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Imperial Estates General

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Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

9:00 A.M.

Recessed to finish sign-in. Returned to order at 9:28.
Chancellor suspended the order of the day without objection.

II. ROLL CALL

148 Present or proxy

A motion was made to seat the Shire of Kent

Passed by voice vote

A motion was made to seat Dame Katrina de Latores: she took the accolade after the deadline but it was approved prior to the summoning

Passed by voice vote

A motion was made to seat members of Umbria. The members were not present and had not sent proxies, therefore, the requests were addressed when the proxies were received.

Additional proxies were received throughout the meeting. Qualified proxies were seated. The Chancery reported that the final count was 160 present or by proxy.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approved

Motion to approve of the Minutes of the July 2012 Imperial Estates Meeting

Approved

IV. REPORTS

Submitted

Executive:

Crown

There are three new shires: Wolfendorf, Monaco and Murrisk. The shire of Kent (formerly New Exedor) was active again with a new vicerene. Murrisk is the state of West Virginia, Wolfendorf is adjacent to Somerset and Monaco.

We have made progress on the chattel goods issue. We want to focus on getting an actual procedure and policy to address this issue. We have a goal of producing a guide of corporate officers fiduciary duties (mundane requirements for Crowns and Steward). A comprehensive guideline will clean up some of the misconceptions and problems.

Another focus for the year is the chivalry. The Crown gave an example of saying something unpleasant about someone on Facebook and then expecting to be treated respectfully in the game.

Would like to thank Lord Wright for his work in the hospitalerÆs office.

We should be aware people are coming to us from Battle of the Nations. This is a great opportunity for us.

Sunday there will be a chivalry round table to address chivalric concerns, not just combat.

There will be a Civil Court Sunday to address conversion points, that were sent in twice, but not posted (FLARF).

President and Board of Directors

The Board met and discussed the chattel good issue. We need to put the mundane requirements in our rules. Sir William and Dame Ariana, will draft a proposal (due in 30 days) to present at the next Imperial Estates Meeting.

Recommendation regarding OB6: BOD recommends that OB6 be tabled. We have not received updated information from the Attorney. That should be received by December 31, 2012.

Ministers:

Steward, including mandatory chapter reporting as required by Article VI.E.5.c	Electronic
Chancery and Justice	Provides ongoing reports
Rolls	Electronic
Sovereign of Arms	Provides ongoing reports
Joust and War	None
Arts and Sciences	Electronic
Archery	None
Physicker	None
Office of Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)	Provides ongoing reports
Other Officers	
Archivist	Electronic
Autocrat	Verbal
Provided site and feast information.	

V. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

A. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers:

Kingdoms:	
Albion	Up to numbers
York	Up to numbers
Archduchies:	
Bisqaia	Reduced
Connacht	On notice
Duchies:	
Brunico	Reduced
Cyprus	On notice
Gloucester	Up to numbers
Thinaria	Reduced
Shires:	
Carn morn Dearg	Dissolved
Carolingia	Dissolved
El Dorado	Dissolved
Kent	Up to numbers

B. Elevate the following Chapters: **Brandenburg to Archduchy, Lancaster to Duchy**
 Auroch's Fyord to Archduchy Withdrawn at Chapter's request
 Brandenburg to Archduchy Approved
 Lancaster Approved

CRB2. Incoming Crown Budget

Passed on voice vote

CRB3. Sale of Adrian Assets

Withdrawn

VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Judicial Decisions

None given

CHB2. Ratify Past Civil Courts

See the Chancery page, ruling dated Feb 28, 2012 regarding limiting number of DIs for multi-day events: Rescinded (as per Chancery and Crown).
 Awaiting further reports.

**CHB3. Election of BoD Members and President
Members and President**

**1. Judith King, 2. Rita Torres, 3. Anthony deRivi,
At large: Jennifer Whiting, John Nelson;
President Rita Torres**

Letters of Intent (see Addendum A) have been received as required, the following items may be considered:

- A. Candidates for the BoD (to be considered on Saturday) **Elected by voice**
 - Region 1: (uncontested) (two year term) Judith King
 - Region 2: (contested) (two year term) Rita Torres 85
John Nelson 32
 - Region 3: (contested) (two year term) Anthony DeRivi **91 Elected**
Jana Sheiman 65
 - 2 At Large: (uncontested) (one year term) Jennifer Whiting **111 Elected**
Jana Sheiman 74
~~[Anthony DeRivi]~~
~~[Rita Torres]~~
John Nelson **99 Elected**
- B. Election of the President of the BoD (to be considered on Sunday)
 - James Sheppard 28
~~[Janna Sheiman]~~
John Nelson 6
Rita Torres **Majority**

CHB4. Define Startup Expenses, Amend unlisted IEW? (adopted July 2008) No Action

Establishing Restricted Fund for Startup Expenses

CHB5. Law Update/Corrections Tabled until March

- See addendum B.
- Motion to waive notice Passed by voice vote
- Motion to waive the law requiring publication Passed 115 to 29
- Motion to table publication (CHB5 and CHB6) until March Passed by visual

CHB6. Ratification of the Law Tabled until March

Ratify the Law (the current Bylaws, Lex Adria, Writs, Manuals, and Guidelines) as it is published with any noticed corrections.

COMMENTARY: over the years a number of approved items have not been properly recorded

and published. This has produced confusion and uncertainty. Rather than continuing to search

old minutes for missed items and verify they were not subsequently repealed, we are asking the

Estates to ratify the law "as it is" and move forward from this year.

Author: Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, KPr.

Co-sponsor: The Crown

CHB7. Amend Codex Adjudicata Failed on voice vote

Change judicial case reporting, no names shall be used, only case numbers and letter designations of the parties shall be reported, to protect members privacy. The actual reports with the private information shall be maintained by the Steward and BoD

Secretary and shall only be released as required by law.

COMMENTARY: Private information that may be prejudicial and damaging has been published and may be continuously electronically disseminated long after cases are disposed of. Many professional organizations use the method above to publish rulings and guide their members without publishing their personal information.

Authors: Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, CR, KPr

Co-sponsors: Dame Marion Leal Durius, CR, KPr

Note: This was tabled for a rewrite including a standardized recording system. The rewrite will

be published with the revised Agenda.

Motion to remove from the table

Passed by voice vote

Motion to discuss

Passed by voice vote

Discussion:

The argument in favor was to protect the accused until the case is ultimately disposed of.

The argument against was that mundane cases using names are regularly reported and the resolution of cases must be accurately reported including adequate notice of any sentences.

Motion to approve

Failed on a voice vote

CHB8. Amendment to the Rules of Procedure

Failed 41-97

All votes of a "sensitive nature" (Crown contenders, Retirement titles/successful reign, etc) will

be done by way of "Closed ballot". Ballots will be prepared in advance by the Chancellery. The exact number shall be counted prior to the distribution; then counted twice (once by each

"counter") after being marked with a vote. Blank ballots are considered abstentions

Commentary: There are many cases where voters have been made to feel they must vote a certain way; either by intimidation before or fear of retaliation. There are many people that have stated "I would have voted different if it was closed" also there are people that no longer attend because of the above reasons. They can stay home & send a proxy thus stay anonymous. So why not allow everyone to have the same freedom. Those that wish to reveal their vote may do so.

Author: Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause, (KPr)

Sponsors: Dame Seraphine (KPr), Dame Marion (KPr), Dame Alistrina (KPr), Ritter Dietrich (KCh)

Discussion:

Argument in favor: to protect members from bullying

Argument opposed:

This is a chivalric society. As knights and representatives, our votes are a matter of public record.

The body can vote to conduct a ballot vote, but it should not be standard practice.

CHB9. Amend IEW 21 for clarification **Passed by visual, to be implemented immediately**

The location of Imperial Estates meetings shall rotate around the Adrian Empire.

a. The rotation schedule for the March and July meetings is recommended but the November rotation is required.

b. Sequence

i. In year 1 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3.

ii. In year 2 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 2, Region 3, Region 1.

iii. In year 3 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 3, Region 1, Region 2.

Year 2 of the rotation shall correspond to years divisible by 3.

c. Regions

i. Region 1: [~~(generally California): Currently consisting of Terre Neuve, Esperance, Carolingia, Brandenburg, Sangrael~~] The West Coast, to include California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia

ii. Region 2 (central Empire): [~~Currently consisting of Umbria, Aragon, Albion, Ekaterinegorod, Alhambra, Andorra~~] All chapters between Regions 1 and 3.

iii. Region 3 (Eastern Empire): [~~Currently consisting of York, Castilles, Chesapeake, Kildare, Cambridge, Dunvegan, Somerset~~] Everything East of the Mississippi

[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.) Chapters from Regions 1, 2, and 3 may submit bids for the March and July Imperial Estates Meetings. The November Imperial Estates Meeting and Coronation shall rotate between the three Regions, so that Region 1 hosts the November Imperial Estates Meeting and Coronation in Year 1, Region 2 in Year 2, and Region 3 in Year 3.]~~

Any Chapter is encouraged to put in one bid a year.

d. 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.]~~

All chapters are encouraged to submit bids. In the event that no bids are received in a timely manner, the Crown shall designate where the meeting shall be held.

e. Selection and Autocrat

For Imperial Events, the Imperial Crown is the sole [~~determining~~] decision-maker for locations, and autocrats. Sometimes, the Imperial Crown may accept bids from individuals. Chapters 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.

i. Only the Imperial Crown may accept a bid, determine the location, appoint the autocrat and authorize any contracts.

ii. Each bid, whether from an individual or a Chapter, shall recommend the autocrat.

Commentary: The original writ, even as re-written for the update, is confusing and unclear. This rewrite will clarify and simplify the language without changing the intent of the Writ.

Author and Co-sponsors: The Imperial Chancery

VII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Lex Adria Article V.E. Sponsorship Requirements to limit the number of Additional point bearing Imperial Events Failed on visual

Currently not limited, this amendment would limit the number of [Additional point bearing Imperial Events] additional Imperial points that can be earned in one [reign] year to:

Option a: 4 54 Preferred option

Option b: 6 20

Option c: 8 9

COMMENTARY: *It has come to my attention that there is no upper limit to the number of additional EPs a Imperial Crown can grant. Theoretically a Crown can grant as many additional*

points as they seem fit. Now while I would agree this is good for promotion of Adrian, I would also be concerned an abuse of pumping out 2nd and 3rd level knights to rapidly can arise. Therefore, I would ask that the Imperial Estates limit the total number an Imperial Crown can grant in a yearÆs time.

Chancery Note: Option d was removed as this is the current law.

Author: HIH Lord Wright

Co-Sponsors: Sir William Baine, CR

Vote: 30 in favor, many more against by visual

FAILED

OB2. Amend Lex Adria: Location of the Crown/Civil War Passed on Verbal

Current:

XV.B.3. Location of the War

~~[a. Imperial Civil Wars~~

~~In the case of an Imperial Civil War, the war must take place in chartered subdivisions other than those in which the Imperial Crown resides. (Note: Featherly and Prado Parks in Esperance are approved exceptions.) If the Banner War is announced as per Article XV.A. in a location in which an Imperial Crown resides and a Civil War challenge is issued, the War does not have to be moved to another location.]~~

~~[b. All Other Civil Wars]~~

For local Civil Wars, T[†]he Crown shall select the time and place so long as it is within the chartered subdivision and within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the challenge.

XVI.B.1.a. Date and Site

~~[iii. The sites of the Imperial Crown War 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.)]~~

COMMENTARIES: *With “open borders” allowing membership to be placed wherever this no longer seems like a viable Law. The Civil Court from March 2012; states that “resides” can be both physically live & where you play. Theoretically you could have the Imperial Crowns living in two subdivisions & have their membership in yet two others, thus removing 4 areas of a Region (i.e. SE) in which you could hold the war.*

Sir Dor das Schwarz Brause

Over the past couple of years, I have seen this particular section of law cause quite a bit of drama. I understand that it was originally intended to prevent a seated Imperial Crown from unduly influencing a contested war, and stacking the deck in their favor. Unfortunately, with the

implementation of open borders, and the continued expansion of the Empire throughout the mundane United States and Canada, this has created additional problems. Given a current Imperial Civil Court ruling, pending Imperial Estates ratification, the Imperial Crowns -- at the time of my writing this proposal -- "resided" in 3 separate chapters: one physically resides and is a member of one chapter, the other physically resides in one chapter but is a member of another chapter. This would immediately disqualify 3 chapters in the same region from hosting a war site. Given how difficult it can be for seated Imperial Crowns to obtain bids, even with begging, it puts an enormous burden on them, as well as on the one remaining chapter in the previous example, to host the site (otherwise that region may not legally be able to host a war site at all). I am aware that other members have been planning to submit a proposal to deal with this issue, but I figured I'd submit one anyway, on the off-chance they don't make the deadline for agenda submissions.

HE Sir Henry Neville, Viceroy of Cambridge

Authors: Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause (KPr), HE Sir Henry Neville, KCiv

Sponsors: Dame Felicia (KPr), Jarl Doom (KPr), Ritter Dietrich (KCh), HE Dame Ariana Neville, KPr, Sir Jesan of Albion, KCh, HG Sir Puck of Umbria, KC

Chancery Note: *With the removal of the above sections, the remaining authority may be found at XV.B.3 and XVI.A.1. These shall not limit the authority of the Crown to designate multiple sites nor to move a site for cause as provided in law.*

OB3. Amend Bylaws Article III to replace Imperial Crown with a 2/3rds vote of the panel to revoke, deny, or suspend membership **Passed 110 - 31**

Article III A.2

Membership in the Adrian Empire may be revoked [~~by the Imperial Crown~~] by a 2/3 vote of the panel . . .(maintain a.b.c.d. as written)

Article III A 3 - Change "[~~Imperial Crown~~]" to "2/3rds vote of the panel"

Article III A 4 - Change "[~~Imperial Crown~~]" to "2/3rds vote of the panel"

Replace Article III A 4.b with:

"Upon notification of the above (a.), the President of the BoD shall create a Case Number and convene a special panel composed of the Vice President, the Crown(s) of the member's chartered subdivision, and two BoD representatives of the Region to review the issue at hand through conclusion. If the region is only represented by one BoD member, the President may select the second representative from the BoD. It is recommended that the membership of the panel stay intact through the review, decision, and possible appeal to the Imperial Estates."

Article III A 4 Delete: c, d, e, and f.

Article III A 4 g Change "[~~Imperial Crown~~]" to "2/3rds vote of panel" and replace "[~~shall~~]" with "must"

Article III 5 - Members Rights Add: Should the member choose to appeal to the Imperial Estates, only the Case Number is to be used for reference. When the item is brought forth to the Imperial Estates, all those who are not Imperial Estates Holders (all non-voters) will be asked to leave the meeting during the discussion and vote if called for.

COMMENTARY: *November 2009 a member issue was brought forth to the Board of Directors. The issue has been a constant discussion in 6 Imperial Estates Agendas through two Imperial Reigns. The member's mundane name was not used in the BoD meeting but was mentioned in*

the following 6 Imperial Estates Agenda's. As such, the member's name is forever in the internet search and cloud storage. Adria should always attempt to avoid negative comments that could ultimately be found to be in error. Adria should always attempt to protect the privacy of all parties involved listed within the Case Number, both the charged member and the victims. It is imperative to remember, following the decision of the Imperial Estates March 2010, the Imperial Estates is liable for the actions of the Adrian Empire, Estates Holders and Imperial Crowns. The Imperial Crowns change yearly, many times member issues go beyond a single reign. Most of the time when issues are delegated to the sole discretion of the Imperial Estates, the issues are not resolved timely and go through more than one reign.

Author: HG Dame Marion Leal Durius, CR

Co-Sponsors: HG Dame Margarita, CR, Ritter Dietrich Von Lubeck, KCh

OB4. Independent Judicial Council (an alternative Judicial Procedure) Tabled on voice vote

Adopt as Authorized Exception to Law, append to Codex Adjudicata

The Judicial Counsel shall consist of a pool of Justices. The Crown of each Kingdom, Archduchy and Duchy shall select a volunteer from that Chapter who shall serve as a member of that pool for one year or until the case assigned to them is concluded, whichever is longer. Each member must be a second level knight, 18+ years of age, Anyone may serve multiple terms, but not consecutive terms.

If requested by the accused, any case referred to the Imperial Minister of Justice may be heard by three Justices drawn randomly and assigned, instead of going through the normal process.

If a Justice declines or the accused has a reasonable objection the IMoJ shall draw another to serve. If needed the process may be repeated.

The Justices may meet less formally, and electronically, but shall make every effort to fully review all witnesses and evidence and shall record all proceedings.

The decision of this board may only be appealed to the Imperial Estates.

Authors and Co-sponsors: TIMs Sir Thomas and Dame Etaine.

Request: This is to be used for one year and then reconsidered in November 2013.

Table for clarifications and rewrite: Passed on voice vote

OB5. Alternative requirements for Advancement as an Archer Failed on visual

Modify Continuing Crown Writ #2 Missile Weapons Manual I.B to add:

There are two levels of competition in archery tournament. The Bowmans list is for those who are just beginning. The Huntsmans list is for those who are more advanced. Refer to the Bylaws of the Adrian Empire to review the requirements for advancement to the Huntsmans list. There is no minimum number of archers required to receive a participation point for an archery tournament, however, there is a minimum of four (4) archers required per list for the winner of the list to receive a tournament win point unless the secondary method of list win determination, as specified below.

A list win will be awarded to the archer with the highest score in the list in that tournament or, if specified in advance, a list win point may be as follows:

I. An end will consist of two (2) or more non-timed rounds of six (6) arrows fired at 20 yards.

II. Tournament win points for advancement shall be awarded as follows:

1. A minimum score of 15 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 25% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Bowman's List win.

2. A minimum score of 30 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 50% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to

- be counted towards Knight Archer.
3. A minimum score of 40 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 67% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to be counted towards Knight Forester.
4. A minimum score of 45 (out of 60 using a standard 60cm FITA, 10 ring target) or 75% of the maximum possible (per round average) shall be required for a Huntsman's List win to be counted towards Knight Warden.
- III. If alternative targets (other than 60cm FITA), the relative difficulty of scoring a list win shall be no less than if standard targets were used.
- IV. When qualifying for a list win point in this fashion, there is no minimum number of participants required and there is neither a minimum nor maximum number of win points possible, but all scores must be witnessed by at least 3 persons: the range master, the archer, and an observer.
- V. In any given month, either method may be used but not both in any one event. The method of list win determination must be announced before the tournament begins.

Requirements for advancement in rank as an archer are detailed in the Adrian Bylaws.

Commentary: Archery can be judged and scored objectively. Advancement should be based on the skill and ability of the individual, not the quality of the competition. Like the Arts and unlike Combat, improvement in archery comes from personal, individual training, not competition with others. This proposal will set objective standards that all archers must meet to advance, regardless of whom they might be competing against. It also allows small and new subdivisions to develop archery as they would not need 4 or more bowmen for one of them to advance to huntsman, or four or more huntsmen/knights for one of them to advance. Because archery can be scored objectively, there is no reason to require an archer to be able to outshoot another to improve their worthiness. The current system requires a Huntsman in some tournaments to best a Knight Warden or other highly qualified and experienced archer, whereas in other tournaments, a Huntsman need only best other "novice" Huntsmen to advance. Thus the first Huntsman may need to score 50 points with 6 arrows to get a list win to become a Knight Archer but the second may only need to score 27. This results in a system of advancement that is fluid, arbitrary, and capricious. If these scores (25, 30, 40 and 45) seem too low, the author has no objection to increasing them to the current average score at which list wins are currently being won. The "integrity of the list" is maintained by setting true standards that must be met and by acknowledging the Tournament Winner in addition to or instead of those who have merely gotten their respective list wins. This also allows for novelty tournaments to be held without affecting the quality of the list wins. This proposal also allows a list win for chapters with insufficient archers to create large enough lists for traditional list wins.

Author: Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau

Co-Sponsor: HG Sir Robert LaCroix

OB6. Review Rules Governing Board of Directors

Tabled 110 - less

OPTION A

Direct the Adrian Empire to properly amend our AZ corporate filings authorizing our current BoD structure.

COMMENTARY: *Specific filings are required to operate outside normal corporate structure in AZ.*

OPTION B

Revise current rules to restore the Crown as President and Vice President and Steward as Secretary Treasurer of the Corporation and Board of Directors, and clarify that they hold the ordinary corporate authority.

Replace the name of the body currently referred to the BoD as Board of Advisors.

COMMENTARY: *Our current BoD is limited to advice, participation on Article III panels, and initiating suspension of Crowns. But not duties consistent with the ordinary definition of a Board of Directors which has mundane liability reflecting its authority.*

OPTION C

Adopt a standard corporate Board of Directors under the advice of mundane counsel, that shall be charged with an detailed list of mundane duties and necessary authority (which shall be limited to corporate, IRS, and banking, accountability and filings). This body can be selected and removed by the: Crown; Estates; or Membership; as approved by this body.

COMMENTARY: *a normal corporate Board of Directors is a reasonable and proper approach to satisfying our legal obligations--it does not have to usurp any role or duty not specifically assigned to it. Simple rules for replacing its membership should reassure everyone that it is under control without subjecting the entire Imperial Estates membership to liability as the de facto BoD.*

Author: Sir William Baine, Imp Chanc, CR, KPr

Co-sponsors: HIM Sir Thomas, Dame Ariana, KPr, Dame Margarita, CR KPr

OB7. Amend ARTICLE XVI.A.5.b: CROWN WAR

Failed on verbal

Option 1.

Amend and repeal:

b. Six (6) [~~Eight (8)~~] Arts Points

~~[i. 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.]~~

And renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Option 2.

Amend:

i. Champion's battle [~~Highest total~~]

The army whose champion has the highest total score on each of the lists. The fourth judge will be the first tie breaker. If the champion's scores are still equal, the point shall be split between their armies.

Each army shall select a champion for each list prior to the first item being judged. The artisans' names and the selected entry from each artisan shall be recorded in a sealed envelope and provided to an agreed upon person. These envelopes will be opened upon the completion of the judging with witnesses from each army present and the champion determined for each list.

~~[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.]~~

COMMENTARY: *Behavior that is rewarded will continue. There has been discussion that there are not enough judges or time necessary to judge the overwhelming number of entries at a war. I agree that the logical solution is to have more judges and more time set aside to judge, but even with those fixes in place the problem remains when there are still just too many entries. Our artisans should be encouraged to show their best work and support their army. By making the proposed changes, artisans will only submit their best work instead of*

all their possible work. The proposed law to be repealed or amended as it currently stands rewards armies that submit the most possible number of entries regardless of quality. This strategy has been used effectively to negate the other points that can be awarded in the arts that do not require quality.

Example of how the points are awarded today if one side entered their best work and the other side entered all their work no matter the quality or complexity.

Army A: 10 entries on the KnightsÆ List

Avg. Score: 26.5

Total points: 265

Army B: 30 entries on the KnightsÆ List

Avg. Score: 20.1

Total points: 603

Result:

The army that entered everything (Army B) decided that they would give up the point for quality (ii.) for the guarantee of the total (I.), therefore negating all of the work of the other army. Now it basically comes down to the other two points awarded for the KnightsÆ List without having to have the total better army, just the best few artisans on your side who can produce wins and masterworks. This strategy effectively negates the impact of having a strong overall army which rewards the better quality and instead rewards the overwhelming of the judges with whatever entry you can throw together the day of the war.

The reason that the second option is presented is many people felt when the rule was changed over 10 years ago that it was a good thing to have 8 war arts points. They felt that as a historical organization, having our leaders selected by those who research and recreate the arts during our time period should have a significant say in the selection of those leaders. Having champions to represent the armies seems appropriate and all champions battles are not forgone conclusions for everyone has their day. The secret selection allows for the armies to choose their champion without fear of judging bias for or against their champion. It is best to avoid disputes before they can arise.

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OB8. Additions to IMPERIAL ESTATES WRIT #17: III. Armor and Weapon Standards

Tabled on visual

E.2.c. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

3.d. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

5.a. Elbows and knees must be covered with steel cop of at least 16 gauge mild steel, 18 gauge stainless, or 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell. The Cops further are to have either a wing protecting the inside of the elbow or a combination of thick padding and maille performing the same function.

6. g. Equivalentents add 18 gauge tempered spring steel between 40-55 Rockwell to List

Commentary: This amendment allows people to approach a more period mode of armour construction (thinner but harder materials which do not have the obviously modern look of stainless) and would allow for a more diverse set of choices (these would now include XIII century armour construction, Eastern European armour, and so on) keeping the participant's outfits truer to historical analogs and would help in the direction of increased historical authenticity. It is further my opinion that wings on elbow and knee cops do not protect from the most dangerous mishaps (accidental thrusts by a sword, or being hit there with the guard). In

fact it seems that the presence of the wing merely places a false sense of security on both combatants. I find that the combination of gambeson and chainmail on the inside of the elbow to be a better protection of bodily functions than the rigid wing (except for XV-XVI century wrap-around wings which pretty much enclose the entire elbow). It is of a further frustration that Adria is focused on 1066-1603 Europe and all countries of substantial influence, but armour that is Adria-legal starts out only in the XIV century and is localized only to certain sections of Western Europe, thus excluding the Islamic world and armours between XI and XIV. I have heard that there are no viable alternatives to the wing, and when I present such alternatives the usual objection is that "this is untested, this requires too many people to want the change, and things are fine as they are..." This is also being added to New Business so that we can talk about this in addition to the other changes that will be getting voted on at the July IEM. Any amendments will be looked at and discussed.

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Motion to consider 5a separately

Amendment from the floor to remove the Rockwell scale reference.

Motion to table to rewrite to remove the Rockwell scale: Passed b voice vote

OB9. Modify Lex Adria, VIII.D CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS [Chapters] Tabled

~~[A Kingdom must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and its charter or may have its charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates General.]~~

Reword to:

A Kingdom must strive to meet the requirements of this article. If the Kingdom does not provide the Rolls, Crown, and Stewards report to the Imperial Government for over 6 months, and does not allow opportunities to earn monthly events, then a Kingdom may have its charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates General.

Article VIII.D.2.b.xi.

~~[A Duchy must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and of its charter or may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Estates General.]~~

Reword to:

A Duchy must strive to meet the requirements of this article. If the Duchy does not provide the Rolls, Crown, and Stewards report to the Imperial Government for over 6 months, and does not allow opportunities to earn monthly events, then a Duchy may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown with the approval of a majority vote of the Imperial Estates General.

COMMENTARY: *The wording of these sections is open to interpretation or abuse. One of the key words is "all", but it refers to items in the articles that are not actions. The way these items are worded, if ONE minister fails to provide a report to their Imperial Counterpart, technically a Kingdom could be forced by ANY 2 Imperial Estates holders to go before the Imperial Estates to ask for the kingdom to be dissolved, whether they be a member of that Kingdom or not. For Duchies, this law is in conflict with the law that requires all changes to charters be approved by the Imperial Estates (ARTICLE VI:F.1.d.iv) and for local Estates to approve charter changes before bringing them to the Imperial Estates (Article VIII.F. 1). This also puts the wording in line with the Chancellors Manual, section VI.B.2.*

Keeping in mind that an Archduchy could be as many as 99 people and any kingdom could easily fall to Archduchy numbers in this harsh economy. It is not good for the organization to have

Chapters worried about one minister's mistake causing dissolution or charter revocation.

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Motion to table to allow additional proposals to go to the author for consideration and rewrite, suggestions to be emailed to the author: Passed

Counter Proposal " \l 2Article VIII.D.1.b.vii.

Reword to:

A Kingdom must strive to fulfill the requirements of this article with a minimum of the Crown, Steward, & Rolls reports each month. Failure to meet the minimum for three (3) consecutive months the Charter may be revoked by 2/3 the Imperial Estates

Article VIII.D.2.b.xi.

Reword to:

A Duchy must strive to fulfill the requirements of this article with a minimum of the Crown, Steward, & Rolls reports each month. Failure to meet the minimum for three (3) consecutive months the Charter may be revoked by 2/3 the Imperial Estates

Commentary: *This shortens the timeframe that omitted reports are allowed. In the proposal a Subdivision could fail to report from February to July then be placed on the November agenda. Start reporting in September & October & campaign for no reduction because owe just took the Thrones give us a chance to fix it or our minister had mundane issues. Under this proposal if a Territory were to fail to report they would appear on the next agenda for a total time of about six months.*

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OB10. Modify Lex Adria, VIII.F.1 Chartered Subdivisions

Failed

1. Chartered Subdivision

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

- Prerequisite membership is achieved without reducing any other chartered subdivision below minimum standard
- The land the new subdivision to be chartered is claiming does not cross over or diminish the land of any other chartered subdivision not in the new subdivision. (Note: An exception to law was approved Nov. 2003 to allow a second subdivision to be chartered within the same geographic boundaries in Nevada.)
- In the case of an existing chartered subdivision, the estates general of the existing chartered subdivision must approve the change to their lands by a 2/3 majority, and presented to the Imperial Estates General for approval (by a simple majority). Upon such approval, there shall be new charters created for all subdivisions involved. (Note: The alternative method is approval at the subdivision level with a simple majority, and by the Imperial Estates General with a 2/3 majority.)

Reword and Renumber to match other sections of the document:

1, Chartered Subdivisions

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the following standards and procedures are met:

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Add

- b. At times chapters will fall below the numbers required by law to maintain that status.
 - i. A chapter must be below the required numbers for a minimum of six months to be a candidate for reduction.
 - ii. Reduction in status of a chapter can be brought before the Imperial Estates General by the Imperial Crowns or any two voting members of the Imperial Estates General.
 - iii. Reduction in status for not meeting the required numbers for a Kingdom must be approved by 2/3rds of the Imperial Estates General.
 - iv. Reduction in status for not meeting the required numbers for Duchy, Archduchy, or Shire may be approved by a majority of the Imperial Estates General.

COMMENTARY: *We should be more explicit that charter changes may not be advancement, but also border clarifications or modifications. We should also make it very clear how chapters can be reduced. We should maintain consistency in charter changes, reductions and revocation.*

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Motion to table: 71 to 80 Failed

Motion to approve: 47 in favor, more than 47 opposed. Motion fails

OB11. Modification to Lex Adria VIII.D CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS List of Responsibilities

Add the following:

VIII.D. 1.b.viii A Kingdom must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

VIII.D. 2.b. xiii A Duchy must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

VIII.D. 3.b. .A Shire must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

COMMENTARY: *One of the most important aspects of a subdivision is providing points opportunities for its members and it is not listed as a responsibility under the Article. We wanted to be sure that all subdivisions understand that it is a requirement to provide points opportunities, but left the wording flexible enough to account for areas that have difficulties getting sites every month, to allow make up events.*

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Motion to table to address and for the Chancery to review how it would impact subsection E which addresses monthly points, and to confirm the intent and the impact of the law: 123 in favor, motion passes.

OB12. Proposal to amend IEW#1 Section IV. B 12

Passed

A. Bardic group entries (i.e. plays, songs, dance, etc.) with two (2) or more primary participants must notify the Royal MA&S of the entry at least thirty (30) days in advance to allow the minister to coordinate having at least one (1) judge per primary participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation. Persons with a secondary role, such as walk on part in a play may be eligible for an arts participation point, but should not require a separate judge.

B. Crafted Group Entry (ie: armor, sewing, etc.) Each contributing participant must document their individual portion of the project. Each individual portion will be judged separately from the rest by three judges and an alternate (if necessary) with the resulting score being attributed to the artisan that completed that portion

COMMENTARY: *There has been a lot of confusion over group entries. There are actually two (2) types of Group Entries, but there was only rules for one type. This clarifies it so everyone knows exactly what they are expected to do..*

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Vote: 96 in favor, motion passes

OB13. Proposal to Amend IEW #1 C.3

Withdrawn

~~for participation points based on documentation and performance.]~~

3. Group entries, in the case of a Bardic or other such type of entry, with two or more primary participants must notify the Royal MA&S of the entry at least thirty (30) days in advance to allow the minister to coordinate having at least one (1) judge per primary participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation. Persons with a secondary role, such as walk on part in a play may be eligible for an arts participation point, but should not require a separate judge.

Non-performance group entries with two or more participants must have one (1) judge per-participant. Each person in a group entry must provide their own hardcopy documentation.

COMMENTARY: *With the confusion that this rule has brought, Clarification is necessary, with these changes, this should make this easier to understand.*

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VIII. New Business

NB1.

Add:

Steel MeleeÆs and War scenarios are exempt from the use of combat archery. If all participants in a melee or war scenario (meaning every steel fighter signed to participate) are in agreement, archery may be used for steel participant enjoyment purposes only. Not contested situations.

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Discussion:

This would create a ban on combat archery for contested war scenarios (Crown and Civil war).

In fun situations, if one (1) combatant disagrees with the use of archery, combat archery would be banned (in steel).

It is not regional when everyone uses the same scenarios .

Culture can change in a region because of a war. Combat archery could have an affect on the outcome of the war.

Bow Damage: a \$300 sword will break after several strikes. If you hit my bow once, its unusable. The \$300 sword that gets ruined, your choice. Bow is expensive, and it is also my choice. The string will eventually break.

Arguments against (i.e. in favor of combat archery as it is):

- * Bounceback. There is another group that has an anti bounceback device we can look into, with open helmets.

- * It is easy to go up to an archer and say, "You are dead" and risking getting hit with an arrow.

- * We just approved the Balder Blunts for Steel only. It is possible that the combatants will not feel the arrow strike them, but that is for the marshalls to determine.

- * In the last crown war, the one scenario with archery did not make a noticeable difference.

- * Etherial combat is most glorious, however I will never forget a war scenario in which, when Sir Killian was beating Sir Finnian in war, defending himself in dying, the moment as Sir. K saw a glint in the top of his helm, and he realized it was not one on one. That is glorious. K did not cry afterwards, "I got killed in group scenario combat."

- * Archery is a longer spear. Knights in historical times did not like going into battle in their armor and getting shot or getting their horse shot, but it was part of War. This is not tournament, it is war. If you get hit with rock from catapult, you are dead. It was not fun either. Other glorious scenarios. After watching death of friend, then turn and realize you can run that guy down, that is Glorious. Even with your spear out, it comes out wonderfully. This is war, this is not culture. War is, like it or not, our ultimate system for resolution when we can't agree, and unfortunately or fortunately, they are trying to change the outcome of our ultimate resolution system. Archery is a part of that. The archers, and some people just archers and not hard core combatants, do enter the combat method to help make their choice heard, and to limit it because others don't like it is not fair.

- * For the people that don't fight, it adds to their vote to shoot in archery. It is an important part of our society.

- * We've had the combat archery for years, and we have been doing this, and as one of the silverbacks, 17 years of combat, 16 in steel. I understand the frustration when charging at someone, you get a ding on the side of the head and walk off. It's the same as getting dinged with spear or axe.

- * The armored knight is skilled. One of the skills of any combatant should be concern for defense. If you are concerned about being hit with an arrow, you should have or be near someone with a shield.

- * With combat archery in steel, people don't feel the shot because they aren't hit hard enough. One complaint with the blunts was that it hit too hard. People also have a hard time understanding when they are hit when they are hit with a sword.

- * Some don't fight steel because of personal injuries, but they would suit in steel and fight in archery, but this would not allow them to.

- * The desire for combat archery is based on culture. It would have direct effect on voting method. In defense, only affects 2 scenarios, but it limits those two votes.

* The possibility for limitation of archery in combat is always there. It is determined by J&W for each war. In the next 10 years we may never see archery in a war. Everyone could still shoot archery in shinai and Ren, but not in steel if that is the decision of the MJOWs.

* These are perceived problems. The use of archery is regional. If an area likes combat archery, why force them to be limited. If itÆs not wanted the minister of J&W can address it. Do not force preferences on others when it is not safety or legal related. Arguments for (i.e. against archery in steel):

* In contested wars, there are more steel combatants than you see at other events. There is too much confusion, and helms are so closed, that the combatants cannot see the archer or the arrow.

Let the sponsor know that there is little appetite for the proposal.

Estates Resolution
Motion Passed.

Passed " \l 2In response to questions about Civil Court rulings, a motion w

NB2. Modify LEX ADRIA Article V.D, Make-up Events

Discussed

Tournaments can be made up if they were canceled or interrupted due to:

1. Conditions

~~[1.]~~ a. Lack of facilities

~~[2.]~~ b. Acts of God, such as:

- Rain, hail, or snow
- Excessive heat, cold, or winds
- Flooding

~~[3.]~~ c. Darkness

~~[4.]~~ d. Safety

~~[5. Any other conditions that in the opinion of the Crown warrants invoking this law]~~

2. Restrictions

a. Cancelled events are to be made up within forty-five (45) days after the original date scheduled

b. Low attendance (or projected low attendance) is not a valid reason for cancelling.

c. No more than one (1) make-up can be done on the same day

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Counter-Proposal: Expand the definition to include all events and to move or make up. " \l

2Events can be relocated or rescheduled due to:

1. Conditions

~~[1.]~~ a. Lack of facilities

~~[2.]~~ b. Extreme weather conditions or disasters

~~[3.]~~ c. Darkness

~~[4.]~~ d. Safety

~~[5.]~~ e.. Any other conditions that in the opinion of the Crown warrants invoking this law.

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Chancery Note: Current law provides that if an autocrat is incapacitated or otherwise unable to perform their duties, the Crown or Their designee will perform the duties of the autocrat.

Discussion:

Arguments against:

- * There has been a call by certain members to be very strict and to stick to the letter of the law, and to force that on other chapters they feel are lax on the law as it stands. This is an attempt to define the law more exactly and to regulate the application and interpretation. It is also an attempt to control what they feel is excesses to what the Crown can do.
- * Disallows scheduling pre-make-up events. It only allows make-ups after the originally scheduled event.
- * 45 days may not be long enough to allow the makeup to be held in conjunction with the next month's event which was previously scheduled.
- * The Civil Court ruling from March (unpublished at the time of the meeting) already limits the number of makeups to 2 per event.

Arguments for:

- * Some crowns have been known to hold a large number of make-up events on the same day and submit questionable paperwork.

Multiple rescheduling of a single event is not addressed, i.e., can a make-up event be cancelled and rescheduled?

Some years ago some chapters had an issue with hurricanes that took them past the 45 days. How would this proposal affect that?

Chancery ruling: It would be affected by the Act of God rule and rescheduling a scheduled makeup event.

Estates Resolution

Passed " \l 2A question was asked whether abuses were brought to the atten

Resolution: The Estates recommend that the Imperial Crown inform the chapter Crown/Viceroy, Chancellor, and Estates that their Crowns have ignored Imperial Crown advice, and what the consequences might include. The Imperial Crowns should issue an ultimatum to the affected Chapters and advise them of a timeline for compliance, and what the consequences would be for failure.

Resolution approved with a vote of 81 in favor.

NB3. End Points Conversion Systems

Discussed

Repeal the points conversion system in its entirety, amend law and manuals as required to reflect as such.

Repeal the following articles of law:

Lex Adria: Article VI.E.5.d & Article IX.E

Rolls Manual: Article VII

COMMENTARY: I decided to write this proposal after watching years of debate as to the efficacy and benefit to Adria of the conversion systems. My concern is that point conversions promote the belief that titles and recognition are the most important thing here, thus encouraging the sense of entitlement that already pervades our organization. In spite of this, I am willing to accept the position that this is a valuable recruitment tool and am not opposed to keeping a conversion system, so long as there are better controls and limits in place to prevent abuse. This is why I have also provided a detailed counterproposal to this end.

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Discussion:

Arguments for:

- * Why are we giving them credit (conversion) when they don't give it to us?
- * If you want to "change the game", you should have been around long enough to know and understand it.
- * There is a difference between our organization, laws and traditions and theirs.
- * ECS conversions are difficult to do because of the way they award points.

Arguments against:

- * One of the foundations of Adria is cross-play and you should get your points for it.
- * Part of our culture is cross-play. Why would our members want to cross-play if they don't get points for it.
- * You only get 1 point per month regardless of how many organizations you earn it in.
- * The relief of tension in the Empire that this allows, e.g., using Terre Neuve and Brandenburg as examples, the big "no you aren't allowed in my area", people use other groups to get into fairs where Crowns limit the ability of people to go to fairs.
- * If a chapter is small, it is sometimes difficult to get enough people for a point. For example, it is sometimes difficult to get enough people for a class, but giving or attending a class at an SCA event could get enough participation to count.
- * It's a drawing point. And not just in one discipline, in all disciplines.
- * If you don't think it's a good recruitment tool, it's the welcome sign. Keeping the door open for the welcome sign is wonderful.
- * Not everyone who is eligible for conversions asks for them.

Counterproposal: Reform Points Conversion System

Discussed

Item 1: Establish conversions as a one-time thing

Create law: Only one request may be made per member, in total, to have points converted from accepted organizations. Should the request be approved, no further requests for conversions, nor amendments to the accepted request will be accepted. Should a request be deemed to have insufficient information, the member shall have thirty (30) days from notification of such to provide the missing information. Should the request be rejected, the member shall have thirty (30) days from notification of the rejection to submit an amended request. The Imperial Crowns shall have the final decision of whether to accept or reject the request, or to request that the member provide additional information.

Item 2: Set deadline for submitting conversion requests.

Option 1: No later than 6 months from becoming a new member of Adria.

Add to Rolls Manual, Article VII: Conversion requests are to be submitted within 6 months of becoming a new member of Adria.

Option 2: No later than 1 year from becoming a new member of Adria.

Add to Rolls Manual, Article VII: Conversion requests are to be submitted within 1 year of becoming a new member of Adria.

Author's Commentary: Unlike a similar proposal voted on last IEM, I opted to take out the part that said that the points wouldn't take effect for 1 year after processing. I felt that if the law already limits it to a 1st level knighthood, although there is some confusion as to whether it's only enough points to get you to 1st level or only a 1st level worth of points (the reason for my next item), I didn't see a reason to hold it for a year.

Item 3: Limit conversion points to first-level knighthood

Current law

Rolls Manual Article VII.A, "Points Conversions":

"Conversions will only be allowed up to the 1st level."

Option 1: Only up to one first-level knighthood, with no overages

Amend: Conversions will only be allowed up to the one 1st level knighthood. No conversion points that would, combined with those points acquired in Adria, put a member in excess of those required for their 1st level knighthood in any one discipline (Archery, Combat, A&S, Ministry) will be accepted. Once the member has enough combined points to achieve their 1st level knighthood in any one discipline, no further conversion points of any kind will be accepted.

Option 2: Only up to each first-level knighthood, with no overages

Amend: Conversions will only be allowed up to the a 1st level knighthood in each discipline (Archery, Combat, A&S, Ministry). No conversion points that would, combined with those points acquired in Adria, put a member in excess of those required for any 1st level knighthood will be accepted. Once the member has enough combined points to achieve their 1st level knighthood in a particular discipline, no further conversion points will be accepted for that discipline.

Item 4: Grant the Imperial Estates' sole right to approve organizations for conversion

Current law:

Lex Adria, Article VI.E.5.d, Imperial Estates Meeting Date: July: Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.E)

Article IX.E, Systems of Conversion: 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 shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General (at its discretion) at its regular meeting in July. Members may record points as outlined in Article V.F. Member Participation.

Rolls Manual, Article VII, "Points Conversions": The Bylaws allow for the Imperial Crown to "develop systems of conversion such that members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire." See Bylaws Article IX.C. Ranks. ONLY the Imperial Crown may approve these conversions. This section documents the general procedure currently in place. The specific policies for point conversions from specific organizations are shown in the separate document, Rolls and Lists - Conversion Policies.

Amend law:

Lex Adria, Article VI.E.5.d, Imperial Estates "Meeting Date: July": Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown for organizations approved by the Imperial Estates. (Article IX.E)

Article IX.E, "Systems of Conversion": 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. Only organizations previously approved by the Imperial Estates may be considered for development of systems

of conversion. 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 shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General (at its discretion) at its regular meeting in July. Members may record points as outlined in Article V.F. Member Participation.

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Add law to Lex Adria Article VI.F.1.d, "Rights of the Imperial Estates, By a simple majority (more than half)": Approve organizations for consideration in development of points conversion systems

Item 5: Reconsideration of organizations currently allowed for conversions.

The following organizations are currently allowed for conversions, as per the Imperial Rolls Manual:

SCA - The Society for Creative Anachronism

ECS - The Empire of Chivalry of Steel

HOC - The History of Chivalry

Action for vote: Approve or Reject listed organizations for continued inclusion in conversion systems.

COMMENTARY: The purpose of this counterproposal is to close some perceived loopholes in the conversion system, as well as modify it to prevent possible abuses. It is the resulting compilation of ideas and concerns I have received from many people throughout the Empire.

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NB4. Establish a temporary committee for legislative oversight

Referred to Chancery

All legislation shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year. Should the Imperial Estates deem any legislation to be an emergency, they may request an exception from law, as permitted by law. Any Imperial Crown writs created during that time shall be considered exempt from the suspension, and subject to review by the Imperial Estates as set in law. A committee shall be established of current and former members of the Imperial Chancery and Imperial Ministry of Justice (open to their deputies and clerks as well). This committee shall, of course, be voluntary of those eligible, and they shall elect a chairperson from its members to oversee its goals. The committee shall first be tasked with reviewing the past ten (10) years of Adrian legislation (back to and including 2002), more if the committee so desires, for the purposes of establishing a report of what legislation passed by the Imperial Estates has been left out of subsequent revisions of the Imperial Bylaws, Lex Adria, and Adrian manuals, excluding any legislation which was subsequently repealed by proper legislative action, while highlighting any legislation that was amended by proper legislative action. Should the committee be made aware of any pieces of law

which, at the completion of this report, the committee will present it to the Imperial Estates, where the body may, at its discretion, vote to reconcile any legislation detailed in the report into current Adrian law. Upon final consideration of the report by the Imperial Estates, the committee shall then be tasked with bringing the Imperial Bylaws, the Lex Adria, and all Adrian manuals, up-to-date, including any legislation from the report approved by the Imperial Estates, as well as any missing legislation passed by said body since those documents were last updated. COMMENTARY: *My wife and I, being as legally-minded as we are (and somewhat OCD), have noticed over the years that pieces of law and passed legislation have occasionally been left out of subsequent revisions of the manuals. There are even some proposals IÆve written, that were passed by the IE, never actually made it into the law books. As weÆre not the only ones whoÆve noticed this, I decided to take a page from Sir TailanÆs book and would like to ask for one whole year where none of the rules change to give us (the collective us, not just my wife and IàweÆd have to be crazy to take this all on ourselves) a chance to find out what exactly is missing, and get the manuals all caught-up. Of course, the Imperial Crowns would still have the ability to enact Crown Writs, which would of course be reviewed by the Imperial Estates, and the Imperial Estates would have the right to pass any emergency legislation (having to request an exception from law if it's that important), but I feel it would give a much needed pause in the chaos to get our house in order, so to speak.*

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Discussion:

Question: Was the expectation that this would be passed today and the work would be completed by next November and the ratified results put into effect in January or would this be delayed into the next reign? The ramifications of NB4, as written, are not known in respect to this question.

Question: How large a committee are you proposing?

Motion to refer to Chancery, seconded and Passed on a voice vote.

The following items of New Business were not discussed and will appear as New Business on the next agenda:

NB5. Define when a complaint goes before the local Minister of Justice and when a complaint goes before the Imperial Minister of Justice Not Discussed

Amend the Codes Adjudicata, Article III.D

All complaints shall be filed with the complainantÆs local Minister of Justice by default, but shall instead be filed with the Imperial Minister of Justice only under the following exceptions:

- The complaint is against a seated Crown
- The complaint is against the Imperial Crown or any of their ministers
- The member accused in the complaint is a member of a different chapter than the complainant
- The complainant is a member of a Shire
- The alleged infraction occurred at an Imperial event

Once a complaint has been filed with the local Minister of Justice, the Minister may, at their discretion, petition the Imperial Minister of Justice to handle the case if it is felt that there would be difficulty handling the case locally due to potential bias.

If a complaint is against the local Minister of Justice, it should instead be filed with the Crown of

that chapter. If a complaint is against the Imperial Minister of Justice, it should instead be filed with the Imperial Crowns.

Neither the complainant nor the accused being either an Imperial peer or a member of the Imperial family shall be considered grounds for the complaint to be filed with the Imperial Minister of Justice.

Any complaints submitted to the Imperial Minister of Justice which do not meet the aforementioned criteria should be referred back to the local Minister of Justice. Should the local Minister of Justice receive a complaint that should instead be filed Imperially, they shall provide the complainant with the appropriate contact information to do so.

No one may ever rule on the merit of a complaint, act as magistrate for a case, nor sit as judge for a trial, of which they themselves are either a complainant or one of the accused. If a complaint is filed against an Imperial Crown, the Co-Crown, should there be one, may not rule on its merit, act as magistrate, nor sit as the sole judge for the trial, and the Imperial Minister of Justice shall not be subject to the orders of the Imperial Crowns as it pertains to said Minister's handling of the case. If a complaint against an Imperial Crown goes to trial, it must be convened as a Court of Chivalry.

Amend the Lex Adria as follows:

Crowns may carry out the functions of any of their appointed ministers as necessary, with exception to that stated in Codex Adjudicata Article III.D.

COMMENTARY: *Having served as an Imperial Minister of Justice, I empathize greatly with those who offer their souls in this often thankless service to the Empire, as we are often seen as the bogeymen. It has long been a complaint of our office that there is little actual definition in law of when a complaint should be dealt with locally and when it should be dealt with Imperially. It has also been a long-standing tradition that those who are Imperial peers or members of the Imperial family shall have the right for a complaint in which they are involved to be referred Imperially. This is one tradition which I feel needs to end. It is my hope that this proposal will finally provide the separation of jurisdiction so desperately needed by the Ministry.*

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NB6. Amend the Codex Adjudicata Article IV for a Guilty Plea

Not Discussed

Add the following as VI.6 and renumber accordingly:

Should the Defendant plead guilty to the charges against them at any time prior to a trial, and the matter is not settled through mediation, a hearing shall be convened as a Court of Chivalry. However, instead of the Court ruling on whether the Defendant is guilty, they will instead determine the appropriate punishment in accordance with Article III.I. of the Codex Adjudicata. The tradition known as "Crown Justice", a Crown determining a Defendant's sentence without holding a hearing or trial, is hereby abolished.

COMMENTARY: *I have too often seen Crown Justice requested as a means for a Defendant to throw themselves at the mercy of a Crown who happens to be their personal friend, or, at the very least, someone more positively disposed toward them. As it is, Crown Justice currently has no basis in law, and this will finally and explicitly end the much abused practice. Also, it has not been defined in law what actually happens if someone wants to plead guilty to charges against them. In this, it gives the option of having a hearing where the Defendant has the opportunity to explain why they did what they did, with the judges taking that into account in the punishment. If the Defendant would rather not have a hearing, they can always settle it in mediation.*

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NB7. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.A.5, (Crown) War (Requires 2/3 majority to approve)

Amend to read:

At least four (4) group battles, one (1) championÆs battle, and three (3) arts points shall be decided on the first day when possible. 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.

COMMENTARY: *This proposal is a nod to Sir Dorn whom I just got off the phone with and pointed this gem out to me. I figured, heck, I'm in a proposal-writing mood, so why not write this one? In short, is it even possible anymore for every war site to finish 3 arts points in a single day? I understand why it says this, to weed out armies, but I think we probably need to come up with a better way. This proposal may not do that, but it does ease the burden on the war ministers (well, really, let's be honest ... the arts minister and judges) and says, "Hey, if you can, make sure you do it ... if you can't, don't worry about it." I welcome any friendly amendments or counterproposals to make this law more realistic and less burdensome.*

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NB8. Amend Continuing Crown Writ #2: Missile Weapons Manual - Test **Not Discussed**

Add a test to the manual for target archery qualification as per Article I.D.2. See Addendum C for proposed test.

COMMENTARY: *On page 3 of the CONTINUING CROWN WRIT #2, MISSILE WEAPONS MANUAL, 2.Archer Qualification Archers must be qualified by the Range Master or Minister of Archery. Archers will be tested on archery safety, range safety, and equipment maintenance. However, the manual does not provide a test as does the Combat Manuals. We here in Bisqaia have been using this test since 25 Nov 2007. Its manner is similar to those in the Combat Manual: open book, 70% to pass and 90% for Marshal. Upon acceptance the answer key, if needed, will be provided.*

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NB9. Amend Imperial Estates Composition **Not Discussed**

Replace the current voting structure to increase the minor Estates representation at the Imperial level by amending the Lex Adria as follows:

Article VI.A

The governing body of the Adrian Empire is the Imperial Estates General [(]composed of the Imperial Estate, the Estates Royal, the Estates Major, and [the two senior members of the Estates Minor from each chartered subdivision)] a specified number of senior members of the Estates Minor from each chapter as follows:

1. A maximum of two senior Estates Minor from a Shire as per Article VIII.D.3.b.ii.
2. A maximum of four senior Estates Minor from a Duchy.
3. A maximum of six senior Estates Minor from an Archduchy.
4. A maximum of eight senior Estates Minor from a Kingdom.

Glossary

Imperial Grand Assembly - The Imperial legislative body consisting of the Estates Major, [~~the two senior members of the Estates Minor from each chartered subdivision,~~] a specified number of senior members of the Estates Minor of each Chapter as per Article VI.A and any non-landed

peer who chooses to sit on the Imperial Estates General for that term of office.

COMMENTARY: There has been a lot of debate over the years as to how to handle the increasing ratio of personal votes to representative votes. At the March 2012 IEM, according to the roll from that meeting, personal votes outmatched representative votes by a ratio of 1.5:1 (the 1.5 being rounded up from over 1.45). The idea to limit personal votes has been bandied about, but this has been met with, not surprisingly, strong resistance. Plus, the majority of individuals who actually show up to Imperial Estates meetings happen to be, more often than not, those with their own personal votes. After seeing numerous proposals put forth to deal with this imbalance, most notably those from HH Sir Le'Bete, I decided to offer this method. The entire proposal as a whole seeks to open up the Imperial Estates to more representative votes. I have written each item in such a way that, if the Imperial Estates wished to approve one without the other, the items wouldn't be codependent. This item in particular seeks to grant more Estates Minor an Imperial vote, depending on the level of their chapter (Duchy, Archduchy, Kingdom). Shires remain at the current level of no more than 2 Estates Minor, as per Article VIII.D.3.b.ii. Duchies would gain an additional 2 Estates Minor votes, putting them at a maximum of 4. Archduchies would gain an additional 4 Estates Minor votes, putting them at a maximum of 6. Kingdoms would gain an additional 6 Estates Minor votes, putting them at a maximum of 8. I understand that some of my brethren in the smaller chapters might worry about their voices being even further diminished by this proposal, but, if we really want to make the Imperial Estates more representative, I feel that it only makes sense that larger chapters have greater representation. I also feel that this will give Estates Minor a bigger incentive in helping to grow their chapters. I do not expect this proposal to completely flip the balance between personal and representative votes, I'm cautiously optimistic, but I'm hoping this will at least hold it back some. As an aside, I figure we'll probably end up having to rephrase the glossary definition for Imperial Grand Assembly or Imperial Estates General, and I welcome the Imperial Chancery's input on that.

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Chancery Note: The author has asked that this be voted on at this meeting.

NB10. Elevation of Counties to Estates Major

Not Discussed

Amend the Lex Adria to elevate Counties to being Estates Major:

Article VI.D CHARTERED SUBDIVISION GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS

Estates Major (Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, and Third-Level Knight, [Count/Countess](#))

Estates Minor (~~Count/Countess,~~ Baron/Baroness, Second-Level Knight, Household Lord/Lady)

Article IX.D. Titles

10. Count/Countess

The ruler(s) of a County. Part of the Estates [~~Minor~~Major]. (Voting)

Glossary

Estates Major - That portion of the Estates General consisting of Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, [Count/Countess](#), and Third-Level Knight.

Estates Minor - That portion of the Estates General consisting of [~~Count/Countess,~~

Baron/Baroness, Second- Level Knight, Household Lord/Lady.

COMMENTARY: This proposal item, combined with the previous one, is intended to try to help shift the balance back towards representative votes. It always seemed odd to me that a County,

which must have a minimum of 35 members, wasn't considered an Estates Major, and thus guaranteed its own Imperial vote, when a Duchy must have a minimum of 20 members. I understand that the latter is a chapter, and the other is a subdivision, but it always still seemed odd given the considerable difference in minimum # of people required.

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IX. DISCUSSION^{D1}.

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