



# November 2009 IMPERIAL ESTATES MINUTES

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# GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

## Date and Time

### Estates Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2009 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 8, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Location

Clarion Hotel & Conference Center

2930 Waterfront Parkway

West Drive

Indianapolis, IN, US, 46214

Phone: (317) 2998400

Website: [www.ClarionWaterfront.net](http://www.ClarionWaterfront.net)

## Recommended Airport

### Guest accommodations:

Rates: \$72.00 plus tax per night Group rate will be honored (2) days before and after the event

## Disqualificaiton (Article VI.E.6)

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

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

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

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

# AGENDA

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. ROLL CALL

- Seating of qualified members
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications

Petitions to seat:

Sir Dorn

Sir Francesco Gaetano

Dame Evelyn

Dame Cassiopia

March of Tir De Righ

Vote to separate the vote for K-3's and the March, 89 aye (only count)

Vote for consideration of all K-3's at once: Voice majority

Vote For K-3's. (all) For: 44 Opposed: 78

Vote for March. Fail by voice vote

Quantity present/proxy: 146

Majority: 74

Super majority: 98

Quorum next meeting: 73

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the minutes of the July 2009 Imperial Estates Meeting  
**Approved by acclamation.**

## IV. REPORTS

- President and Board of Directors
- Chancery
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Archery
- Physics
- Office of Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Other Officers

## V. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1.

#### A. Charter Amendments

A. The Estates of Alhambra have released the following lands by 2/3rds vote to establish the Imperial Shire of Tyrland.

The following counties in the mundane State of Washington: Whatcom, Skagit, Sonohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, & Clallam.  
Requires a Majority Passes by voice vote.

Shire of Cambridge was Elevated to Duchy by Their Imperial Majesties

New Exeter has requested and been approved by Their Imperial Majesties to reduce their lands.

#### B. Recognize new shires: No action required

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

Tyrland (We, do hereby fix the territory of this Shire to be generally following counties in the mundane State of Washington: Whatcom, Skagit, Sonohomish, King, Pierce, Lewis, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, & Clallam.

Viceroy: Sir Marcus Carey

Blackwood of Carlisle: (We, do hereby fix the territory of this Shire to be generally the southern portion of Riverside County in the state of California as described herein, the western border being the Orange/Riverside county line, the northern border starts within the Cleveland National Forest approx. 13 miles south of the 91 fwy., go northeast on Bedford Mtwy., to northeast along Bedford Wash to the I15 fwy; go east on Cajalco Rd., continue east on Ramona Exwy., east of the 215 fwy., to north on Sanderson Ave., to north on the 79/Lamb Canyon Rd. to the I10 fwy., then east to the California/Arizona state line being the eastern border, south along that to the Riverside/San Diego County line, which is the southern border.

Viceroy: Sir Jordan Marlborough

#### C. Charter Revocation:

Kingdoms: Requires 2/3rds to approve. All other subdivisions: No action required.

In accordance with Article VIII.D.1.b.vii., the charters of the following Kingdoms are presented for revocation for failure to maintain a population of at least 100 members, as specified in Article VIII.D.1.a.ii. If revoked, a new charter shall be issued immediately reflecting the subdivisions new status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

Kingdom of Esperance (reduction to Archduchy of Esperance) Removed as numbers have been met.

Kingdom of Castilles (reduction to Duchy of Castilles) Passed by 2/3

Kingdom of Terre Neuve (reduction to Archduchy of Terre Neuve) Removed as numbers have been met.

Kingdom of York (reduction to Duchy of York) Removed as numbers have been met.

In accordance with Article VIII.D.2.b.vii., the charters of the following Archduchies and Duchies are revoked; new charters shall be issued immediately to reflect their respective status based on the size of their current population, indicated below in parentheses.

Archduchy of Alhambra (reduction to Duchy of Alhambra)

Archduchy of Bisqia (reduction to Duchy of Bisqia)

Archduchy of Brandenburg (reduction to Duchy of Brandenburg)

Archduchy of Pembroke (reduction to Duchy of Pembroke)

Duchy of Cyprus (reduction to Shire of Cyprus) Removed as numbers have been met.

D. Elevation No action required.

• The Shire of Roanoke, having petitioned the Imperial Crown to audit their membership records, also requested recognition as a Duchy. We have reviewed Imperial and Local records and are pleased to grant the recognition. Congratulations to the Duchy of Roanoke.

E. Sponsorship requires 2/3rds

The Shire of El Dorado has requested to remain under sponsorship with the Kingdom of Umbria for another year. Vote to extend the period for one more year was approved by acclamation.

## CRB2. Amend Estates Writ 18 to include the Order of the Escallop

THE ORDER OF THE ESCALLOP (In Dexter Chief, an Escallop Reversed, Argent) The Order of the Escallop was created to acknowledge Adrian's who served on active duty in the mundane armed services in the Middle East Region during a time of conflict. The Escallop was chosen for similar reasons as it was used in period as a sign of pilgrimage and/or the Crusades. When an individual was made a member of the Order of the Escallop, they were to be given the right to augment their personal arms with the symbol in this fashion. This order grants no precedence, title or rank. May be granted by any Crown upon verification of requirements.

Motion passed by visual vote

## CRB3. Proposed Bylaws for the Board of Directors

Requires 2/3rds

Part 1) Add to the Bylaws of Adrian Empire, Inc, Article IV, f

f. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

i. The President of the BOD shall publish an Agenda for the BOD meeting 30 days before the meeting and will publish the Minutes from that meeting within 60 days after the meeting. Publication shall include the Imperial Website and the Adrian Imperial Estates egroup, and will include all public business.

ii. The BOD will present a report to the Imperial Estates meeting which includes a summary of all items of public business discussed on the BOD.

iii. The BOD shall establish and maintain policies and procedures and an internal structure to codify business of the BOD. This will include procedures regarding public and private business before the board.

iv. The BOD shall establish and maintain a method for the membership of the Adrian Empire to present issues and concerns to the body for consideration.

Comment: I feel the proposals are pretty self evident of the concern.

**Tabled by acclamation.**

#### CRB4. Proposed Bylaw amendment for the Board of Directors

**Requires 2/3rds.**

1) Add to The Bylaws of Adrian Empire, Inc Article IV.e

e. Eligibility and Candidacy Requirements:

i. Each Candidate for a position on the Board of Directors shall submit a letter of intent and list of qualifications to the Chancery for inclusion in the November Agenda. Each Candidate must fill out the required mundane legal paperwork at the time they submit the letter. There shall be no nominations of Candidates from the floor of the Estates Meeting.

Add: The letters of intent and mundane legal paperwork will be submitted to and validated by the remaining members of the BOD. All private personal information will be held in strict confidence.

Comments: Our concern is what the Mundane Legal Paperwork is – We cannot find were this is defined. Once we are made aware we will as well as future Crowns should, ensure this is published on the Adrian Empire website or at least links to it.

One of the Chivalry took their time and addressed my concerns over these. I was not sure if they want me to include their name, So I would just like to say thank you Emperor L’Bet’e

**Motion to table, passed by acclamation.**

#### CRB5. Amend Estates Writ #34 “Rolls Manual”

**Requires majority. Document posted separately.  
Imperial Crown.**

**Removed by the**



## CRB6. Nomination to the Order of the Fleur de Lis

Requires majority.

Sir Terrin Greyphis The Imperial Order of the FleurdeLis

Motion Failed.

Their Imperial Majesties created a new order named The Order of the Golden Cross.

Premier Members:

Sir Terrin Greyphis

Sir Karl Katzenburg

Dame Elisabeth Gray

This will be presented in March 2010 for adding to IEW 18.

This Order was formerly known as the Order of the Protectors of the Dream. This Order is intended to honor those individuals whose contributions to the Empire are so great that they are deserving of being made members of the Imperial Family, but have not necessarily sat the Imperial Throne themselves. Nonvoting Order granted by vote of the Imperial Estates. May wear the regalia as described above, but do not gain an Estate Vote per se, although individual members of this Order may hold Estates Votes of their own right. Companions of this Order rank in precedence immediately behind the Imperial Crown Prince/Princess (if any). Members of this Order have the following rights and privileges:

Nominate for the titles of Lord/Lady and Baron/Baroness. If approved by the Local or Imperial Crown, the nominating member of the Order shall bestow the title;

Nominate for Imperial and Royal awards. If approved by the Local or Imperial Crown, the nominating member of the Order shall bestow the award;

In keeping with the Spirit of the Order and the Law, mindful of the Standards of the Imperial College of Arms, and respecting those functions traditionally performed by the Church of Adria: nominate for any other distinction, perform ceremonies and other functions, administer oaths, create and confer nonprecedencebearing distinctions and awards, and create nonprecedence-bearing orders and induct members thereto;

Sit with Imperial Crowns as Peers and approach them without bowing; have Imperial precedence as members of the Imperial Family;

Be addressed as "Imperial Highness"; New members may be nominated from within the Order.

Members are appointed by the Imperial Estates General.

Commentary: It is well known Sir Terrins efforts over the years to benefit Adria with a Rolls database. We have all benefited, though at times many have taken for granted the personal efforts he has gone through to maintain it. With dignity in the face of often harsh critics and ever growing demands and in light of more recent disappointments Sir Terrin has risen above these trials and continued to contribute to the Empire by working diligently to upgrade and transfer the Rolls and Stewards Database to an online server. In essence giving these programs to the Empire which will allow for greater functionality and service. Were as we have to often seen examples over the years of Knights giving up when all does not go their way, We believe Sir Terrins years of service supported by his strong sense of humility and loyalty to this Organization define him as one of Adria's greatest contributor's as well as setting the highest standard in the ethereal qualities of Knighthood.

## CRB7. Adopt V8 Judging Forms and V8a Guidelines as IEW

Requires majority.

Commentary: The individual judging form (Standard Judging form/ Research Judging Form are the current V8 version) The Guidelines have been modified.

The Major concern that we have heard from all around the Empire is in regards to the “amount of Hours” referenced under Complexity. First and for most we wish to correct some propaganda in reference to this. “

The new judging form uses hours in determining complexity, which judges the person not the project.”

So We would like to bring your attention to the following:

Arts and Science Manual 2000 Page 10, II, C. Difficulty/Complexity

Documentation should express the difficulty of process, practice, learning and hours taken to create the entry.

Is the piece complex for its type, demonstrate a variety of skills, or take a many hours to create?

Arts and Science Manual 2002 Page 8, II, C. Difficulty/Complexity

Documentation should express the difficulty of process, practice, learning and hours taken to create the entry.

Is the piece complex for its type, demonstrate a variety of skills, or take a many hours to create?

Arts and Science Manual 2006 Page 9, II, C. Difficulty/Complexity

Documentation should express the difficulty of process, practice, learning and hours taken to create the entry.

Is the piece complex for its type, demonstrate a variety of skills, or take a many hours to create?

Judging Guidelines 2002 Page 12, VII, D, Scoring Complexity

Complexity includes difficulty, complexity of detail, time to complete, and scope of the project created, of the process, the techniques and materials used. Time to create an entry should not account for the difficulty or time a particular artist took in creating a project, but the time an average modern journeyman in that craft would take to create a similar entry.

Exceptionally time consuming for a modern journeyman in that art to achieve

As you can see this concept is not something we created. What we did do was address what many considered a very subjective statement, and tried to define it. We whole heartedly agree that it is subjective, yet as has been stated many times we were not trying to change the rules only help clarify and define ambiguity. So in closing we agree that using hours to judge is extremely subjective and we have removed it from the Judging Guideline along with proposing changes to our manuals in reference to it.

Lastly it is being proposed that the form and guideline do not allow for Cooking or Performance Arts. This is false. The Forms And Standard Guideline are universal and have been used successfully by those who have taken the time to truly put them into practice in all areas of arts, except for research papers. Hence the reason the Research Guide was created.

Motion made to use only at Imperial events. Failed by visual vote

Motion to separate form from guidelines. Failed by visual vote

Motion to vote as presented. Motion passed 101 ayes (2/3 majority)

## CRB8. Amend Arts and Sciences Manual and Judging Handbook

Requires majority.

Strike from documents under Complexity, all reference to judging of hours or time to complete.

Passes by visual vote.

## CRB9. Revoke Arts and Sciences Handbook

Requires majority.

Commentary: After review we believe this document requires a complete rewrite. For nearly 7 years it has not been updated along with current changes in law. Much of the information is a reiteration of information already in the A&S Manual. It is not a user friendly document for judges while actually judging. The Matrixes are limited and have been used in a way which stifles creativity due to the strict interpretation of the scoring. We suggest cultivating the Matrixes so they may be used as guides not standards and incorporating any current information felt relevant to judging into the Arts and Science Manual. Artist and Judges should be getting the same information without having to juggle multiple manuals.

Motion Passes, aye 80

## CRB10. Approve Nonbudgeted Expenditures

Requires majority.

A. California State filing:

In March of 2008, Mary Ann Coe, then Steward/Treasurer of the Adrian Empire, did file an initial registration form for the state of California, Office of the Attorney General, Registry of Charitable Trusts. We were issued a registration number from the State of California Department of Justice on October 20, 2008. In looking through the files as turned over, there is also a letter from the Franchise Tax board dated October 17, 2008 which assigned Adrian Empire with a NonQualified Number to file on all corporation documents. In August of 2009, we received a letter from the California State Franchise Tax Board stating that they had received our tax or information return for the taxable year ending 06/07. The letter goes on to state that we do not have tax exempt status with the State Franchise Tax Board. Sara Huizenga immediately faxed the notice to our accountant, Fathy and Thornton,LLP. and asked for assistance. According to our accountant, we are only partially registered with the State of California and need to file with not only the Secretary of State, but also the Franchise Tax board. In order to do this, the charge from our accountant is \$1500 which will get us filed for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 with the State of California's Tax Board, the Attorney General's office and the State controller's office. As of today, we are in arrears with the State of California and are being held as a taxable organization. This \$1500 fee by the accountant will bring us current with California and put us in good standing with the State. As stated above, we are currently subject to tax in the state of California without doing this filing. That would

be for 20062009 which we have not yet received a bill for. If this is not taken care of in a timely manner, the costs increase on a daily basis. Sara Huizenga agreed to the accountant, Larry Thornton, taking care of this so that we would not be in a penalty situation and had a check issued to the accountant in the amount of \$1500 on September 1, 2009.

B. Amendment to previous administrations taxes as well as current:

Fathy and Thornton,LLP charged \$250.00 to amend previous tax returns. They did not charge for amending the current one which was already completed. Further explanation to be provided by the BOD.

Motion to vote approved by voice vote

## VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Review Imperial Budget

Pursuant to Article VI.E.3, the estates shall review the Imperial budget.

Motion to suspend order of day. Motion passes by voice vote.

The budget for the 09-10 year was then presented: HIM is adjusting the budget based on actuals with Prince Wright, and will re-present.

Motion on the floor to break into a group to discuss the budget by Nikolai, seconded by King Charles and others. Unanimous vote.

Motion to vote: King Charles, Second Sir Aerindane, passes by voice acclamation. The budget will be re-reviewed in March

Dame Marion asked Dame Lenora “did you document the Imperial Banner War Adria sponsored restricted fundraiser for Cancer in Quick Books for IRS file.

Floor request for breakdown of 1500.00 expense for the CPA to file. No answer.

Dame Marion questioned Program revenue ICW-West, Program income IBW, Recovery of 380.00 NSF checks.

### CH2. Review Associate Memberships

Pursuant to Article III.B.4, the Imperial Estates shall review the dues per member for Associate Members, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified.

Currently, the recognized associate memberships are:

RMS: 100 members at \$15.00/member

SCA: unlimited members at \$15.00/member

ECS: unlimited members at \$15.00/member

### CH3. Judicial Decisions

Note: Will be published separately.

In accordance with Imperial Estates Writ #2, 12, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.8.

Posted on the [adrianempire.org](http://www.adrianempire.org) Departments Chancellory.

<http://www.adrianempire.org/chancellor-justice.php>

#### CH4. Elect Members to the Board of Directors

The following nominees have submitted letters of declaration:

Region 1

Jeffery Kout (Sir Callon Bryn Corey) **Approved by acclamation.**

Region 2

Elect one for 2 year term

Rita Torres (Dame Margarita DuBois)

Michelle Thissell (Dame Cocah Anatolii) **Approved by vote.**

Elect for 1 year term (to fill seat vacated by Sir Winfred)

Andrew Cox (Sir Valance Prize) **Approved by Visual Vote.**

Region 3

George Gummer (Sir Aerindane McLorie) **Approved by acclamation.**

#### CH5. Review B.O.D. Findings on Previous Budget Problem

**Note: Documents will be published on Estates Board (very large file, 25Mb+)**

**Motion for President to write explanation of Ch-5 link, Approve**

**Motion to table to March. Approve**

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Define Separation duties between President/Vice President & the Imperial Crowns (was OB2 in July IEM)

Requires majority to remove from Table, 2/3 to approve.

Any issue not addressed below remains within the authority of the Crown as authorized by the Estates, or custom and practice.

Corporate Authority to be exercised by the President or the Board

To act as the legal representative of the Adrian Empire, Incorporated.

To authorize chapter presidents/vicepresidents (Crowns) to act as legal representatives of the President.

All legal contracts including insurance, banking, professional services, etc. All legal filings including corporate and tax. Policy regarding financial procedures, donations and acknowledgement of them.

Review rules and procedures of the Adrian Empire and its chapters to: satisfy mundane legal requirements and prevent conflicts, fulfill contract obligations, and prevent unreasonable liability.

Protect corporate property and rights to use intellectual property provided to Adria.

To address mundane misconduct including membership suspension, revocation, denial, and to determine whether membership is not in good standing, as per the Bylaws and Law of the Empire, and the use of the panel.

This includes the authority of the President or any chapter president to suspend attendance until the panel can be convened.

Add to Bylaws:

Cite wherever authority of the Law of the Empire affects the BoD or must otherwise be addressed in the Bylaws (member discipline, election of the Members of the BoD, limits, etc.).

Add to Law of the Empire:

The Crown shall confer with the President and Treasurer in preparing the budget to insure that all legal obligations will be met.

Option 1: Define Separation duties between President & Vice President & the Imperial Crowns.

Any issue not addressed below remains within the authority of the Crown as authorized by the Estates, or custom and practice.

1. Preside over BOD meeting
2. Instruct Secretary to publish time and date of BOD meetings
3. Approve Meeting Agenda
4. Sign official Minutes
5. Sign BOD resolutions
6. Federal Income Tax Return Filing
7. State Income Tax Filings
8. State Report filings
9. Research and reporting to the Estates concerning Mundane Liability Concerns for Imperial Estate action.
10. Research and reporting to the Imperial Crowns for Mundane Liability Concerns for Imperial Crown action.
11. To hold membership review committees in regards to violations which fall within mundane jurisdiction in which suspension, revocation, and denial of a member shall be considered and to determine whether membership is not in good standing, as per the Bylaws and Law of the Empire. This enacts the President or any chapter president with the authority to suspend attendance of a

member until such a committee can be convened. Such committee shall be convened within 30 days of the first notice of issue or situation.

12. Report to the Imperial Crown any contractual liability concerns along with suggestions in regard to said contracts.

Vice President

Assume all President duties in absence of President

Motion to remove from the table, failed, remains on the table

## OB2. To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda

Requires 2/3rds.

Current Law: Article VI, F Rights of the Estates General, 1. Imperial Estate General

e. 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).

Change: Article VI, F Rights of the Estates General, 1. Imperial Estate General

e. Any **Five** members:

i. May put a proposal on the agenda before the Imperial Estates General. Proposals may be submitted once per Regal 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).

Comment: Our rules are not perfect but they never will be and we need to live with the rules we have, flaws and all, and spend our energy and time building up the game. Most of the Average Adrians I have spoken with just want to fight, do arts, shoot archery, etc without having to relearn the rules every couple of months. We have now tried to change the frequency of changing the law and it was shot down. Now its time to change the rules so it is harder to change the rules, specially those rules (The Manuals) which affect the majority of Adrians. I know that not all of you will support all of these items, please support those which you can. If you can not support any of these, please think long and hard before voting against them.

Presented by: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Earl Royal, Knight Premier) Sponsored by: Sir Pavo Rosalia (Prince, Knight Premier, Duke) Sir Corrwyn (Marquis Where Dat Al Row), Sir Jehan Von Hapsburg (Prince, Count Royal) Dame Claire Tonnesdtr (Countess Royal, Knight Premier) Dame Marion Leal Durius (Countess Royal) Sir Walham von Torsvan (Count Royal, Baron Red Wyvern) Dame Katherine Marshall (Princess, Queen, Countess Royal, Knight Premier) Dame Wynn (Queen), Sir Jordan Marlborough (Knight Premier) Sir William Baine (Count Royal, Knight Premier, Knight Champion) Sir Charles Douglas (King) Dame Anne Bryce (Countess Royal)

Ayes, 69 Nay, 72

Failed

Motion to consider OB-3 through OB-12 not including OB-6. Passed by voice.  
Motion to discuss. Aye, 67 Nay, 68 Failed  
OB-3 thru 12 excluding OB-6 Fails by visual vote.

### OB3. Elevate Continuing Crown Writ #2 Missile Weapons from Crown Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Continuing Crown Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal

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Failed by visual vote.

### OB4. Elevate Continuing Crown Writ Missile Weapons Construction Manual from Crown Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Continuing Crown Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.



OB5. Elevate Estates Writ #1 Manual of Arts and Sciences from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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OB6. Elevate Estates Writ #4 the Arts and Science Judging Handbook from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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OB-6 struck due to consideration and approval of CRB-9

OB7. Elevate Estates Writ #17 Combat Manual from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

OB8. Elevate Estates Writ #19 Marshal's Manual from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

OB9. Elevate Estates Writ #? Chancellor's Manual from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

OB10. Elevate Estates Writ #34 Manual for the Office of Rolls and Lists to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

OB11. Elevate Estates Writs #2, 12 Codex Adjudicata from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw  
Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

OB12. Elevate Estates Writ #3 Steward's Manual from Estates Writ to Imperial Bylaw.

Requires majority.

Current Law: Estates Writ. Proposed Change: Elevating it to the level of Lex Adria/Bylaw

Author: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Earl Royal, Knight Premier)

Comment: See: To Change the Amount of Sponsors required to submit an item to the Imperial Agenda Proposal.

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Failed by visual vote.

## OB13. Signatories on Accounts

(note the two changes in red)

Whereas there have been repeated calls throughout the Adrian Empire Inc. for greater financial accountability and a system of checks and balances and whereas responsible accounting practices ought to be observed throughout all levels of the Adrian Empire Inc, be it therefore resolved that: No officer or member of the Adrian Empire Inc. who is signatory on an Adrian checking, savings or other account at a financial institution shall be related by marriage to or live in the same mundane household as any other person who either authorizes expenditures from that account or is also a signatory on that account. This shall apply at all levels of the organization. **Shires may be exempted from this requirement by the Imperial Crown, in which case the Imperial Crown assumes responsibility for oversight of the Shire's financial practices.** If this law is violated, all parties in violation shall be placed on immediate Judicial Ban and disqualified from either authorizing or signing for disbursement of funds.

Presented by: Sir Jehan (Imperial Prince, Count Royal) Sponsored by: Dame Katherine Marshall (Imperial Princess, Current Crown of the Kingdom of Esperance) Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Earl Royal) Sir Waldham) Dame Clare Tonnesdotr , Dame Wynn of Castilles

**Vote to amend to include Duchies and Arch-duchies to the Shires. Passes**

**Motion to table, tabled by acclamation due to the significant change. To be voted on in March 2010.**

## OB14. Referrals for Rewrite:

Whereas the Imperial Estates upon occasion refer proposals for rewrite and then see the same items on subsequent agendas without rewrite and Whereas such practice wastes the time and resources of both the Imperial government and the Imperial Estates

Be it therefore resolved that: Any item referred for rewrite shall appear on the next Imperial Estates agenda only if the rewrite is submitted to the Imperial Chancellor by the deadline for submissions. If a rewrite has not been submitted by the second Imperial Estates meeting following referral, the proposal shall be considered withdrawn and must be resubmitted as New Business.

Commentary: We see items that have been referred for rewrite and then appear on agenda after agenda without anything having been done (e.g. combat missiles). If they were referred for rewrite but the rewrite has not occurred, then it wastes everyone's time and resources to keep seeing it, and if the author or committee doesn't find it important enough to deal with, then the Estates ought not either. This may be a procedural issue and possibly could be handled by the Chancellery, but approval by a majority of the Estates would make it a matter of record and policy. Passage of this proposal will help to streamline the Estates Meetings and deal with a backlog of items that litter the agenda but are not dealt with.

Presented by: Sir Jehan (Imperial Prince, Count Royal) Sponsored by: Dame Katherine Marshall (Imperial Princess, Current Crown of the Kingdom of Esperance) Sir Tailan Bran McNeil (Earl Royal) Sir Waldham) Dame Clare Tonnesdotr , Dame Wynn of Castilles

Passed by visual vote.

## OB15. Amend The Imperial Order of the Croix Fleury

(the new version is now posted on the main site)

This document detailing the changes is published separately.

Presented by: Sir Aerindane McLorie (Knight Premiere, Knight Champion, Knight Doctor, Knight Warden)

Passed by acclamation.

Motion to recess until Sunday November 8, 2009 morning. Recess passes by visual vote

## VIII. New Business

November 2009 Imperial Estates Meeting Resumes.

Two BOD items brought before the Imperial Estates, reported by Vice President Chris Bagnall. Items will be listed in the November 2009 BOD Minutes.

Ethan Marcus of the BOD requested the removal of the board finding that Princess Jericho and Dame Josephine were responsible for the over expenditures from the November 2006 coronation feast, as this will allow for further investigation.

Second by Sir Aerindane.

Passed by voice vote

## NB1. Crossbows in Target Archery (only)

This would be added to the writ that is in place for Target Archery.

Rules for Crossbows:

1. Local Archer Minister must research at their local levels to make sure of the mundane laws regarding crossbows.
2. Must be 18 years of age, to be able to shoot a crossbow
3. Crossbows must be in our time period, no multishooting crossbow to be allowed, single shot only.
- 4 Stocks will be period style.

5. Poundage for crossbow will be no minimum poundage and not to exceed one hundred fifty pounds. (This is a decision that the archer will be able to make for their selves.)
6. Archer may use a hand held cocking device or a foot stirrup.
7. No front or rear sights on the crossbows.
8. Prods can be made of wood, aluminum, steel, fiberglass or wood/fiberglass
9. Release types to use will be rolling blocks,, push pin or over or under claw.
10. Quarrels or Bolts will be of wood with feather fletching
11. After long play testing there is no need for a special target butt.
12. No archer will load a crossbow until the archer is standing on the shooting line. No pointing crossbow ground or sky, only point crossbow down range towards archery target.
13. Crossbow archers will follow all the safety rules that are in place regarding target archery.

THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO OPTIONS REGARDING KNIGHTHOOD FOR CROSSBOWS  
IN TARGET ARCHERY

OPTION 1. As in Shanai and Rapier steps to knighthood, Crossbows will be the same. an Archer may shoot his crossbow, longbow or recurve during a tournament but only on EP will be given in one month (even if the archer shoots all three styles). The archer may get only one win in one month, this is the way that Shanai and Rapier is done. The archer may obtain his first and second level archery knighthood by shooting longbow, recurve or crossbow. THIRD LEVEL Knighthood will be obtained only by shooting a longbow or a recurve.

OPTION 2. All remains the same except with THIRD LEVEL KNIGHTHOOD the archer may use a recurve, longbow or crossbow.

Comment: I feel that this will answers all questions regarding Steps to Knighthood in target archery with crossbows. I have had several archery knights input in making the changes so hopefully this will pass for all the crossbow shooters in the Adrain Empire.

Sponsored by Dame Margarita, Imperial Minister of Archery and Sir Blackarrow, West Coast Imperial Deputy

Discussion began at 10:45 with Dame Rita speaking for the proposal.

Dame Pandora: how can a crossbow compete with a recurve or crossbow?

Sir Connor: Competed against them, and have beat the crossbow before.

Dame Rita: the crossbows will be on the same line for archery competitions.

Sir L'Bete: poundage on a crossbow is different from a long or recurve bow. Suggests needing a way to compare the crossbow poundage with the pounds for a long or recurve bow.

Dame Rita: the formula is for combat, not for target.

The cross bow has been tested with 150#, the bulk of a crossbow went less than a recurve or long bow.

King Cameron: in our time period, Crossbows were not looked upon favorably by the nobility and frowned upon by the church.

Sir Thomas: The French utilized a crossbow in our period, contradicting Sir Cameron.

Sir Connor: challenge to each subdivision to try the crossbow before the March Estates meeting.

## NB2. Retrofit the Arts to the 2002 Process

Change the Arts Process and manual back to the 2002 point system and Judging Handbook. Remove Matrices from the Judging Handbook. Update the new play tested form to adjust the points and replace complexity with Matrices to establish a rubric. Establish a new yahoo group to create and grow new matrices. Generate several training videos for the old system.

Commentary: The current play tested Judging Guidelines do not take into account performing arts or cooking. The new judging form uses hours in determining complexity, which judges the person not the project. The new judging form still leaves open issue determining what a "process" is. We had a system that worked well, but just needed a formal training system.

Sponsored by Dame Juliana Hirsch, Sir Arion Hirsch, Dame Katherine Marshall, and Sir Eric Harbringer

Discussion that we voted on this within the crown business, and would revoke changes that were made. Dame Cassiopia made a motion to consider, seconded by Dame Lenora. Failed by voice vote.

## NB3. Amend Article XVI.B.2.b “Acceptability”

Current Law: The Imperial Chancellor shall convene the Imperial Estates General at the regularly scheduled meeting in July, who shall determine the acceptability of each contender to hold the Imperial Crown. If the consort is to be a coruler, then their acceptability shall be also examined. If a member is judged as unacceptable by the Imperial Estates General, they shall be notified in writing as to the reason.

Amend to Read: The Imperial Chancellor shall convene the Imperial Estates General at the regularly scheduled meeting in July, who shall determine the acceptability of each contender to hold the Imperial Crown. If the consort is to be a coruler, then their acceptability shall be also examined. Each set of candidates shall be voted on separately, with a 2/3rds majority required to reject each set.

Commentary: Suppose Dame A and Sir B are running for Imperial Crown and have 49% of the Empire’s support. Now suppose Dame C and Sir D, as well as Dame E and Sir F, are also running for Imperial Crown, but they both have only 25.5% of the Empire’s support each. Under the current system, by joining their numbers at the Imperial Estates meeting, the latter two sets of candidates could potentially get the first set rejected even though the first set has the most support on their own. Some may not see this hypothetical situation as a problem, yet I would argue that many would prefer to see this situation played out on the battlefield, and not in a meeting room. Further, it requires 2/3rds majority to reject a challenge for the throne at the middle of the existing reign (Imperial Civil War), yet only a simple majority to reject a challenge at the end. Why should it be easier to reject a challenge at the end of a reign, when a Civil War would cause far more disruption to the function of the Empire? It is my opinion, and that of others, that the rejection of a set of contenders should not be “close” with regard to a simple majority. We feel that if the candidates are unable to garner even a 1/3rd of the Empire to deem them acceptable, then such rejection would be more deserved. As always, I welcome any suggestions from the body to improve the proposal.

Sponsored by Sir Vaelen Gallimour, Sir Pavo Rosalia, Dame Nisha Rosalia, Dame Fionnghualla inghean Ruaidhri, Dame Katherine Marshall, and Sir Wilhelmus Blizsce.



#### NB4. Amend Chancery Manual Chapter VI.B.4 “Writs and Charters”

Current Law: 4. Conflicts In case of conflict the level of law controls. If two writs of the same level conflict, the most recent controls. However, a Crown Writ may be deliberately issued altering an Estates Writ because it can be reviewed by the Estates. If such a Crown Writ is rejected by the Estates, the Crown may not reissue it. Writs may not conflict with the Bylaws, of course. The purpose of Imperial Estates Writs is to create a level of law which is more flexible than the Bylaws. The Estates of a Chartered Subdivision have the power to enact Royal Estates Writs, so long as they are not in conflict with the Imperial Bylaws, Imperial Writ, or the Codicils and Estates Writs of the subdivision. Strike the following: “However, a Crown Writ may be deliberately issued altering an Estates Writ because it can be reviewed by the Estates. If such a Crown Writ is rejected

by the Estates, the Crown may not reissue it.” Replace with: "A Crown Writ is allowed where the laws and codicils are silent or ambiguous, or where law of the same level is in conflict."

Commentary: This wording upsets the balance of power between the Estates and the Crowns because recently much of the wording from the bylaws was moved into Manuals that are Estates Writ. This allows a Crown to change the process for a trial, contested war, or manual to be no longer fair and in accordance with the expectations of the Estates. For example, currently, the Crowns could write a Writ that all steel fighters must wear a minimum of 16 gage mild steel two piece breastplate over the entire torso. They could be running for the next contested war and already have a group of people with armor like this, thus reducing the ability for long time combatants to gain points, but also skewing the ability of the contender to compete.

Sponsored by Dame Juliana Hirsch, Dame Katherine Marshall, and Sir Arion Hirsch

#### NB5. Add to Article VI.F.1 “Rights of the Estates General”

Add the following:

f. Have the sole authority to:

- i. Approve permanent changes to Manuals enacted as Estates Writ. These cannot be modified by Crown Writ.
- ii. Approve temporary changes to manuals to playtest the processes. These cannot be approved or modified by Crown Writ.

Commentary: This would allow all changes and playtesting of changes to Missile Weapons, Missile Weapons and Construction, Marshals Manual, Arts Manual, Manual of Arts and Sciences, the Arts and Sciences Judging Handbook, Chancellor's Manual, Manual for the Office of Rolls and Lists, Codex Adjudicata, Stewards Manual to require approval by the Estates. Many of our laws have been moved into Manuals. If Crowns are allowed to change estates writ at will, then this modifies how our game is played and checks and balances were essentially removed.

Sponsored by Dame Juliana Hirsch, Sir Arion Hirsch, Dame Katherine Marshall, and Sir Friedrich v. Metz

Counter proposal to be submitted by Sir Nikkolai.

Motion to discuss NB6 and NB7 at the same time.

Motion passes by voice vote.

## NB6. Amend the Combat Manual

(see posted document on main site)

## NB7. Amend the Marshalls Manual

(see posted document on main site)

Make sure that when these are brought for the March estates meeting, that it is broken out into line item in the agenda

Motion to send back to authors for rewrite by King Connor, Second by Duchess Rita. It will go in as old business in the March as long s the re-write is in before cut-off date. Motion passes unanimously by voice vote.

## Next Meeting of the Imperial Estates

There are two bids for the March Estates meeting. If you would like to host the estates meeting , please submit bid within 2 weeks. Tentative date is March 13-14<sup>th</sup>.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:14