their commitments.
9. Learn about Western Civilization and the cultures in contact with it during our historical period.
10. Teach others.

VISION STATEMENT

Our Founders imagined Adria as an ideal society where individuals, no matter what rank or title, had equal opportunity and the responsibility to uphold chivalric values. Adria should exemplify the best qualities of medieval history and belief, in both our organization and ourselves; fight self-indulgence and oppression, and embody fellowship, compassion, and simplicity. Each member should love Adria and help it grow into a shining example from the past, for the future.

ARTICLE I: GENERAL

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE (MERGED A. SCOPE AND B. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE)

1. The Adrian Empire teaches our communities the history and beliefs of The Age of Chivalry.
2. The Adrian Empire and its activities are based on Western Europe's Medieval and Renaissance period, 1066 to 1603, and cultures with a documentable presence and influence in Europe during that period.

B. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Replaced bullets with numbered list for easier referencing.

1. Integrity (to adhere to a code of values, to be incorruptible)
2. Fairness (to be impartial, honest, free from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism)
3. Loyalty (to be unswerving in allegiance, to one's lawful Crown or government; faithful to a person to whom fidelity is due; or, to a cause, ideal, custom, or institution)
4. Respect (to be polite, considerate, and demonstrate admiration for people's good qualities and achievements)

ARTICLE II: OFFICES

Moved to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Moved to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Moved to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.

ARTICLE V: OFFICIAL EVENTS (WAS “MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP”)

A. DEFINITION

Merged A. Notice, B. Definition, and C. Unofficial Events, and reorganized into a numbered list for easier referencing.

1. An official event is any meeting of the membership that is:
 - a. Held in an appropriate context, setting, and style for the purpose of education, recreation, competition, or service;
 - b. Sanctioned by the Crown;
 - c. Announced thirty (30) days in advance to the membership through official channels, including the date, time, and place of the event, unless:
 - i. Waived by the Crown for just and stated cause, or
 - ii. Waived by the Estates General as provided in law;
 - d. Presided over by the Crown, a Ruling Noble, or the appointed Viceroy of the Canton; and
 - e. Attended by the ministry officials or their designated deputies responsible for the type of activity undertaken.
2. Demonstrations and classes:

- a. Must conform to the specifications above; and
 - b. Must be attended by ten (10) or more people.
3. Any event that does not conform to the specifications above is not official. Such events are not points bearing, nor do announcements made at such an event satisfy the notice requirement above.

B. MAKE-UP EVENTS

Simplified the list.

Cancelled or interrupted tournaments can be made up at the discretion of the Crown.

C. SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS (WAS “SPONSORING REQUIREMENTS”)

Created enumerated list for easier referencing.

Crown tournaments may be held together, or at separate events within the same month.

1. The Imperial Crown
 - a. Must **sanction** the Imperial Crown War; and
 - b. May **sanction** as many war events as They see fit.
2. Royal Crowns:
 - a. Must **sanction** one (1) Crown tournament per month in arts, archery, and combat;
 - b. Must **sanction the Crown War; and**
 - c. May **sanction** a maximum of four (4) war events per year.
3. Archducal and Ducal Crowns:
 - a. Must **sanction** one (1) Crown tournament per month in arts, archery, and combat;
 - b. Must **sanction the Crown War, if one must be held, or** one (1) war event per year; and
 - c. May **sanction** a maximum of four (4) war events per year.

D. EARNING ADVANCEMENT (WAS “MEMBER PARTICIPATION”)

Simplified language to reflect what we actually do.

For advancement in the Knightly disciplines, a member may apply one (1) Non-Imperial participation and win and one (1) Imperial participation and win per month in each discipline, regardless of the number of events attended. If the member acquires multiple participations and wins in the same month, the member shall determine which participation or win from which event shall be applied.

NOTE: *Current practice is that the most advantageous participation and win is applied.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Replace the last sentence with “The most advantageous participation and win is applied”.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Reorganized and centralized information in Sections A. Imperial Governing Bodies; Summoning Meetings through E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar.

A. GOVERNING BODIES (WAS “IMPERIAL GOVERNING BODIES; SUMMONING MEETINGS”)

The governing body of the Adrian Empire is the Imperial Estates General. The Imperial Estates General is composed of:

1. The Imperial Estate;
 - a. The Estates Royal;
 - b. The Estates Major; and
 - c. The two senior members of the Estates Minor from each Chartered Subdivision.

2. The governing body of each Chartered Subdivision is the Estates General. The Estates General is composed of:
 - a. The Estates Royal;
 - b. The Estates Major; and
 - c. The Estates Minor.

B. ESTATES COMPOSITION

Was referenced in D. Chartered Subdivision Governing Body; Summoning Meetings.

1. The Imperial Estate is the Imperial Crown.
2. The Estates Royal are:
 - a. Prince/Princess (Retired Imperial Crown);
 - b. King/Queen;
 - c. Archduke/Archduchess;
 - d. Duke/Duchess; and
 - e. Imperial Viceroy/Vicerine
(**Note:** Viceroy/Vicerine are not members of the Estates Royal, but they represent the Imperial Crown.)
3. The Estates Major are:
 - a. Lord/Lady Protector;
 - b. Count/Countess Royal;
 - c. Marquis/Marquessa;
 - d. Founder; and
 - e. Third-Level Knight.
4. The Estates Minor are:
 - a. Count/Countess;
 - b. Baron/Baroness,
 - c. Second-Level Knight; and
 - d. Household Lord/Lady.

C. SUMMONING MEETINGS

Was referenced in Imperial Governing Bodies; Summoning Meetings, D. Chartered Subdivision Governing Body; Summoning Meetings, and E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar.

1. Imperial Estates Meetings
 - a. Imperial Estates Meetings shall be held:
 - i. On the first Saturday (and the day after, if needed) of November, to conduct business including:
 - a) Approving the Imperial budget; and
 - b) Reviewing associate memberships (see Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc. Article II.B.4)
 - ii. During the month of March, to conduct business including:
 - a) Evaluating prior Imperial Crowns' terms of office not yet evaluated, regardless of the length of service
 - iii. The third Saturday (and the day after, if needed) of July, to conduct business including:
 - a) Determining acceptability of Imperial candidates;

- b) Finalizing data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary);
 - c) **All Crowns shall present a copy of their subdivision's financial records. A Crown or representative from each Chartered Subdivision must attend.**
 - d) Reviewing (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (see Article IX.E)
- b. Additional Imperial Estates Meetings may be called:
- i. At the pleasure of the Imperial Crown; or
 - ii. By three (3) members of the body who reside in different Chartered Subdivisions which must be held in a Chartered Subdivision other than where the summoners reside. If a Civil War challenge is issued after March 1, the Imperial Estates Meeting to void the challenge, if summoned, may take place in the subdivision of the Civil War site.
2. Meetings of the Estates General
- a. Meetings of the Estates General shall be held at least once every six (6) months. If, within six (6) months of the last meeting there has not been a meeting of the Estates General, the Chancellor is responsible for the publication of the date, time, and place of a meeting that shall occur not later than thirty (30) days at a place accessible to all members entitled to a seat.
 - b. Additional Meetings of the Estates General may be called:
 - i. At the pleasure of the Crown; or
 - ii. By three (3) members of the body, who agree on a time and location within the Chartered Subdivision, and must meet all other requirements for an official event. (NOTE: A meeting summoned in this fashion does not require Crown sanction).

D. PUBLICATION OF CHANGES

1. All changes to Adrian Law shall be published as soon as possible to the Ruling Crown of each Chartered Subdivision. Until such a publication has taken place, the former Law shall remain in place. Changes become enforceable thirty (30) days after publication unless for cause and specifically stated in the addition, change, or writ. Previously approved changes that are missed and corrected later merely require notice, not ratification.
2. Publication of changes may consist of the following:
 - a. Non-electronic written notice
 - b. E-mail notification (no return receipt notification required)
 - c. Posting on any Adrian Empire newsgroup of which the recipient(s) is known to be a member
 - d. Posting on any Adrian Empire website
3. The official publications of the Adrian Empire include:
 - a. Imperial Estate Agendas and Minutes
 - b. Lex Adriae and Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.
 - c. Imperial Manuals and Writs
 - d. Judicial Recordings and Results
 - e. Imperial Contact Lists
 - f. Imperial Ministry Reports
 - g. Imperial Newsletter
4. Crowns and Ruling Nobles of Chartered Subdivisions are responsible for informing their populaces with regard to any official publications. This includes any publications on the Adrian Empire website and the Adrian Empire and Adria-Imperial Estates newsgroups. All Crowns and Ruling Nobles must

have valid contact information on file with the Adrian Empire – phone number and physical mailing address.

5. A member who does not have E-mail access must notify the appropriate Crown or Minister so that the member may be contacted via alternate means.

E. OFFICIAL MEETINGS OF THE ESTATES (WAS “OFFICIAL MEETINGS; IMPERIAL ESTATES CALENDAR”)

1. Quorum and Convening the Meeting

Merged B. Quorum Requirements into this section.

The quorum requirements for a meeting of a given body of Estates General shall be more than half of the members entitled to vote within the body, less the members who were entitled to a vote but were absent last meeting. A meeting is officially convened when a quorum is established. The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates General at the appointed time and place, and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available. Once a quorum is established, a meeting may continue until adjourned, even if the attendance drops below quorum. In tallying a vote, a measure passes if it garners a sufficient proportion of the votes cast (abstentions are not counted).

2. Weapons

The Chancellor shall appoint a sergeant-at-arms, who shall ensure that all members are disarmed. Members shall remove their weapons, and may return to the meeting when they are unarmed, or they may leave their weapons with the sergeant-at-arms. With the exception of the sergeant-at-arms, no one may bring weapons to any meeting of Estates General.

NOTE: Current practice: The Chancellor is not required to, but may appoint one or more Sergeants-at-arms.

RECOMMENDATION:

No member shall bring weapons to any Meeting of the Estates. The only exceptions are weapons presented for proposals for authorized combat or a weapon appropriate for a ceremony to be conducted at the meeting; these exceptions must be authorized by the Chancellor.

3. Disqualification

- a. Members of the body shall not be seated if:

- i. Their dues are not current;
- ii. They are under judicial ban denying this privilege; or
- iii. They have not attended at least (2) official events within six (6) months prior to the summoning of the meeting.

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

- i. Resignation
- ii. Judicial ban
- iii. Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates General to waive notice and seat the estate)
- iv. Expiration of dues

F. RIGHTS OF THE ESTATES GENERAL

Simplified enumerated lists for easier referencing.

1. The Imperial Estates General may:
 - a. By a unanimous vote:

- i. Extend banishment of a member beyond three (3) years (See Article XI.B.9.e.).
 - b. By a 2/3rd's majority:
 - i. Remove the Imperial Crown from office.
 - ii. Call for an Imperial bylaw convention.
 - iii. Amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc. and Lex Adriae without restriction.
 - iv. Change dues.
 - v. Void a challenge for the Crown.
 - vi. Remove a Member of the Board of Directors.
 - c. By a simple majority (more than half):
 - i. Elect the Board of Directors from the membership of the Adrian Empire:
 - a) The number of Directors on the Board, the term of office of each Director, and powers of the Board of Directors shall be set by the Imperial Estates General (see Article IV of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.).
 - b) Article IV of the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc. shall not be modifiable by the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Determine a successful completion of term of office regardless of the length of said term of office.
 - iii. Appoint a new member to the Order of the Fleur-de-lis.
 - iv. Enact, modify, or cancel Estates Writs not in conflict with the Bylaws.
 - v. Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown, approve annual expenditures when the budget is presented in November and all additional expenditures of treasury funds.
 - d. Any two members:
 - i. May put a proposal on the agenda before the Imperial Estates General. Proposals may be submitted once per Regnal Year (from the Imperial Coronation, the first Saturday of November not including the Imperial Estates General Meeting, through the first Saturday of the following November including the Imperial Estates General Meeting).
- 2. The Estates General of a Chartered Subdivision may:
 - a. By a 2/3rd's majority vote:
 - i. Void a challenge for the Crown
 - ii. Amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the local codicils not in conflict with Imperial Law, provided they are submitted in writing to the Imperial Chancellor for conflict review within thirty (30) days of enactment.
 - iii. Remove the Crown from office.
 - b. By a simple majority vote (more than half):
 - i. Approve Crown Writs, annual budgets, and expenditures.
 - ii. Enact, amend, or repeal Estates Writs not in conflict with Imperial Law or local Codicils, provided they are submitted in writing to the Imperial Chancellor for conflict review within thirty (30) days of enactment.

G. NOTICE

- 1. Summoning Estates Meetings

- a. The Crowns of all Chartered Subdivisions must be provided with sixty (60) days written notice of Imperial Estates meeting. The Crowns must notify all members entitled to a seat in their respective Chartered Subdivisions.
 - b. The Crown must provide at least thirty (30) days written notice of any meeting of the Estates General to all members who are entitled to a seat.
 - c. **Two-thirds of the members present at an estates meeting may waive notice of agenda items.** Actions taken **on items** on which notice was waived must be reconsidered at the next fully-noticed meeting, but shall be effective pending reconsideration.
 - d. Any member may attend, regardless of notification.
2. Submission of Agenda Items
- All submissions for the Imperial Estates Agenda must be submitted to the Imperial Chancellor no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the meeting. Any submissions after this deadline will be placed on the agenda for the following meeting. This deadline may be waived for just and stated cause.
3. Publication of Imperial Agenda
- a. The agenda will be published no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Imperial Estates Meeting.
 - b. If the agenda is not published on time, all items shall be tabled until the next scheduled meeting, except those dealing with acceptability of candidates, elections to the Board of Directors, **budgets**, charters, and the granting of retirement titles. Any other matter may be discussed but not voted on until the next scheduled Meeting; unless agreed to by 2/3rds.
4. Changes to the Agenda
- Changes to the agenda must be published no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting. All **new** items on the revised agenda shall be considered New Business. If the changes are not published on time, they may not be considered.

H. PROXIES

Clarified language.

Any member entitled to a vote may give a written or verbal proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. The corresponding body may prohibit the acceptance of verbal proxies.

I. LIMITATION OF VOTES

Clarified language.

Regardless of how many voting ranks or titles held, a member may exercise only one (1) landed vote and only one (1) non-landed vote. In addition, a member may carry any number of proxies.

J. PROTECTION OF STATUS AGAINST LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Clarified language.

No change in law shall cause an individual member to lose any award, rank, or title, or the privileges they confer, unless that member agrees. The choice to give up any of the above affects that member only; it does not bind any other member or veto the change in law. Only a Judicial action or expiration of membership shall cause a member to lose any award, rank, or title without the member's agreement. This law does not protect the privileges of a Crown or Ruling Noble from changes in law.

K. PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY

Parliamentary immunity is intended to protect political speech, and the free exchange of ideas necessary for the body to do its work. This includes the right of a member to ask pointed questions about business. Protected language is limited to comments on legislative, judicial or executive proceedings. Parliamentary immunity does not apply to excessive profanity, malicious character defamation, or deliberate misstatements of fact. Protected political speech has to do with issues and statements of opinion. Unprotected speech is

pointed accusations of wrongdoing directed at a person, group, or Adrian body that cannot be substantiated by fact.

ARTICLE VII: MINISTRIES

Moved Definitions to the beginning of the Article; clarified language.

A. DEFINITIONS

The ministries of the Adrian Empire are as listed in Estates Writ 20.

B. CREATION OF MINISTRIES

The Crown may create other ministries, subject to the approval of the Estates.

Note: This provision should be treated as a Crown Writ; the Estates General may consider action, but are not required to.

C. MINISTERIAL SERVICE

The Crown appoints Ministers to perform essential duties. Ministers:

1. Shall report regularly to their Crown, Estates, and Imperial Ministry; and
2. May appoint deputies, subject to Crown approval.

D. REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD MINISTERIAL OFFICE

Eliminated restriction of associate members.

All ministers and their deputies shall maintain their memberships for the duration of their appointment.

Statutory officers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

E. RESTRICTIONS

A Minister may not hold more than one (1) Ministry, unless no other qualified members are interested in holding the vacant Ministry.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal this section, since this law has not been invoked in quite some time.

F. WAIVERS

Rank and experience requirements for any ministry may be waived only if there is no member of suitable qualifications then interested in holding said ministry.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal this section, as the only requirement for ministers is the level of membership.

G. OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

The officers of the corporation are the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Imperial Estates General at the Meeting in July, and take office at the Board of Directors Meeting in November. . Candidates for President and Vice-President shall submit letters of intent following the same procedure as Candidates for Crown (letter of intent to Chancellor by Closing Court of Imperial Civil War/Banner War).

The composition of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, as well as their duties and responsibilities, are described in the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move this section to the Corporate Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE

A. ORGANIZATION

The Adrian Empire shall be organized as a feudal hierarchical society with the Imperial Estates General at the top, and authority flowing down to the populace. The Adrian Empire shall be subdivided to allow for local participation and contribution. All subdivisions of the Adrian Empire must have a name and arms.

B. EMPIRE

The Empire is the highest sovereign entity within the Adrian Empire, which has the right to choose a ruling Imperial Crown and have an Imperial Estates General. The Empire must have well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of the Empire's activities and shall consist of all subdivisions.

C. CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS

Reorganized lists and centralized information.

1. Kingdoms

A Kingdom has at least 100 members.

a. Rights

- i. Entitled to seats on the Imperial Estates General as provided in Article VI.A.
- ii. May enact Royal Codicils and Writs that do not conflict with the Bylaws or Imperial Law, which must be submitted within thirty (30) days of enactment to the Imperial Chancery.
- iii. A Kingdom is styled as a sovereign entity, but is not independent, as a Kingdom remains an integral part of the Adrian Empire.

b. Responsibilities

- i. A Kingdom must have well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of its activities.

2. Archduchies and Duchies

An Archduchy has at least 50 members. A Duchy has at least 20 members.

a. Rights

- i. **An Archduchy or Duchy may determine a method other than Crown War to select a Crown.**
- ii. An Archduchy or Duchy shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Estates General as provided in Article VI.A.
- iii. An Archduchy or Duchy may enact Codicils and Writs that are approved by the Imperial Crown.

b. Responsibilities

- i. An Archduchy or Duchy must have well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of its activities.

3. Shires

A Shire has at least 5 members.

a. Rights

- i. A Shire may form Estates Minor.
- ii. A shire of less than ten (10) members may have one vote on the Imperial Estates General. A shire of ten (10) or more members may have two votes on the Imperial Estates General if they form at least two Estates Minor.
- iii. A Shire shall be governed by a Viceroy appointed by the Imperial Crown.

- a) A Viceroy may attend and speak at meetings of the Imperial Estates General and hold the Shire's vote on that body if no Estate Minor is formed.
 - b) The decisions of the Viceroy and the Estates General shall be subject to the approval of the Imperial Crown, including the distribution of awards, honors, and titles.
 - iv. During the first year following the chartering of a Shire, the Imperial Crown may, at its own discretion, place up to three members who have shown outstanding medieval accomplishments within the Combatant, Robe, or Ministerial Orders up to the beginning of the Sergeant, Master, or Chamberlain rank, with no more than one per knightly discipline. This advancement waives the normal requirements for advancement to that rank. (Note: In order to advance to the next rank, the normal requirements must be met, including those requirements previously waived.)
 - b. Responsibilities
 - i. A Shire shall strive to develop a fully functioning government with well-developed ministries. Until such time, the Imperial Crown, with the approval of the Imperial Estates General, may waive strict compliance with the corresponding sections of the Bylaws.
 - c. Sponsorship
 - i. A Shire may request to be sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy for a period not to exceed one (1) year, unless the Shire requests, and the Imperial Estates General grants, a one-time extension for one additional year. At the end of the sponsorship period, the Shire must petition to amend its charter to indicate a subdivision of the appropriate size.
 - ii. A Kingdom or Archduchy wishing to sponsor an Imperial Shire must submit a request to the Imperial Chancery no less than sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of an Imperial Estates meeting. Sponsorship must be approved by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Imperial Estates General.
 - iii. A Shire sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy is considered to be a Canton of the sponsoring subdivision. (see Armigerous Rights Article II.B.23) Any such Shire does not have a voice or vote on the Imperial Estates.
 - iv. All members of the sponsored Shire are considered to be members of the sponsoring subdivision. All Estates formed within a sponsored Shire are considered Estates of the sponsoring subdivision.
 - v. If the membership of the sponsoring subdivision falls below the minimum number required for the respective status of the subdivision at the conclusion of the sponsorship, that subdivision shall be reduced to the appropriate size.
 - vi. The Crown of the sponsoring subdivision shall report monthly to the Imperial Crown on the Shire's activities.
 - vii. Failure to report to the Imperial Crown for a period of two (2) consecutive months shall immediately end the Sponsorship.
4. Charters
- a. Amendment and Advancement
 - i. Charters may be amended if the following conditions are met:
 - a) Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other Chartered Subdivision below minimum standard
 - b) The boundaries of the Chartered Subdivision seeking elevation do not cross over or diminish the land of any other Chartered Subdivision. (Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.)

- c) An Archducal Charter may be elevated to a Kingdom Charter after six (6) months.
- d) A Shire Charter may be elevated to a Ducal Charter after six (6) months.
- ii. Charter amendments may be approved by one of the methods below:
 - a) The Estates General of the Chartered Subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval by a simple majority; or
 - b) The Estates General of the Chartered Subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a simple majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval by a 2/3 majority.

Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved.

b. Reduction and Revocation

- iii. Kingdom Charters may be reduced or revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates General if the Kingdom does not meet all of the requirements in Article VIII.D.1.
- iv. Archducal and Ducal Charters may be revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Estates General if the Archduchy or Duchy fails to meet all of the requirements in Article VIII.D.2.
- v. Shire Charters may be revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Estates General if it fails to meet all of the requirements in Article VIII.D.3.

D. LANDED ESTATES

1. Definition

Landed Estates of the Adrian Empire are Marches, Counties, Baronies and Households, and exist within a Chartered Subdivision. They are based on the free association of their members.

- a. A March has at least 50 members.
- b. A County has at least 35 members.
- c. A Barony has at least 15 members.
- d. A Household has at least 5 members.

2. Rights

- a. Landed Estates may choose Ruling Nobles in a manner of their own choosing.
- b. Landed Estates shall be entitled to seats on the Estates General as provided in Article VI.

3. Responsibilities

- a. Ruling Nobles are responsible for the administration of the Landed Estate.
- b. Landed Estates must maintain the minimum number of members required for their respective status.

4. Establishment and Continuation

- a. Members of any Landed Estate have the right to remove themselves from said Landed Estate at any time, even if taking this action reduces it below minimum numbers. The Ruling Nobles must be made aware of this decision so that they may effectively manage their Landed Estates. The following general procedures shall be followed for the initial establishment, and for the subsequent advancement, of Estates within the Adrian Empire.
- b. A petition shall be prepared and presented to the Crown by the members of the prospective Landed Estate, setting forth the manner in which the requirements for said establishment or advancement have been met.
- c. A name and arms shall have been selected which is acceptable to majority of the members, and are submitted to the College of Arms for approval.

- d. The Crown may, for a just and stated cause:
 - i. Deny the petition for establishment or advancement;
 - ii. Amend its status to reflect its current qualifications; or
 - iii. Dissolve the Landed Estates for failure to maintain the requirements set forth in Article VIII.E.

E. CROWNS AND RULING NOBLES (WAS “B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CROWNS/RULING NOBLES”)

Merged Article VI.F.3-5 and Article XIV.A.-E. into this section; Created distinct lists for each position.

1. Imperial Crown

a. Requirements

The Imperial Crown must:

- i. Have attained a second-level Knighthood;
- ii. Have served as a Royal or Ducal Crown for six (6) months or longer with a successful completion of reign;
- iii. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- iv. Have a current membership that has been maintained for at least one (1) year; and
- v. Be willing to sign a financial disclosure statement.

b. Term of Office

- i. The Imperial Crown shall rule from coronation on the first weekend of November until the coronation of Their successors.
- ii. The Imperial Crown may succeed themselves, but are limited to two (2) consecutive years.

c. Rights

The Imperial Crown has the right to:

- i. Exercise authority unto itself as well as the rights of a Royal Crown.
- ii. Be the ultimate representative of the Empire, but not of the Corporation. Any subdivision of the Adrian Empire desiring to attend the events of other organizations or hold joint events with them shall obtain the prior written consent of the Imperial Crown.
RECOMMENDATION:
Delete “written”.
- iii. Interpret Imperial law or writ. The Crown or his Minister shall commence the review of the disputed Imperial law or writ and any arguments within thirty (30) days of a written request. The decision is final and binding.
- iv. Resolve submitted disputes between Chartered Subdivisions. The Imperial Crown shall convene an Imperial Crown Court within thirty (30) days of a written request from the Crown or Ruling Noble of either Chartered Subdivision. The decision of an Imperial Crown Court is final and binding.
- v. Warrant Viceroy, grant Charters to establish new Chartered Subdivisions, and promote existing Chartered Subdivisions to a higher level as per Article VIII.D.
- vi. Hear appeals from judicial cases where a member has been found guilty and sentenced.
- vii. Award the non-voting titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord, and Lady of the Empire.

d. Responsibilities

- i. The Imperial Crown is responsible for the administration of the lands that comprise the Empire.
- ii. The Imperial Crown must sponsor events as specified in Article V.C.
- iii. Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

RECOMMENDATION:

Replace with “Co-rulers shall designate which is senior. In the event they disagree, the senior shall have final authority.”

2. Royal Crown

a. Requirements

A Royal Crown must:

- i. Have attained Knightly rank;
- ii. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- iii. Have a current membership that has been maintained for at least one (1) year.

b. Term of Office

- i. The Royal Crown shall rule from coronation until the coronation of their successors, not to exceed one (1) year. They may serve less than one (1) year only if the Crown and the Estates General agree.
- ii. The Royal Crown may succeed themselves, but are limited to two (2) consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year.

c. Rights

A Royal Crown has the right to:

- i. Interpret local codicil or writ. The Crown shall consult with the Chancellor and review the disputed local codicil or writ and any arguments. The decision of the Royal Crown is final and binding.
- ii. Resolve submitted disputes between Landed Estates within their Chartered Subdivision. The Crown shall convene a Crown Court within thirty (30) days of a written request from the Ruling Noble of either estate. The decision of a Crown Court is final and binding.
- iii. Make new law that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates General. (see Article VI.F.)
- iv. Hold at least one (1) court per month.
- v. Give orders, awards, and authorize elevation in rank of any member as advised by their ministers.
- vi. Award the non-voting titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord, and Lady of the Court.
- vii. Confer the rank of Knight upon a member who has made an extraordinary contribution to Adria meriting special reward. Only one (1) member of the non-chivalry per term of office may be elevated to Knighthood without meeting the requirements. This advancement is in title only and does not give the member the requirements associated with the title. Only a Knight can make a Knight.
- viii. Make war on other Chartered Subdivisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold joint war events with other Chartered Subdivisions with the approval of the Imperial Crown.

- ix. Charter Guilds (not subject to approval of the Estates General)
- x. Draft and submit an annual budget to the Estates General no less than 30 days prior to the published meeting date.
- d. Responsibilities
 - i. A Royal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Kingdom.
 - ii. A Royal Crown shall advise and consult with the Imperial Crown as necessary for the careful administration, good governance, and welfare of the Kingdom and Empire.
 - iii. A Royal Crown must sponsor events as specified in Article V.C.
 - iv. Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

RECOMMENDATION:

Replace with “Co-rulers shall designate which is senior. In the event they disagree, the senior shall have final authority.”

3. Archducal and Ducal Crown

- a. Requirements

An Archducal or Ducal Crown must:

 - i. Have attained Knightly rank, unless there are no Knights wishing to hold the office;
 - ii. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
 - iii. Have a current membership that has been maintained for at least six (6) months.
- b. Term of Office
 - i. An Archducal or Ducal Crown shall rule until they are removed.
 - ii. The reign shall be reviewed by the Estates General annually.
 - iii. An Archducal or Ducal Crown may be removed and replaced by a method approved by the Estates General, or by Annual Crown War if no other method is adopted.
- c. Rights

An Archducal and Ducal Crown have the same rights as a Royal Crown, limited below:

 - i. An Archducal and Ducal Crown may not create Knights by prerogative.
 - ii. An Archducal Crown may award the titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord or Lady of the Court.
 - iii. A Ducal Crown may award the titles of Baron, Baroness, Lord or Lady of the Court with approval of the Imperial Crown.
- d. Responsibilities
 - i. An Archducal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Archduchy.
 - ii. A Ducal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Duchy.
 - iii. An Archducal or Ducal Crown shall report regularly to the Imperial Crown on the Chartered Subdivision’s activities.
 - iv. An Archducal or Ducal Crown must sponsor events as specified in Article V.C.
 - v. Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

RECOMMENDATION:

Replace with “Co-rulers shall designate which is senior. In the event they disagree, the senior shall have final authority.”

4. Lord/Lady Protector

The Estates General may replace the Lord/Lady Protector at any time.

 - a. Appointment
 - i. If the Crown becomes unavailable for an extended period, a Lord/Lady Protector shall be appointed.
 - ii. If the unavailability is due to a Judicial Ban or determination of a Judicial Court, the Magistrate shall make the appointment.
 - iii. In all other cases, the Chancellor shall make the appointment.
 - iv. If the Chancellor is not available, the Senior Peer shall make the appointment.
 - b. Term of Office
 - i. A Lord/Lady Protector shall serve as regent of the Empire or Chartered Subdivision until replaced by the Estates General, or a Crown becomes available, not to exceed one (1) year.
 - c. Rights
 - i. A Lord/Lady Protector shall exercise the authority of the Crown, except to create a Knight by prerogative.
 - ii. Service as Lord/Lady Protector shall not make them ineligible to serve as Crown.
 - d. Responsibilities
 - i. The first act of the Lord/Lady Protector is to call an Estates meeting (at whose pleasure the Lord/Lady Protector reigns). The meeting shall be held as soon as possible.
5. Ruling Noble:
 - a. Requirements
 - i. Ruling Nobles of Marches, Counties, and Baronies must have a current membership that has been maintained for at least six (6) months.
 - ii. Ruling Nobles of Households must have a current membership.
 - b. Term of Office
 - i. Ruling Nobles shall rule until they are replaced. They may be replaced:
 - c) Through war; or
 - d) By a majority vote of the voting body of the Landed Estate, which shall be determined by the Landed Estate.
 - c. Rights
 - i. All Ruling Nobles have the right to hold court.
 - ii. Ruling Nobles of Estates Major have the right to:
 - a) Appoint ministers to local offices after consulting with the ministry affected and with approval of the Crown.

RECOMMENDATION:
Repeal – Dead Law.
 - b) Make war on other Estates Major, with the consent of the Crown.

RECOMMENDATION:
Hold joint war events with other Estates Major with the approval of the Crown.

- c) Advise the Crown.
 - d) Give Noble Orders and the awards of their Landed Estate.
 - iii. Ruling Nobles of Estates Minor have the right to:
 - a) Appoint ministers for marshaling, heraldry, and rolls after consulting with the ministry affected and with approval of the Crown.

RECOMMENDATION:
Repeal – Dead Law.
 - b) Make war on other Estates Minor, with the consent of the Crown.

RECOMMENDATION:
Hold joint war events with other Estates Minor with the approval of the Crown.
 - c) Give the awards of their Landed Estate.
 - d. Responsibilities
 - i. Co-rulers must either agree on decisions, or delegate to one another the authority to make decisions without agreement. A co-ruler may exercise that authority without delegation only when the other co-ruler is actually unavailable and unreachable by reasonable means. When the unavailable co-ruler returns, or can be reached, both should review those decisions and possibly change them.

RECOMMENDATION:
Replace with “Co-rulers shall designate which is senior. In the event they disagree, the senior shall have final authority.”
- 6. Imperial Viceroy
 - a. Requirements
 - i. An Imperial Viceroy must have a current membership.
 - b. Rights
 - i. An Imperial Viceroy may make recommendations, but awards are subject to the prior approval of the Imperial Crown.
 - c. Responsibilities
 - i. An Imperial Viceroy serves at the pleasure of the Imperial Crown in consultation with the populace of the region and is responsible for the administration of the Shire.
 - ii. An Imperial Viceroy shall report regularly to the Imperial Crown on the Shire’s activities.

ARTICLE IX: AWARDS, ORDERS, RANKS, TITLES

A. AWARDS

Awards shall be defined and a listing maintained by the College of Arms which shall be available to the populace. See Imperial Estates Writ #18.

B. ORDERS

Orders shall be defined and a listing maintained by the College of Arms which shall be available to the populace. See Imperial Estates Writ #18.

C. RANKS

Simplified language.

The Adrian Empire awards rank and station to members based on meeting a set of objective requirements for advancement in each discipline, and not on opinion. Rolls Ministers shall maintain accurate records for all members; no written notification by the member is required.

The records of the Imperial ministry shall be the final consideration for advancement. Any member may become a Knight, regardless of age, if that member has met the requirements. If a candidate for any rank of Knighthood has been found guilty in a judicial court, elevation may be refused by the Imperial Crown, Royal Crown, or judicial court sentence.

The Imperial Crown may formally recognize participation at official events of other organizations, which shall be recognized as participation at Adrian events when such participation is analogous. **The Adrian Empire encourages** the participation of members of other organizations at Adrian events.

Participation and advancement is detailed in the Rolls and Lists Manual, especially with regard to satisfying requirements, moving from one list to another, and brevetting. **See also Article V.D. Earning Advancement**

1. Combatant Roll

Cut-and-Thrust counts as Rapier in Knightly progression (as per Imperial Estates Writ #13).

a. Yeoman

- i. Be authorized to enter the Sergeant's List as outlined in the Combat Manual and Marshal's Guidelines
- ii. A member in good standing.

b. Guardsman

- i. Participation in three (3) Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.

c. Sergeant

- i. Participation in five (5) additional Sergeants' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in a Sergeants' List at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in two (2) demonstrations.
- iv. Be authorized to enter the Knight's List as outlined in the Combat and Marshals Manuals.

d. Knight Bachelor

- i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
- iii. Participation in one (1) war.
- iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.

e. Knight Banneret

- i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knights' Lists (8 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Knights' Lists (3 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars.
- iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.

f. Knight Champion

- i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knights' Lists (16 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Knights' Lists (6 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars.
- iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

2. Arts Roll

a. Apprentice

- i. A member in good standing.

- b. Journeyman
 - i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman's Lists at Crown events.
 - c. Master
 - i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in a Journeyman's Lists at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in two (2) demonstrations.
 - d. Knight Robe
 - i. Participation in ten (10) Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in the Knights' Lists at a Crown event.
 - iii. One (1) masterwork.
 - iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
 - e. Knight Master
 - i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - iii. Two (2) additional masterworks.
 - iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in three (3) additional wars at Crown events.
 - f. Knight Doctor
 - i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - iii. Four (4) additional masterworks.
 - iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.
 - v. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
3. Minister Roll
- a. Clarke
 - i. A member in good standing.
 - b. Rector
 - i. Participate in ministry service during each of three (3) months.
 - ii. Participation in one (1) demonstration.
 - c. Chamberlain
 - i. Participate in ministry service during each of an additional five (5) months.
 - ii. Participation in one (1) additional demonstration.
 - iii. Earn one (1) demonstration initiation for ministry service
 - d. Knight Minister
 - i. Participate in ministry service during each of an additional ten (10) months.
 - ii. Participation in one (1) war at a Crown event.
 - iii. Earn three (3) additional demonstration initiations for ministry service
 - e. Knight Civil
 - i. Participate in ministry service during each of an additional eighteen (18) months.
 - ii. Participation in five (5) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iii. Earn five (5) additional demonstration initiations for ministry service.

- f. Knight Premier
 - i. Participate in ministry service during each of an additional thirty-six (36) months.
 - ii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars at Crown events.
 - iii. Earn fifteen (15) additional demonstration initiations for ministry service.
- Note: See Estates' Writs #6 Demonstration Initiations and #8 Classes for explanations of demonstration initiations.*
- 4. Archery Roll
 - a. Yeoman Archer
 - i. Be authorized to enter the Bowman's List as outlined in the Archery Manual (and Combat Manual and Marshal's Guidelines, if applicable)
 - ii. A member in good standing.
 - b. Bowman
 - i. Participation in three (3) Bowman's Lists at Crown events.
 - c. Marksman
 - i. Participation in five (5) additional Bowman's Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in a Bowman's List at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in two (2) demonstrations.
 - iv. Be authorized to enter the Huntsman's List as outlined in the Archery Manual (and Combat Manual and Marshal's Guidelines, if applicable)
 - d. Knight Archer
 - i. Participation in ten (10) Huntsman's Lists at Crown events.
 - ii. One (1) win in the Huntsman's Lists at a Crown event.
 - iii. Participation in one (1) war.
 - iv. Participation in three (3) additional demonstrations.
 - e. Knight Forester
 - i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Huntsman's Lists
 - ii. Five (5) additional wins in the Huntsman's Lists
 - iii. Participation in five (5) additional wars
 - iv. Participation in five (5) additional demonstrations.
 - f. Knight Warden
 - i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Huntsman's Lists
 - ii. Ten (10) additional wins in the Huntsman's Lists
 - iii. Participation in ten (10) additional wars
 - iv. Participation in fifteen (15) additional demonstrations.

D. TITLES

Minor language cleanup.

- 1. Emperor/Empress
The ruler(s) of the Adrian Empire. The Imperial Estate. (Voting)
- 2. King/Queen
The ruler(s) of a Kingdom. Part of the Estates Royal. (Voting)
- 3. Prince/Princess

- a. Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire after a successful term of office, regardless of length of term. An Estate Royal. (Voting)
- b. An Heir Apparent to the Adrian Empire. (Non-voting)
- c. An Heir Apparent to a Kingdom. (Non-voting)
- d. A member of the Order of the Fleur-de-lis (Non-voting)
4. **Archduke/Archduchess**
The ruler(s) of **an Archduchy**. Part of the Estates Royal. (Voting)
5. Duke/Duchess
The ruler(s) of a Duchy. Part of the Estates Royal. (Voting)
6. Lord/Lady Protector
The regent of the Empire or Chartered Subdivision if an appropriate Crown is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable. Part of the Estates Major (a Lord/Lady Protector has the same rights to vote at a meeting of Estates General, as would the appropriate Crown in whose place the Lord/ Lady Protector reigns). (Voting)
7. Count/Countess Royal
The retired ruler(s) of a Kingdom. Part of the Estates Major. (Voting)
8. Marquis/Marquessa
The ruler(s) of a March. Part of the Estates Major. (Voting)
9. Founder
A Founding Member of the Adrian Empire. An Estate Major. (Voting)
10. Knight Champion, Knight Master, Knight Premier, Knight Warden
A Third-level knight. Part of the Estates Major. (Voting)
11. Count/Countess
The ruler(s) of a County. Part of the Estates Minor. (Voting)
12. Viceroy
 - a. Administrator of a Shire appointed by the Imperial Crown. (Voting unless Shire has formed Estates)
 - b. Administrator of a Canton appointed by a Royal or Ducal Crown. (Non-voting)
13. Baron/Baroness
The ruler(s) of a Barony. Part of the Estates Minor. (Voting)
14. Viscount/Viscountess
The retired ruler of an Archduchy. (Non-voting)
15. Baron/Baroness of the Court/Empire
 - a. Court title awarded by the Crown. (Non-voting)
 - b. **The** retired ruler of a Duchy. (Non-voting)
16. Knight Banneret, Knight Doctor, Knight Civil, Knight Forester
A second-level knight. Part of the Estates Minor. (Voting)
17. Lord/Lady
The ruler of a Household. Part of the Estates Minor. (Voting)
18. Knight Bachelor, Knight Robe, Knight Minister, Knight Archer
A first-level knight. (Non-voting)
19. Lord/Lady of the Court/Empire
Court title awarded by the Crown. (Non-voting)

20. **Lady-in-waiting, Gentleman-of-the-chamber**
Person who exchanges pledges of fealty with a noble or knight for service or special training. (Non-voting)
21. **Squire**
Person who exchanges pledges of fealty with a knight for special training. (Non-voting)
22. **Man-at-arms**
Person who exchanges pledges of fealty with nobles, knights, or non-knights for special training. (Non-voting)
RECOMMENDATION:
Delete “Non-Knight” or replace “nobles, knights, or non-knights” with “another member”.
23. **Page**
Person who exchanges pledges of fealty with nobles, knights, or non-knights for special training. Usually a young person. (Non-voting)
RECOMMENDATION:
Delete “Non-Knight” or replace “nobles, knights, or non-knights” with “another member”.

E. SYSTEMS OF CONVERSION

Minor language cleanup.

The Imperial Crown has the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion for participation, ranks or titles for members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire. The voting privilege of Knighthoods and titles gained through conversion shall not vest for one calendar year from the date of membership; all other rights and privileges vest immediately upon conversion. In developing such systems, the Imperial Crown shall be equitable and just, taking into consideration such factors as whether the member should be obligated to pay dues for the period for which that member may be given credit toward advancement. These systems may be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General.

ARTICLE X: ARMIGEROUS RIGHTS, REGALIA, MODES OF ADDRESS, AND SUMPTUARIES

Clarified language.

Moved to Imperial Estates Writ #18.

ARTICLE XI: JUDICIAL COURTS

There are two types of judicial courts in the Adrian Empire: Civil Courts and Courts of Justice. These courts and their conduct are described in Imperial Estates Writs 2 and 12, Codex Adjudicata.

ARTICLE XII: WARRANTS OF OFFICE

Warrants of appointment for:

- A. All ministry offices shall be signed by the Crown
- B. Lord/Lady Protectors shall be signed by the Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal as Dead Law.

ARTICLE XIII: POLICY ON RELIGION

While religion and spiritual life were important aspects of life in the middle ages, the Adrian Empire is a non-religious entity.

A. CEREMONIAL PERFORMANCE

Any ceremony performed in any setting that creates a captive audience shall be sufficiently secular in nature that the majority of those present shall not be offended or have their own religious views belittled or disclaimed.

The exception to this rule is a **Knighting** ceremony. It is the right of the candidate to determine his own ceremony and dedicate himself accordingly, except that the accolade shall be bestowed by a knight. A ceremony involving a particular religious belief must **be** announced.

B. PARTICIPATION

No ceremony shall force any unwilling person to **attend or** participate.

C. RESTRICTION OF EFFECTS

No ceremony shall be conducted **involving** anyone who has not knowingly agreed to it.

D. CLERICAL PERSONAE, TITLES, AND CONSENT

Any member **may** have a religious or clerical persona; however, no member shall assume a title that implies nobility without consent of the Imperial Crown regardless of their rank or station in a religious society, group or body.

E. THE CHURCH OF ADRIA

The Church of Adria acknowledges the historical role of the Church, and brings pomp and circumstance to ceremonies. It shall function as a guild.

ARTICLE XIV: CORONATIONS (WAS “TERM OF OFFICE”)

Moved A. Emperor/Empress, B. King/Queen, C. Lord/Lady Protector, D. Ducal Crowns, and E. All Other Ruling Nobles into Article VIII.E. Clarified language.

A. TIMETABLE

1. The Estates General have the right to establish by law their own timetables for coronation of the Heirs Apparent following a Crown War. These timetables shall be made known throughout the Chartered Subdivision and the Empire.
2. **If the Estates General do not establish and publish a timetable, the coronation shall take place no more than thirty (30) days from the date the Heirs Apparent are determined.**
3. **The Heirs Apparent must proclaim the date and location of the coronation, subject to the consent of the Crown. In the case of a Civil War, Crown consent is not required, and the Heirs may be crowned immediately.**
4. **If coronation does not take place according to the timetable, the Chancellor shall appoint a Lord/Lady Protector.**

B. IMPERIAL CROWN WAR

Coronation shall occur on the first weekend in November if the Imperial Heirs Apparent are determined at Imperial Crown War.

C. IMPERIAL CIVIL WAR

Coronation shall occur on the same weekend at War sites where the Imperial Heirs Apparent are present if they are determined at Imperial Civil War.

ARTICLE XV: WARS (WAS “PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVIL WAR”)

A. PAX REGIUM

1. Imperial Crown
Challenges for Imperial Crown may only take place at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend.
2. All Other Crowns
 - a. For a period of six (6) months from the date of coronation, no one may challenge the Crown for their throne.
 - b. If a Crown wins a Civil War, they shall enjoy a new Pax Regium for the duration of their term of office. A Challenger who wins a Civil War shall rule and enjoy a six-month Pax Regium as the new Crown.
3. Ruling Nobles
There is no Pax Regium for Ruling Nobles.

B. CIVIL WAR

A Civil War shall be conducted as described in Article XV.D., except as below.

1. Declaration
Civil War may be called by any member who meets the qualifications for Crown or Ruling Noble of a Landed Estate.
 - a. Imperial Crown
 - i. Challenges for the Imperial Crown must be declared no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
 - ii. If no such notice is given, a war shall be fought for the amusement of the populace.
 - b. Royal Crowns
 - i. If a challenge is presented to the Chancellor anytime after the Pax Regium, the Chancellor shall direct the Minister of Joust and War to plan, execute, and autocrat a Civil War.
 - c. Lord/Lady Protectors, and Viceroy
 - i. No Interim Civil War may be called against a Lord/Lady Protector or Viceroy.
2. Notice
 - a. Imperial Civil War
The Imperial Minister of Joust and War shall advise the Imperial Chancellor, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chronicler of the sites of Imperial Civil 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.
 - b. All Other Civil Wars
Upon qualification, the Chancellor shall notify the Challenger and the Crown, who shall announce the Civil War event in accordance with Article V. The Crown shall select the time and place within the Chartered Subdivision.
 - c. War Scenario Details
All war scenario details must be published through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C. Publication, no less than fifteen (15) days before the event at which they are to be held.
3. War Sites

- a. Imperial Civil War
 - i. Imperial Civil War must take place in Chartered Subdivisions other than those in which the Imperial Crown resides; Featherly and Prado Parks in Esperance are approved exceptions.
 - ii. If the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day weekend is announced to be held in a location in which an Imperial Crown resides and a Civil War challenge is issued after the announcement, the War does not have to be moved to another location.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal – With the trend of announcing Memorial Day war sites early, this law is no longer effective.

4. Multiple Challengers

In non-Imperial Civil Wars, the Minister of Joust and War shall plan a two-day war if there are two or more challengers. On the first day, the challengers shall vie to determine a single contender to face the Crown or Ruling Noble of the Estate on the second day.

C. CROWN WAR

A Crown War shall be conducted as described in Article XV.D.

1. Declaration

- a. **At least thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for declaration**, the Chancellor shall notify the populace to submit letters of intent to contend for Crown.
- b. Letters of Intent shall be submitted to the Chancellor in writing, indicating the prospective Crown and co-ruler or consort, no later than:
 - i. For Imperial Crown, Closing Court of Memorial Day Weekend War; and
 - ii. For Royal or Ducal Crowns, forty-five (45) days prior to the actual date of the war.

2. Notice

- a. Imperial Crown War
 - i. The Imperial Crown War shall be held every year on the Labor Day Weekend.
 - ii. The Imperial Crown shall advise the Imperial Chancellor of the sites of the Imperial Crown War no later than June 1st. The Chancellor shall publish this information prior to the meeting of the Imperial Estates General in July.
- b. Royal / Ducal Crown War

At least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war:

 - i. The Minister of War shall devise the scenarios for the war
 - ii. The Crown shall advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war

All war scenario details must be published through official channels, as defined in Imperial Bylaws Article VI.C., no less than fifteen (15) days before the event at which they are to be held.

3. War Sites

- a. Imperial Crown War

The sites shall be in Chartered Subdivisions other than that in which the Imperial Crown resides. (Featherly Park and Prado Park in Yorba Linda, California shall be exceptions to this requirement.)

RECOMMENDATION:
Strike “other than that in which the Imperial Crown resides. (Featherly Park and Prado Park in Yorba Linda, California shall be exceptions to this requirement.)”
- b. Royal / Ducal Crown War

The site shall be within the Chartered Subdivision.

D. CONDUCT OF CROWN AND CIVIL WARS

A Crown or Civil War shall be conducted as follows:

1. Eligibility
 - a. The Chancellor shall consult with the Ministries of Rolls, Justice, and Steward to determine the eligibility of Crown candidates.
 - b. **Crown candidates must meet all requirements in Article VIII.E.**
 - c. A consort has no sovereign power and only needs a current membership that has been maintained for six (6) months.
 - d. A member who fails to meet the qualifications for Crown shall be notified in writing as to the reasons.
 - e. In the case of any discrepancy, the Imperial Ministries' records are binding. The Imperial Ministries shall consider all evidence offered when making a determination.
2. Acceptability
 - a. Crown War
 - i. The Estates General shall determine the acceptability of each candidate to hold the Crown.
 - ii. The Estates General may elevate a qualified consort to Crown, if determined acceptable.
 - iii. If a candidate is determined unacceptable, they shall be notified in writing as to the reason.
 - b. Civil War
 - i. **Challengers in a Civil War are not subject to a vote of acceptability.**
 - ii. A two-thirds vote of the appropriate Estates General may void the challenge.
3. Recruiting
 - a. **Members seeking to become Crown may recruit support at any time.**
 - b. During Opening Court of the Crown or Civil War, the Chancellor shall read the list of contenders. In order of ascending precedence, the contenders may address the populace. At the end of the addresses, the members, whether of the Empire, Chartered Subdivision, or Landed Estate, shall declare which contenders they support, **forming their armies. Visiting members shall be distributed as below.**
 - c. Usually only personal fealty is binding in a Crown or Civil War. Those in fealty by dint of Estate shall be free to choose whichever side they wish. Members who are not bound to a contender shall be free to choose their own side unless having accepted payment for fealty.
4. Counting Armies
 - a. The Minister of Joust and War shall count the armies.
 - b. If there are more than four (4) armies, the four (4) largest shall contend; the remaining members shall join those armies. Visiting members shall then be distributed among the armies in proportion to their size.
 - c. If there are less than four (4) viable armies, the Minister of Joust and War and the Chancellor shall confer on limiting the field to two (2) viable armies (see IEW #22). **If the field is limited, members may choose to join a remaining army. Visiting members shall be redistributed as above. The armies are then set.**
5. Resolution

If the contenders agree that one has a clear advantage, that contender shall be declared Heir Apparent. The armies may be re-divided and the war fought for the entertainment of the populace. Otherwise, the war proceeds. Members shall be bound to their contender until their army is eliminated. If their contender is eliminated they may drop out of the fighting or join another contender.

6. Conduct of the War

The Minister of Joust and War will provide a copy of the first day's battles to each contender, at approximately the same time, no less than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled war. At Opening Court, the Minister of Joust and War shall announce the schedule.

a. War Points

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

i. Nine (9) Combat Points

- a) Three (3) light weapons battles
- b) Two (2) renaissance weapons battles
- c) One (1) renaissance champions battle
- d) Two (2) armored battles
- e) One (1) armored champions battle

ii. Eight (8) Arts Points

One (1) point in each list (Journeyman and Knight) will be awarded for each of the following categories:

a) Highest total

The army with the highest total points on each of the lists.

This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.

b) Highest average

The army with the highest average points on each of the lists. All scores will be tallied for these points. This is not be a percentage of the whole, but determined for each army (total points per army/number of entries per army).

c) Most total wins

The army with the most total wins awarded on each of the lists.

d) Most total masterworks

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

iii. Four (4) Archery Points

- a) One (1) Bowman's List (combined score of all Bowmen)
- b) One (1) Huntsman's List (combined score of all Huntsmen)
- c) One (1) Open List (combined score of all supporters for each contender regardless of rank, in a separate shoot)
- d) One (1) Champion's battle (highest score of any member). This will be determined by the highest score by any member 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.

b. First Day's Battles

At least four (4) group battles, one (1) champion's battle, and three (3) arts points shall be decided on the first day. At the end of the first day, the top two (2) armies shall be allowed to continue the following day. The members of the eliminated armies must, prior to closing court, bind to a new army in order to participate the next day.

c. Point Allocation for Multi-Site Wars

War points shall be proportioned by attendance as follows:

- i. Determine total attendance of paid members for all sites, added together.
- ii. Divide attendance of paid members at each site by the total above to determine the relative percentage.

- iii. Multiply the points earned by each army at each site by the relative percentage of each site.
 - iv. Add the results from all sites for each army together to determine each army's total score.
 - v. The final results from each site shall be communicated to the Chancellor as soon as possible, but no later than 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the morning following the War. The Chancellor shall calculate the total results.
- d. **Victory**
The Chancellor shall declare the victor, which shall be the army with the most points. The victor shall be proclaimed Heir Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace.
 - e. **Ties**
In the event of a tie, the members of the warring subdivision who signed in and registered their support for a contender shall be counted. The contender with the largest number of supporters shall be declared the victor.

E. CONDUCT OF ALL OTHER LANDED WARS

Landed wars that are not Crown or Civil Wars are not forced to adhere to Article XV.D.

For war scenarios in which certain equipment will not be allowed, a list of the disallowed equipment must be published through official channels, as defined in Article VI.C., no less than 15 days before the war.

ARTICLE XVI: CROWN WAR

Merged into Article XV.

ARTICLE XVII: EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL

Moved to Resolution, July 2003.

ARTICLE XVIII: CONDUCT OF TARGET ARCHERY

Realizing that facilities for archery are somewhat limited in some subdivisions the following will apply:

A. SCHEDULING

Archery does not need to be held on the same day or place as other event activities, and may be scheduled as a separate event. Archery activities that cannot be held due to lack of facilities, or acts of God (i.e. weather), may be rescheduled and made up. This applies to all official events (where archery is a scheduled activity) as described in Articles V.A. and B.

B. WARS

The Crown shall lay out in Writ the time, place, and conditions of the Target Archery. The Minister of Archery shall lay out the course, bearing in mind the facilities available to different subdivisions in the case of Imperial Wars (i.e. set ranges and course that may be conducted under even the most limited conditions). The tallying must be completed prior to the start of the onsite War. If it is necessary, war target archery lists may be held offsite, or on a different day from the rest of the war.

C. EVERY EFFORT

Crowns will make every reasonable effort to provide Archery events on a monthly basis. If necessary, the Crowns will empower the local Minister of Archery to arrange alternative shoots. The goal is to facilitate the widest possible participation without interfering with other activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal as redundant.

WRITS

These writs are to be considered in force unless found to be in direct conflict with these bylaws, or with mundane law.

A. CONTINUING CROWN WRITS

1. Manual of Combat
Converted to Estates' Writ (November 2000)
2. Missile Weapons Guidelines
As adopted November, 1999 (available online at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-archery.pdf>)
3. Duels
Repealed November 2003
4. Manual of Rolls and Lists
As adopted December 2002 (available online at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-rolls.pdf>)

B. ESTATES WRITS

1. Manual of Arts and Sciences
available online at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-arts.pdf>
2. Codex Adjudicata
available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-codex.pdf>
3. Steward's Manual
available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-steward.pdf>
4. The Judging Manual
available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-artsjudge.pdf>
5. The Herald's Handbook of the Adrian Empire
Revoked.
6. Demonstration Initiations
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.
 - a. A demo initiation (DI) may be granted at a maximum rate of one (1) for each two (2) months of service as Imperial Crown, Imperial Minister, or Imperial Deputy Minister. Regardless of the number of these positions held, a member may receive a maximum of one (1) demo initiation for every two (2) months of this type of service to the Empire.
 - b. A demo initiation may be granted at a maximum rate of one (1) for each three (3) months of service as a local Crown, local Minister, or local Deputy Minister. Regardless of the number of these positions held or the number of subdivisions in which they are held, a member may receive a maximum of one (1) demo initiation for every three (3) months of service of this type to subdivisions. If a member serves as a minister to more than one subdivision (Kingdom, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire), the Subdivision Crowns (and Imperial Crowns if a Shire is involved) must collaborate to evaluate the combined service to the subdivisions.
 - c. A demo initiation may be granted to any member for each service as autocrat of feasts, tournaments, war, or collegia, or equivalent.
 - d. Demo initiation points granted from a, b, or c above are independent and do not limit points from the other sections.
 - e. The relevant Crown will determine if the service was acceptable and useful. In the case of Subdivision Rulers and Imperial Ministers, it will be determined by the Imperial Crown. In the case of Imperial Crown, it will be determined by the Imperial Estates General. Shire

Viceroy and Vicerines may award these points if each award is accepted by the Imperial Crown. DIs are granted at the discretion of the Crown and are **never** automatic.

- f. Crowns are encouraged to set criteria for acceptable service. DIs granted for Crown and ministerial service are based on the concept that an overworked minister will not have time to also earn demo initiations using other methods. Crowns are advised to grant these points to their ministers that have served above and beyond the call of duty, whose basic duty is so challenging as to deserve this reward, or who have held multiple positions at once so as to achieve this level of service in their overall effort. The manner and practice of granting these service credits is subject to the review of the Imperial Crown. The decision of the Crown is final except for review by the Imperial Crown.
 - g. More than one person may receive a demo initiation for the same demo so long as all are truly involved in the initiation of the demo.
7. Protection of Minors and Members

Mundane law establishes an age at which a person may use tobacco or alcohol. No under-age person may use tobacco or alcohol (or be under the influence thereof) at an Adrian event site. No person shall use non-prescribed controlled substances or be under the influence thereof at an Adrian event site. No person shall use alcohol or be under the influence thereof at a dry site. Any person who violates the above guidelines shall be asked to leave the event site. Those unable to leave on their own shall be taken off site to an appropriate location by another person as designated by the event autocrat or Crown or other member of appropriate authority. Inability to leave on one's own can be due to:

- a. Too drunk to drive or walk
- b. Dependent on another for a ride
- c. Other

Minors may not spend the night at an Adrian event site unless accompanied by a responsible adult who shall not be under the influence of any judgment-inhibiting substances. Minors shall be supervised at all times by an adult. Minors found unsupervised shall be asked to leave along with the adult responsible for them. A person may confidentially report to the Crown any improper sexual or violent activity. If the Crown finds there to be a reasonable suspicion that the report is accurate, the Crown may suspend the accused person from spending the night at Adrian event sites. The Crown, if local, shall notify the Imperial Crown, who shall determine whether the suspension shall apply Empire-wide. Spending the night at an Adrian event is a privilege, not a right, and thus, the accused need not be proven guilty in an Adrian or mundane court. The accused may petition the appropriate Crown to revoke the suspension at any time. The accused retains all other rights under Adrian and mundane law. The entire process contained in this paragraph is confidential unless legal action is taken (either in Adrian or mundane court). Neither the reporting person nor the accused may discuss the matter with anyone but the appropriate Crown. The Crown may only discuss the matter with the Imperial Crown and the individual parties. If the overnight suspension is to be applied Empire-wide, the Imperial Crown shall notify all local Crowns, who shall make disclosure to autocrats on a need-to-know basis.

The purpose of the previous paragraph is to provide the utmost protection without sacrificing for everyone the fun of overnight events. As being barred from an overnight event can be embarrassing and discouraging, **ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH THE UTMOST CHIVALRY**. It is best to conduct oneself in a manner such that there are no misunderstandings. Potential victims of sexual and violent attacks should protect themselves by avoiding vulnerable and private situations. Potential victims of vindictive false reports should take steps to protect themselves by doing the same. Be aware. Be careful.

The event autocrats and sanctioning crowns are responsible to implement these rules. If members fail to cooperate, call the mundane authorities immediately. Use common sense. Act responsibly. Failure of an autocrat or sanctioning crown to follow these rules exposes the empire to liability. The empire shall hold personally and legally responsible any crown or autocrat who causes this to happen. These rules shall be published periodically, and shall be announced prior to all overnight events.

8. Classes

- a. The instructor must provide the basic teaching material for the class.
- b. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject.
- c. A Crown must approve the documentation syllabus prior to the class.
- d. It is requested that all Knights hold one class per year.
- e. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner demo participation points.

9. Domains

A Domain recognized by the Empire may give and take enforceable oaths, and have its own distinctive heraldry. To be recognized as a Domain, an association must:

- a. Include members from more than one Chartered Subdivision;
- b. Have maintained a reasonable membership level for at least one year;
- c. Have registered heraldry;
- d. Have submitted rules on how a member joins, and,
- e. How a member quits.

Members may have armigerous and sumptuary rights as granted by the Imperial Crown, or by the College of Heraldry (subject to approval of the Imperial Crown).

10. Shadowlands

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, Landed Estate, 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.

11. Tournament Wins

Repealed as redundant March 2003

12. Conduct of the Courts

Incorporated into Codex Adjudicata (available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-codex.pdf>).

13. Cut-and-Thrust
 - a. Wins and participations in Cut-and-Thrust will count the same as Rapier.
 - b. Lists in Cut-and-Thrust and Rapier may be held and counted at the same event pursuant to any other restrictions in the Bylaws or Writs.
14. Board of Directors

Moved to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.
15. Iglesia De Los Soldatos

The sect of the Adrian Church known as Iglesia de los Soldatos are to be officially elevated from sect status to Church status. As such, the Iglesia de los Soldatos will not be a part of the Church of Adria but will, in fact, be its own entity.
16. Imperial Crown Travel Fund

This writ authorizes the raising of funds through various means such as but not limited to auctions, raffles, benefits and donations for use of the Imperial Crown to help defray travel expenses. The Imperial Steward shall receive all monies for this fund, track in a separate category and disperse the funds to the Imperial Crowns for purposes of travel. Donations to this fund shall be purely voluntary. This shall be in addition to any funds authorized by the Imperial Estates General for this purpose.
17. Manual of Combat

available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-combat.pdf>
18. Armigerous Rights, Regalia and Modes Of Address, Orders and Awards, and Ministry Badges

available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-regalia.pdf>
19. Marshal's Manual

available on-line at <http://adrianempire.org/manuals/ref-marshal.pdf>
20. Ministry Descriptions

Most ministry descriptions, including requirements and responsibilities, may be found in the appropriate manual. The officers described below must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Deputies may be under eighteen (18), so long as they work under direct adult supervision. The only exception to this is when the Ministry deals with correcting safety issues, personal information, money, and contracting authority.

 - a. The Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be the chairperson of the Estates including the Estates General. The Chancellor shall be responsible for summoning and chairing all meetings, preparing the agenda and minutes, advising the Crown on all legislative matters, drafting legislation, satisfying notice requirements, determining eligibility (as per bylaws), maintaining the Bylaws, Writs, and Chancellor's Manual, and issuing Rulings of Law at the direction of the Crown. The Chancellor shall sign resolutions and scrolls on behalf of the Estates General. (amended March 2003)
 - b. Minister of Justice

The Minister of Justice shall be responsible for judicial matters: evaluation of complaints to determine if they are legitimate charges and trial is warranted, fairly and impartially assist the parties in preparing their cases, advise the Crown on all judicial matters and serve as the Crown's advocate when called to do so, be responsible for publication of the decisions of Courts or results of mediations, process appeals, maintain the Codex Adjudicata, and issue Rulings of Law at the direction of the Crown (added March 2003)
 - c. The Minister of Rolls

The Minister of Rolls is responsible for recording each member's earned requirements, ranks, awards, titles and the date each was received.
 - d. The Steward

- The Steward is responsible for the legal obligations and finances of the Adrian Empire or Chartered Subdivision.
- e. The Minister of Arms
The Minister of Arms is responsible for supervising and coordinating heraldic functions and activities.
 - f. The Chronicler
The Chronicler is responsible for overseeing the publication of all official publications.
 - g. The Minister of Joust & War; Crown Marshal
 - i. The Minister of Joust & War is responsible for weapon and armor standards, training requirements, rules of combat, and scenarios for Crown, Civil, and Landed Wars.
 - ii. The Crown Marshal shall be the chief deputy to the Minister of Joust & War and shall arrange and supervise the field judging for War and Lists.
 - h. The Minister of Arts & Sciences
The Minister of Arts & Sciences is responsible for the judging of all arts/science tournaments, reporting the results to the Minister of Rolls, cultivating interest, and educating the populace in the field of Arts and Sciences.
 - i. The Minister of Physicks
The Minister of Physicks is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the first aid aspects of Adrian activities, and educating the populace in health and safety issues.
 - j. The Hospitaller
The Hospitaller shall be the conduit for new or prospective members to gain information on the Adrian Empire.
 - k. Viceroy
A Viceroy is appointed by the Crown to act in its stead for a remote region.
 - l. Minister of Archery
The Minister of Archery is responsible for standards, training requirements, rules of tourney and combat, for bows, arrows, and other missile weapons and ammunition.
21. Rotation of Imperial Estates Meetings/Coronations
The location of Imperial Estates meetings shall rotate around the Adrian Empire.
- a. Regions

Region 1 (generally California): Currently consisting of Terre Neuve, Esperance, Brandenburg, Sangrael, Carolingia,

Region 2 (central Empire): Currently consisting of Umbria, Albion, Vingulf, Ekaterinegorod, Alhambra, Andorra

Region 3 (Eastern Empire): Currently consisting of York, Castilles, Chesapeake, Kildare, Cambridge, Dunvegan, Somerset
 - b. Rotation
Each year shall have its own separate rotation schedule. Year 1 shall be regions 1, 2, then 3. Year 2 shall be regions 2, 3, then 1. Year 3 shall be regions 3, 1, then 2. (This allows each region an opportunity to host meetings and coronations.)
 - c. Participation
Kingdoms are required to bid during their rotation. Archduchies are requested to bid during their rotation. Any Chartered Subdivision is welcome to bid during their rotation.
 - d. Selection and Autocrat
The Imperial Crown determines locations and autocrats. The Imperial Crown may accept bids from individuals. Subdivisions may not be an autocrat, although they may share in the

planning and execution of the event. The autocrat is the individual responsible for the event. Only the Imperial Crowns may authorize any contracts.

22. Viable Army

A viable army is defined as not outnumbered by any other single army by more than 5 to 1.

23. Modifications to Bylaws

All changes made to Bylaw or Writ shall be published in the Chancery Report. The Estates may question any change except typographical corrections and layout changes. Changes questioned by the Estates shall be considered under CH1; changes not questioned shall stand.

24. 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. All original material shall be sent to the appropriate Imperial Ministry on demand. Chartered Subdivisions may retain copies at their own expense. Expenses over \$100 may be petitioned to the Imperial Crown for reimbursement.

25. "Ownership" of Estates Armory

The armorial device of an Estate shall be considered the property of the Estate, not the Chartered Subdivision and shall follow the majority of its members should they change their Chartered Subdivision membership, or as otherwise provided for in the Charter of the Estate, If a clear majority do not select the same Chartered Subdivision, it shall be decided by a majority vote of the members. If a vote is taken:

- a. Only members of the Estate at the time of change in membership are eligible to vote;
- b. Effort must be made to notify all eligible members;
- c. The Ruling Noble of the Estate at the time of change of membership shall conduct the vote and notify the respective subdivisions; and
- d. A majority of votes cast shall decide the question.

26. Insurance Review

All items approved by the Imperial Estates General that may conflict with our insurance policies would be subject to review by our insurance companies before enactment. These approvals will be obtained by the President of the Adrian Empire, Inc., or his designee.

27. Renaissance Faires and Mundane Contracts

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 Crown permission, which, at Their discretion, may be delegated in advance or may require specific prior approval.

28. Brevetting Policy

The Bylaws and manuals specify requirements for advancement in the Knightly ranks of Combat, Arts, and Archery. Each provides for eight (8) participations at the lower level and at least one tournament win for promotion to a rank permitting participation on the Knightly list. The Empire allows exceptional participants to do so prior to satisfying all requirements. The determination shall be made jointly by the participant, appropriate Ministry, and Crown. The following criteria shall be met:

- a. Does the individual wish to participate in the Knightly list?
- b. Does the appropriate Minister concur?
- c. Does the Crown approve?

- If the criteria are met, the determination shall be reported to Rolls & Lists by the Crown. The participant will no longer be able to participate on the lower list. All participations and wins not yet earned must be completed on the Knight's List. This policy shall not restrict the authority of the Ministry of Joust and War or the Ministry of Archery to suspend the privilege or order remedial training.
29. Boffer Manual
As adopted November 2005.
 30. Criteria to award War Points for Combatants
Combatants who hold the rank of Sergeant or lower who participate in any war scenario receive a WP. Combatants who hold the rank of Knight Bachelor or higher must participate in either a Rapier or Armored war scenario in order to receive a WP.
 31. Deadline on Decisions of DIs and Ministry Points
Any official request for approval of Ministerial Point's or DI's will be sent to the appropriate approving party. If that party does not respond within thirty (30) days, an assumption will be made that those parties find the awarding of those Points and DI's acceptable and they will be granted as such. If you deny these requests, or give partial approval, you must send a written explanation as to any denial, as is required by Adrian Law.
 32. Procedure for Autocrating Events
Available on the Adrian Empire Website.
 33. Non-judged Arts Activities for Advancement
A member may pursue a Knighthood in Arts using an alternate path for participations from the one described in Article IX.C.2. Arts Roll, as follows:
 - a. Journeyman
 - i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events, or
 - ii. Participation in one (1) Journeyman's tourney at a Crown event and participation in two (2) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.
 - b. Master
 - i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events, or
 - ii. Participation in two (2) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events and participation in three (3) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.
 - c. Knight Robe
 - i. Participation in ten (10) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events, or
 - ii. Participation in five (5) Knight's tourneys at Crown events and participation in five (5) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.
 - d. Knight Master
 - i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events, or
 - ii. Participation in nine (9) Knight's tourneys at Crown events and participation in nine (9) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.
 - e. Knight Doctor
 - i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events, or
 - ii. Participation in eighteen (18) Knight's tourneys at Crown events and participation in eighteen (18) non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

ESTATES RESOLUTIONS

- A. Empire of Chivalry and Steel

The Adrian Empire recognizes its common origins with the Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS) and maintains as its goal the encouragement of cross-participation between the two Empires, perhaps with a view toward ultimate reunification. It is the policy of the Adrian Empire to cooperate with the ECS with regard to recruitment, and to discourage competition between the Empires for membership.

B. Rapier-style Fighters

To allow Rapier-style fighters to achieve second- and third-level knighthoods in some fashion without having to participate in armored combat.

C. Minimum Attendance

In counting attendees, wherever a minimum is required (for example, classes, which require a minimum of ten attendees) to be counted as “official”, the number shall include all attendees (even instructors, autocrats, etc.).

D. Manual of Siege

To describe the requirements and safe use of large missile, or siege, weapons.

GLOSSARY

- Budget** - Drafted and submitted annually by Imperial and Royal Crowns to their respective Estates General, budgets include proposed items, anticipated cost, and reflect total expenditures.
- Canton** - A geographically-based region within a Chartered Subdivision created for administrative purposes (such as distance), and governed by a viceroy as an extension of the local Crown.
- Codicils** - The laws of each Chartered Subdivision.
- Crown** - The ruler of the Empire, a Kingdom, an Archduchy, or Duchy.
- Crown Writs** - The written decisions made by the Crown.
- Dead Law** - Simply means we will not pursue it. It is a poor alternative to cleaning up the rules, and time has not been available for the load of administrative housecleaning.
- Discretion** - While flexibility is a virtue, lack of accountability and unfulfilled expectation are vices. While we believe in our own goodness, we reasonable suspect limitless authority for others. The Chancery shall submit proposals dealing with proxies, procedure, and agenda publication for your consideration. Until then, please trust us to be reasonable.
- Estates Writs** - The written decisions made by the Estates General.
- Imperial Bylaws** - The basic framework of the game by which all members participate.
- Imperial Charter** - This refers to the document by which the Imperial Crown defines a Chartered Subdivision.
- Kingdom Sovereignty** - Royal Crowns are not subject to Imperial Crown approval to hold office. Their authority to appoint Kingdom Ministers is not subject to Imperial Crown approval. Kingdoms may enact Codicils and Crown and Estates Writs that are not in conflict with the Bylaws without Imperial approval. Royal Crowns have final local authority to interpret Imperial Law, subject to rulings of Civil Courts and appeals as per Imperial Law.
- Knightly Combat** - There is no definition of what this is, but it is NOT a fight to the yield.
- Landed Peer** - A Peer whose title comes by virtue of being a Crown or Ruling Noble.
- Member in Good Standing** - Any member of the Adrian Empire whose dues and fees are current. Such a member does not have any outstanding debts from any membership fees, site fees, or bad or stop-payment checks to the Adrian Empire.
- Member Not in Good Standing** - A member that is not in compliance with the above or so designated by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the special panel as described in the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc.
- Offices** - The following are considered to be the offices of the Empire: Emperor/Empress, King/Queen, Duke/Duchess, Marquis/Marquessa, Count/Countess, Baron/Baroness, Viceroy, Lord/Lady, Chancellor, Minister of Rolls, Steward, Minister of Arms, Chronicler, Minister of Joust & War, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Minister of Physicks, Minister of Archery and Hospitaler.
- Peer** - Any member.
- Privacy** - Membership in the Adrian Empire, Inc. is a matter of public record. Membership of the Chartered Subdivisions is a matter of public record. Membership of the Estates General, because they exercise voting privileges, is a matter of public record. However, that public record is limited to mundane name (not persona name) and expiration date.
- Regnal Year** - From the Imperial Coronation, the first Saturday of November not including the Imperial Estates General Meeting, through the first Saturday of the following November including the Imperial Estates General Meeting.
- Statutory Officers** - Those officers which have responsibilities within the mundane side of the organization. These officers include all Crowns, and the ministers outlined in Article VII. Ministries and Imperial Estates Writ 20. These officers must be at least 18 years of age (see Article VII.c. Requirements to Hold Office).
- Successful Completion of Reign** - After completing a term of office, the Estates General shall vote to determine if the completed term of office was successful. If determined successful, an appropriate retirement title is awarded to the outgoing Crown (see Article IX.D. Titles).

Term of Art – This refers to a word or phrase that does not have a legal definition, but has a common and globally-understood definition. Examples of this would be the phrase "Banner War", or the word "Crown" to include Imperial Viceroy.