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Imperial Estates Meeting
19-20 July, 2014
Agenda**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time:

Fri, 18 July: TBA, BoD Meeting

Sat, 19 July: 7:45 – 9:15 Sign In

9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting

Sun, 20 July: 9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

(Note: All times are tentative)

Airport:

McCarran International Airport (LAS)

Location

La Quinta Inn

3970 S Paradise Rd

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Reservations:

(702)796-9000, let them know you are with the Adrian Empire

Room Rates:

\$45/night, Friday – Sunday

(May be extended upon request)

Amenities and Other Hotel Information

Guests at the Hotel will enjoy comfortable rooms, Free breakfast, Wi-Fi (as well as Wi-Fi being available for the meeting attendees) Cable TV- refrigerators and microwaves in every room. At the end of the arduous meeting, you can relax by the heated pool and spa, or enjoy a vigorous workout in the fitness center. There is a 24 hour guest laundry, and pets are welcome.

We will be located two miles North of McCarran International Airport (LAS) and less than a mile from the famous Las Vegas Strip, and will be centrally located near all major Las Vegas venues and attractions.

Local Transportation:

Free shuttle service 24 hours a day to and from the McCarran Airport, Harrah's Casino (next door to the Sands Expo Center) and the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Restaurant Information:

Within a 10-minute walk, there are a dozen restaurants, including Chinese, Thai, Italian, American and steakhouses, offering dining options for all variety of tastes.

Site Autocrats:

HRG Desmond Wallace

Authority:**Lex Adria Article VI.E.5 Meeting Date, July**

The Imperial Estates General meet on the third Saturday of July (and the day following), at which time they shall conduct appropriate business, including but not limited to:

- a. Qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates.
- b. To finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)
- c. Each chartered subdivision's Crown shall present a copy of his or her chartered division's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision.
- d. Review (at its discretion) any system of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.E)

Lex Adria Article VI.E.6 Disqualification

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 two official events in any Chapter within the previous six months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. The vote of an Estate is held by the Estate not a person; it is the right of the Estate to determine who represents it. (*Chancery Note: see March 2004 Civil Court decision, ratified July 2004, clarified that an Estate entitled to a vote may change its representative at any time.*) It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded, with these exceptions:

- a. Resignation of a given member
- b. Judicial ban
- c. 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)
- d. Expiration of dues

Requirement for Written Proxies. (Lex Adria Article VI.H Ratified November, 2010)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting. Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by [the] Friday evening prior [to] the Imperial Estates Meeting, and/or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

Legend:

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

Chancery Notes, comments, and explanations

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies
- B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications
(Requires 2/3 to approve)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Requires majority to approve)

Approval of the minutes of the March 2013 IEM with the following change(s):

Mathew Noel (Thomas Sauvage) was elected to the Special Panel, not Steve Miller.

REPORTS

A Executive

- 1 Crown(s)
- 2 President and Board of Directors

B Ministers

- 1 Archery
- 2 Arts and Sciences
- 3 Chancery
- 4 Hospitaler
- 5 Joust and War
- 6 Physicker
- 7 Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- 8 Rolls and Lists
- 9 Sovereign of Arms
- 10 Steward
- 11 Other Officers

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

Chancellor's Note: As per Lex Adria Article IV.F.1.d,iv, the Imperial Estates may "Approve writs and charters issued by the Imperial Crown ...". This approval raises the writ or Charter to the level of Imperial Estates Writ. The Estates also have the option to not address the writ/charter, thus leaving it at the level of a Crown Writ.

A Elevate the following Chapter in status:

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. None

B Other Amendments

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. Amend Connacht Charter to exclude all lands South of the Kelowna International Airport

C Approve the Charter of New Chapter

(Requires majority to approve)

- 1. Var-heim (the area of British Columbia South of the Kelowna International Airport)

CRB2. Approval of \$1000 for the E-IEM (one time appropriation, not to be taken from or added to the budget)

(Requires majority to approve)

CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

(While no action is required, the Estates may review.)

(None received)

B. Civil Courts

(Requires majority to ratify)

(See Appendix A)

- i. Question: Does the attempt at petition activate the review process for the Board of Directors Membership or do they have to meet all the requirements and then fail at the Crown Suspension vote?

CH2. Report of the Special Panel 2014-1

(No action required)

Appeal

CH3. Election of BoD Members

(Majority to elect)

Region 1 (1, 2 year term)

Judith King (Dame Gabriele Silverhand)

Region 2 (1, 2 year term)

Laura Whitman (Dame Cressida of Alhambra)

Region 3 (1, 2 year term)

Anthony Derivi (HIH L'Bete' de Acmd)

(Plurality to elect)

At Large (2, 1 year term)

Dan Olsen (Sir Klaus van Isbjerg)

Chancellor's Note: See Appendix C for the letters of intent.

CH4. Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders

(Requires majority to approve)

HIM Wright Bentwood and HE Dame Elizabeth Blize

CH5. Review of Conversion policies

(No action required)

CH6. Consideration of the Success of the Reigns of TIMs Thomas Weimar and Etaine Llewelyn.

(Requires majority to approve)

Chancellor's Note: There has been a request to divide the question.

CH7. Add Crown Justice to IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, IV.A

(Requires majority to approve)

Add a second item to the Codex Adjudicata Royal Court Section IV. COURTS OF JUSTICE A. ROYAL COURT:

Option A:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty and waive the right of a trial. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

Option B:

2. The term "Crown Justice" is applied to those individuals who choose a Royal Court, and choose to plead guilty, and waive the right of a trial. If the Crowns approve, a plea of "No Contest" may be entered in lieu of 'guilty', which does not require any admission of guilt from the defendant. The sentence is determined by the Crowns. The Crowns may consult with both plaintiffs and defendants regarding the sentence.

Commentary: "Crown Justice" is defined as the Crown passing judgment and assigning an appropriate penance or penalty after the defendant waives their right to a trial and agrees to accept the ruling of Crown.

"No contest" is a guilty plea that does not acknowledge wrong-doing but admits that, should a trial be held, the defendant would be found guilty. Another way to put it is, "I didn't do anything wrong in regards to the complaint, but I can't prove it."

CH8. Amend Lex Adria Article VII.B to add an Oath of Office

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article VII.B as follows:

B. MINISTERIAL SERVICE

1. All ministers serve at the pleasure of the Crown and are responsible directly to the Crown for the execution of their duties.
2. All ministers shall submit regular reports to their senior counterparts and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the ministries, which they head. To this end they are authorized to appoint deputies within their ministries, subject to the approval of the Crown.
3. When they take office, all ministers shall take an oath or sign a statement that they have read, understand, and will follow the Law and appropriate Manuals.

Commentary: We suggest the following:

"I affirm that I have read and will abide by the Law and the manuals appropriate to my office."

CH9. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H to require proxies to be received directly from the voter

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H by adding:

4. All proxies must be dated and
 - a. sent to the Chancellor's office directly by the voter from a known or verifiable email address or phone number or
 - b. in hard copy with the voter's signature.

Commentary: While in the past, we have accepted notification from others, Crowns, chancellors, spouses, etc., on behalf of vote holders, a proxy should clearly originate with the vote holder. Whether through mistake or intent, people have voted proxies that they were not meant to carry.

CH10. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.H to allow the use of Chancery as a Term of Art

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria as follows:

As appropriate, replace “Chancellor”, “Chancellor’s Office”, and “Chancellery” with “Chancery”.

Add to the Glossary:

Chancery: A term of art that refers to and may be used in place of: Chancellor, Chancellor’s office, or Chancellery

Commentary: It’s simpler, shorter, easier to spell, easier to say,

From the Free Dictionary [www.thefreedictionary.com/chancery]:

chan·cer·y  (chăn’sə-rē)

n. pl. chan·cer·ies

...

2. The office or department of a chancellor; a chancellery.

[Middle English *chancerie*, alteration of *chancelrie*; see **chancellery**.]

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chancery (ˌtʃɑːnsəri)

n, pl -ceries

...

4. (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) another name for [chancellery](#)

5. (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) a court of public records; archives [C14: shortened from chancellery]

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chan·cer·y (ˌtʃæn sə ri, ˌtʃæn-)

n., pl. -cer·ies.

1. the office or department of a chancellor; chancellery.

2. an office of public records.

[1325–75; Middle English *chancerie*, variant of *chancelrie*, syncopated variant of *chancellorie* [chancellery](#)]

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CH11. Add a Chancery Note to Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 for clarification

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article XIV.F.3 as a Chancellor’s Note:

3. Failure to Follow Timetable

If the Heirs Apparent, Crown, or other officers, fail to follow the timetable without reasonable cause, a Lord/Lady Protector shall be appointed by the chancellor until the coronation takes place. ([See Article XIV.C](#))

Commentary: This adds a reference to the authorization for Lord/Lady Protector.

CH12. Amend Lex Adria Article XV for simplicity and consistency

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article XV as follows:

A. PAX REGIUM

~~For a period of six months from the date of coronation, the Royal and Ducal Crowns shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time, no one may challenge the Crown for the throne. Any time after that, an Interim Civil War may be called. Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with no less than 45 days advance notice as indicated in Article XV.B.4.a. If no notice is given to the Imperial Crown by 45 days before Memorial Day Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (Banner War). In any event, the Imperial Minister of War shall advise the Imperial Chancellor, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chronicler of the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.~~

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

1. Imperial Crown

Notice of Imperial Civil War may only be declared as described in Article XV.B.4.a

2. Royal and Ducal Crowns

For a period of six months from the date of coronation, the Royal and Ducal Crowns shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time, no one may challenge the Crown for the throne. Anytime after that, an Interim Civil War may be called.

3. All Other Ruling Nobles

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

B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR

4. Notice

a. Imperial Civil Wars

Challenge for the Imperial Crown may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend with no less than [30]45 days advance notice. If no notice is given to the Imperial Crown [~~by 30 days before Memorial Day Weekend, that~~] as required, the Memorial Day weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (e.g. a Banner War). In any event, the Imperial Minister of War shall advise the Imperial Chancellor, the Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chronicler of the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.

Commentary: This corrects a change to the that was made the improperly in the 2006 Law and Manuals update causing a discrepancy in the deadline for declaring Civil War and further confusing the article. The error was not caught in the 2012 10 year update to the Law and Manuals, and was only noticed recently. It also simplifies the language referring to Memorial Day weekend. Additional changes to this Article are in OB3.

CH13. Correct the reference to Kingdom charter amendments*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XIII.D.5 as follows:

Under Article VIII.D.~~3~~1.b.vii, the Imperial Estates may amend or revoke a Kingdom's Charter by a 2/3 vote.*Commentary: This was a typographic error in the reference that needs to be corrected.***CH14. Add the words "Chapters and" to the title of Lex Adria Article VIII.F***(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article XIII.F as follows:

F. ESTABLISHMENT, ADVANCEMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF CHAPTERS AND ESTATES*Commentary: This should have been corrected when "Chartered Subdivisions" and "Subdivision" were changed to "Chapters" and "Estates".***OLD BUSINESS****OB1. Change the renewal date to 1 June***(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Amend ByLaws Article III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [~~July 1 to June 30~~]June 1 to May 31. Annual memberships are due on [~~July~~]June 1 of each year.*Commentary: July is the month the Steward has to give a complete report of the finances. It is also the month he has to do renewals. There are the rosters to do. As it is now we have to check and see if they have paid, also take in renewals at the IEM. If the renewal was either June the first with a grace period or July the first with no Grace period we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because if they hadn't paid they wouldn't show up on the board.**Author: HIM Etaine Llwyn**Sponsors: HRG William Baine KPr***Counterproposal**

Amend ByLaws Article III.D as follows:

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [~~July 1 to June 30~~]August 1 to July 31. Annual memberships are due on [~~July~~]August 1 of each year.*Commentary: If the renewal was in August we wouldn't have to check to see if everyone had paid because they were paid when they qualified for their vote. Also, if the renewal is in June, all through June and July the Steward and Rolls and Lists are trying to update the membership lists and have less time to confirm whether or not a potential voter is a paid member.**Author: HRT Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, HG Sir Robert La Croix, KPr*

OB2. Adopt the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword for use in Shinai*(Requires majority to remove from the table, majority to approve)**(Chancellor's Note: This is tabled until November)*

Modify IEW-17, the Combat Manual, to include the use of the Rawlings type synthetic sword in Shinai as an alternative to using shinais. Shinais and the synthetic swords may be used together.

Commentary: Please review the playtest report (Appendix D) for full details and testing results.

Authors: HG Connor O'Readon CtR

*Sponsors: Ritter Dietrich von Holstein KCh,
HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord KCh*

Counterproposal:

As the primary proposal but shinai and synthetic swords shall not be used together.

Authors: HG William Baine, KCh

Sponsor: HIH Erik Harbinger, KCh

OB3. Alternative Makeup of Imperial Estates*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Create an Imperial Steering Committee (ISC) and the Full Assembly (FIE, aka Imperial Estates General or Imperial Estates) with the Steering Committee consisting of those voters who attended the meeting in person, and all of the qualified Imperial voters would constitute the Assembly. The Steering Committee would debate the items on the agenda, make modifications as appropriate, and recommend for or against each item, with each member holding one vote. The Assembly would then vote for, against or abstain on each item. The Assembly votes would be cast electronically or by mail no later than one month after the meeting of the Steering Committee. Proxies are no longer valid.

Commentary: There have been many discussions about the problems with the IEMs: the IE has too many voters which makes meetings long and difficult and voting hard to count; the IE is not representative of the members because there are too many non-landed voters and not enough landed estates votes; proxies come in late; changes to agenda items can't be made because the proxy holders don't know about them; proxy holders don't vote the will of the estate when the proxy is an open proxy; etc. This item seeks to correct all of the above problems by:

1. *eliminating all proxies (if you are there, you vote in the Steering Committee, if not, you vote in the Full Assembly, and if you have 2 votes, you vote up to 1 in the Steering Committee and the rest in the Full Assembly),*
2. *limiting the discussion and voting in the Steering Committee to those who are present at the meeting,*
3. *allowing everyone a direct vote after all of the changes to the proposals have been made and discussed openly,*
4. *Full Assembly votes would be counted electronically, so the count is "guaranteed" to be accurate.*

The time-table and operation would be as follows:

1. *60 days prior to the Imperial Steering Committee Meeting (ISCM), the call for agenda items is posted and the membership in the Imperial Estates General is set.*
2. *45 days prior to the ISCM, the ISCM agenda is published*
3. *30 days prior the ISCM, the ISCM agenda is finalized*

4. *The ISCM is held:*
 - a. *All those in attendance sign in and specify which vote they are casting.*
 - b. *The Agenda is discussed and modified as appropriate.*
5. *By the day after the ISCM, the Chancellery and the Ministry of Information establish the make-up of the Full Imperial Assembly (FIE) and the FIE discussion and voting group is established over the next 7 days.*
6. *7 days after the ISCM:*
 - a. *The minutes of the ISCM are published and the AIE Agenda is published with the recommendations of the ISC (excluding tabled items);*
 - b. *The members of the FIE sign in to the discussion and voting group; and -*
 - c. *Online discussion now begins in a “closed” group of all of the Imperial Estate holders, both landed and non-landed (the general public is not allowed access to this group but all members of Adria could be given read-only access with only the members of the FIE being given posting privileges).*
7. *21 - 24 days after the ISCM: The discussion is closed and the online voting begins*
8. *28 - 30 days after the ISCM voting ends.*
9. *1-4 day after the AIE voting ends, the results are published.*

We realize that there are still some details to be worked out (how the AIE discussion board will be created, how the AIE will vote, how Estates with no viable internet access will participate, ...), but we believe those issues can be resolved (including testing) prior to or within 3 months of passage with implementation beginning after the IEM following the approval, e.g. if this item is approved at the March 2014 IEM, it can be implemented in time for the November 2014 meeting.

*Authors: Sir Robert LaCroix, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR,
Sir William Baine KPr*

OB4. Play test Authorization for OB3

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Approve and authorize “unofficial” play testing implementation of the alternative makeup of the Imperial Estates proposed in OB3 until the November IEM.

This is to be done by each chapter at the local level. The Steering Committee meeting is to be held at a local event no less than 1 month after the IEM and at least 1 month prior to the November IEM. The Assembly meeting would be held as per proposal in the time following the event. Passage of the items would be subject to ratification (prior to the IEM) at the next regularly scheduled chapter estates meeting. This may be repeated depending on time and the desire and willingness of the Chapter.

All chapters would use the same voting site/program/method. Local chancellors would be assisted by the Imperial Deputy Chancellors. The site to be used will be chosen by the Imperial Deputies and tested by Albion prior to general play testing, after Albion has proven the methods, tools, site, etc., the play test will be done by the other chapters (w possible exception of the Shires).

During the play testing, the results of the regular Estates meeting would be the official results, not the results of the electronic voting.

COMMENTARY: *We feel that it is not practical or reasonable for the Estates to vote on this issue without experiencing the implementation. Play testing would allow the Estate holders to experience the implementation as well as allowing the system to be “debugged” and adjusted prior to official implementation.*

By allowing the play test from now until November allows a minimum of two tests at the local level, one before the July meeting and one before the November meeting.

Author: Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, Sir Robert La Croix, KPr

OB5. Amend Lex Adria and IEW 34 (Manual for the Office of Rolls & Lists) for monthly service outside of an event

(Requires 2/3 to approve as a whole)

Option A:

Lex Adria, Article V.F.

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [that allows for advancement in all four disciplines](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

IEW #34, Article III.E

Per the Adrian Empire Lex Adria Article V.F. only one participation point (Event Participation (EP) or War Participation (WP)) and Tournament Win (TW) counts towards advancement to knighthood in each discipline (Archery, Arts, Combat, and Ministry). Demo Participations (DP's), Demo Initiations (DI's), and Arts Masterworks (MW's) are not subject to this limitation. The exceptions to this are Imperial [events that allow for advancement in all four disciplines](#) [~~Tournaments (EPs and TW's), Imperial Wars (WP's), and Imperial Estates Meetings (Ministry EPs)~~] which may be counted in addition to a local participation or win in the same month.

Commentary: This proposal is to create equality between disciplines for EXTRA event participation points, tournament win points, and war points being awarded for Imperial events. It would still be possible to have an Imperial Archery only tournament, but it could not count as an additional "double dip" for that month.

Author: Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

Sponsors: Sir Fredrick KCh

Chancellor's note: The effect of adopting this rule shall prevent any Imperial Ministry point double-dips awarded outside of sanctioned events. It will not retroactively remove any points already awarded. We prohibit ipso facto law.

Option B:

Lex Adria, Article V.F

3. In addition, a member may record a second participation point and a second win, for participation or wins earned in one official Imperial event [or a ministry participation point for Imperial ministry service as recognized and approved by the Imperial Crown](#) in the same month that the member records points for participating as above. If the member participates in multiple official Imperial events [or Imperial ministry service](#) in one month, the same limit and the same privilege of deciding which participation or win shall be recorded applies as above. This is not an exception to the law; it is the opportunity to record an additional point.

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Commentary: For many years, (10+), Adrian Imperial Crowns have awarded ministry points in addition to the monthly local participation. Our rules do not clearly authorize this, but it is an indisputable fact. When actual practice and black-letter law do not concur, the Estates should step in and clarify the Law. We are asking you to resolve the conflict. Shall our Law be changed to reflect our practice or should our practice be changed to better reflect our written law?

Authors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB6. Amend the Bylaws Article IV to reinstate distribution of dues between the Empire and the local chapters

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Rename B and add as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE APPROVAL~~]

1. Distribution of dues paid shall be as follows: 70% to the Imperial and 30% to the Chapter.
2. The Imperial Crown may expend the ~~treasury~~ funds on items as approved by the Imperial Estates.

COMMENTARY: . When this was removed the Empire needed 100% of the dues to cover expenses and the Imperial Travel Fund was a separate account funded solely on donations and fund raising. This was to be a temporary measure with the intent to later redistribute back to the local chapters. This redistribution will allow for the local regions to once again be supported by membership dues to cover some of the operating expenses that they incur. The Imperial Travel fund can once again be a separate account funded by fundraisers and private donations just like the local subdivisions do today. This will create a more equitable status between the Imperial and Local chapters for budgeting. Based on historical figures, the cost for operating expenses of the Imperial government, including insurance and legal/financial assistance has been holding steady at about 70%. The Imperial government now has sufficient reserves to offset small fluctuations.

Authors: HRM Sir Fredrick von Burg Umbria, Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

Counterproposal:

Increase all membership fees by \$5.00 with that \$5.00 going to the Chapter.
Amend ByLaws Article V. as follows:

B. DISTRIBUTION [~~EXPENSE-APPROVAL~~]

1. \$5.00 of each membership fee will go to the Chapter.

D. SCHEDULE

1. Single
 - a. Annual: \$30.00
2. Family
 - a. Annual: +(\$20.00 * X)
3. Associate

(Chancery Note: currently \$[~~15~~]20.00 annually)

Commentary: Many chapters need start-up money or on-going help to send a representative to Imperial Estates meetings. These modest amounts should at least help Duchies, Archduchies and Kingdoms send their representative. Shires, of course, are represented by the Imperial Crown. In this economy, Chapters need the help. The Empire should maintain an adequate safety net and any dues increase must be modest to avoid a hardship for our members.

Authors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB7. Delete ByLaws Article IV.F Newsletter

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

F. NEWSLETTER

~~[The Ministry of Information shall determine the cost of production and mailing the Adrian Empire newsletter. Those wishing to receive the Adrian Empire newsletter shall pay this fee.]~~ Removed

Commentary: The Newsletter, when published, has only been published electronically for several years. As there is no expense associated with that, this paragraph should be deleted.

Authors: Sir William Baine, KPr, Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB8. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.A Conduct of Crown Wars

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

5. War

- c. In the case of more than 2 sets of contenders, at [At] least four group battles, one champion's battle, and three arts points shall be decided on the first day.

6. War Points

- b Eight 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.~~]

Commentary: The original law stated that certain points must be determined on the first day in the case of a multiple contender war so that the two strongest armies could continue to the next day. The scenarios refer to a time when there were only 6 arts points (3 Knights/3 Masters (one for each category) and 9 combat points and no archery points awarded. This section is outdated at best, but could be helpful in a multi-contender war perhaps. To be useful law, I have suggest these changes:

Author: Dame Clarice of Avignon, CR

Sponsors: Sir Fredrick KCh

OB9. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6, Conduct of Imperial Crown War, for clarity

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Reword Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6.b

Option A:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and its autocrat, which shall be in [~~conjunction with~~] the same metropolitan area and on the same weekend as the November [~~meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting. The bids for the coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than X days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 1: X = 30

Alternative 2: X = 45

Alternative 3: X = 90

Option B:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The Heir(s) Apparent shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation and autocrat(s) [~~,-which shall be in conjunction with the November meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting. The bids for the November IEM and coronation must be submitted to the contenders no later than X days prior to the Imperial Crown War.

Alternative 1: X = 30

Alternative 2: X = 45

Alternative 3: X = 90

Option C:

Victory shall go to the army that wins the most points. The victor(s) shall be proclaimed Heir(s) Apparent and the balance of the battles shall be fought for the amusement of the populace. The [~~Heir(s) Apparent~~] Crowns shall proclaim the date and location of the coronation, [~~which shall be~~] in conjunction with the November [~~meeting of the~~] Imperial Estates meeting.

Commentary: *The current wording of XVI.B.6 is open to several interpretations: Does the coronation have to be in the same "city" as the IEM? Do the Heirs Apparent have any say in the location of the IEM? Do the IEM and the coronation have to have the same autocrat? These options spell out the interpretations specifically. The alternatives provide a time frame for the presentation of site information to the Heirs Apparent when they have a say in choosing the site location for the coronation and/or IEM.*

Authors: *Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

OB10. Exception to Law/Revised Charter for Carolingia*(Requires majority to approve)*

Adopt an Imperial Estates Writ that the chapter known as Carolingia be decreed a holy land and as such be forever recorded among in our chapters. As such, it will make no claims to sole use of its mundane physical area and allow the Imperial Crown to approve any events in its borders.

Commentary: The people of Carolingia devised and fleshed out the structure we use today and this will honor the memory of their accomplishments while not preventing any membership from using the area their subdivision once held.

Authors: Lord Wright, HRM Bour

Sponsors: Sir William Baine, CR, and Greor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB11. Amend War Judging in IEW-1*(Requires majority to approve)***D. WAR JUDGING**

1. [~~The War~~] [Entries](#) shall be judged by [a panel of](#) at least three qualified judges [~~per entry~~]. Four judges are recommended, [~~with three primary and an alternate judge designated.~~]
2. [~~Judging panels will have four qualified judges; three main and one alternate judge.~~] The panels should be representative of the armies in the war, and will not favor any army or faction and be chosen for subject matter knowledge and expertise according to each type of entry.
3. The pool of judges should be decided prior to the war based on qualified judges who have notified the MA&S of their willingness to judge.
4. The contenders, the contender's family, and any direct vassals (have sworn personal fealty to the contender) shall not judge.
5. An artisan who has also entered the lists at a war may not judge more than 50% of the entries unless there are too few judges willing to serve.
6. An artisan cannot judge their own work. A judge should not be a family member or close affiliate, if possible.
7. All judging shall be performed as in a standard arts tournament.
8. A tournament win shall be awarded to artisans who have qualifying scores.
9. Masterworks can be awarded.

10. ~~[The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall discuss any scores where one score is five or more points from the next closest score with the judging panel prior to it being recorded by the List Mistress. All judges on the panel must initial each change to a score. A notation discussing the reason for the score change must be made.]~~ The three closest scores will be used for the average and the fourth score will not be used. The MA&S shall discuss any score that differs by more than five from any other score used with the judge, who shall have the opportunity to adjust the score to be more in line with the other scores or that judge will be replaced by two new judges and the same criteria shall be applied. If the ~~[Minister of Arts and Sciences]~~ MA&S and the Crown feel that one of the judges is biased or unreasonable, two additional judges may be selected to judge the piece. ~~[If an alternate judge participated in the judging, their score may be substituted for the out-of-range score.]~~ Neither the ~~[Minister of Arts and Sciences]~~ MA&S nor the Crown may change or “adjust” arts scores.

11. Any change to a score must be initialed by the judge and a notation of the reason for the change shall be made.

Commentary: The changes to 1 and 2 are to get rid of the words “alternate judge”. We need to use the words “4 judges” and not make one different from the others. Then we just take the 3 scores we are going to use. The change to 10 and addition of 11 is to clarify the 5 point difference. Discussing the reason for the score change must be made. If the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Crown feel that one of the judges is biased or unreasonable, two additional judges may be selected to judge the piece. Neither the Minister of Arts and Sciences nor the Crown may change or “adjust” arts scores.

Author: Dame Etaine Llywelyn, KDr

Sponsors: HG Sir William Baine, CR

OB12. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend the title:

Imperial [~~Crown~~] Travel Fund

Commentary: This will then include BoD Officer travel and not limit to just the Imperial Crowns since the BoD travel has become an addition to the Imperial Budget.

Author: Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria

Sponsors: HG Cocah Anatolii of York and HG Margarita Dubious of Cyprus

OB13. Amend IEW 16, Imperial Crown Travel Fund

(Requires majority to approve)

Add the following:

- a. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Crowns for three Imperial Estates Meetings (IEMs), and two Imperial Wars to defray the expenses for such travel. Should the Imperial Crowns decide to do other travel, it is not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income, even if it is within the Estates approved travel budget.

- b. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Chancellor to defray the cost for travel for three IEMs since the Chancellor is required to conduct the IEM. Should the Chancellor not be available to attend the meeting, the Deputy Chancellor's travel will be reimbursed in order to conduct the IEM in the absence of the Imperial Chancellor. Should the Chancellor decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
- c. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Imperial Steward/Treasurer for three IEMs to defray costs for travel since the Steward/Treasurer has the financial responsibility for the Corporation and should be at the IEM. Should the Steward/Treasurer decide to travel to other events, it is at their own expense and not reimbursed with Adrian Membership Income.
- d. The Imperial Travel is directed for use by the Board of Director (BoD) President to defray the costs of travel to the IEMs and BoD meetings. The President is required to conduct the BoD meeting and report directly to the Imperial Estates at the IEM. In the event that the BoD President is unable to attend the meeting, then the Vice President's travel will be covered to conduct the meeting in the President's absence. Should any officer of the BoD decide to travel to other events, it will be at their own expense and not be reimbursed with Adrian Membership Funds.

Commentary: We feel it should be stipulated in the Estates Writ exactly what and for whom the Imperial Travel Budget is used for. It seems over the years that the original intent has been lost and not enough fund raising done to cover the expenditures incurred. In our opinion, the Imperial Travel budget should be used for required travel. Any other travel is not required for the Imperial Crowns, Ministers or BoD Officers. The current Writ simply states this fund "is to help defray travel expenses" for the Imperial Crowns. We believe the funds should be allocated for travel only to the IEM's/BoD meetings; and for the Imperial Crowns, to the attend two Imperial Wars. If the Imperial Crown(s) choses to visit another Region, it should be done for the Imperial Crown Wars wherein more than one chapter will benefit from the visit and have access to the Imperial Crown(s) for that event. If a chapter wants to have an Imperial Crown visit, they can have a fund raiser for that travel.

Author: Her Royal Majesty Shahara of Umbria, Crown

Sponsors: HG Dame Cocah Anatolii of York, CR, HG Hawthorne de Tallyrand Perigord of York, CR, HG Cameron Kilshannig of Umbria, CR, HG Margarita Dubios of Cyprus, CR, HG Marion Leal Durius of Esperance, CR, Sir Dorn der Schwarzen, Crown and Dame Felecia 'the Bold' der Schwarzen of Tyr-Lynn, CR

OB14. Delete IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.1.a.iii Judicial Ban Process, Imperial Crown, 28 member option

(Requires majority to approve)

Delete

- iii. ~~Deleted. [Petition by 28 members of the Imperial Estates whose membership was established at the most recent meeting of the Imperial Estates from at least 3 Chapters (or all Chapters if there be fewer than 3 in existence).]~~

Commentary: This removes the 28 member option but retains the option of 1/3 of the membership.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB15. Amend IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Section A, Article IV.G.3.b. Judicial Ban, Removal

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend as follows:

- b. In the case of a Crown, if the Judicial Ban (including corporate suspension) originated from a body of Estates, that body may remove the Judicial Ban by majority vote at any convened meeting or by Petition supported by ~~2/3~~ a majority of that body.

Commentary: If half of the body is against the petition, the 2/3 majority required for conviction cannot be achieved.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB16. Amend Bylaws Article III.B to simplify the membership names

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

1. Participating [~~Single~~] Membership
The basic membership, conveying the right to earn knightly rank, receive precedence bearing awards, have arms registered, and the right to hold office in the Adrian Empire, serves as the primary point of contact for the purposes of notification and publications.
2. Participating Family Membership
This includes all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family. The rights of participating [~~single~~] membership extend to family members.
(Chancery Note: This membership category shall be consistent with current IRS policy, which also includes a cohabitating couple.)
3. Participating [~~Single~~] Life Membership
A member, who pays 10 times the current participating [~~single~~] membership fee, holds a participating [~~single~~] membership for life.
4. Associate Membership
A member of any Imperially approved organization (or a Chapter or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership. The rights of participating [~~single~~] membership extend to associate members.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB17. Amend Lex Adria Article VI. Summoning Meetings

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Article VI.A.2.b:

- b. By ~~[any three members]~~ a petition of one-third of the membership of the body ~~[who must reside in different Chapters (the meeting must be for a location in a Chapter in which none of the summoning members resides.) If a Banner War is announced by March 1 as per Article XV.A., and a Civil War challenge is issued, members who reside in the Estate of the announced War site may still summon an Imperial Estates Meeting to void a challenge.]~~ presented to the Chancellor.
- i. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
 - ii. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
 - iii. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.

iv. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

And Article VI.D (CHAPTER GOVERNING BODY; SUMMONING MEETINGS), paragraph 3:

A Meeting of the Estates may also be summoned by [~~three members~~] a petition of one-third of the membership of that body presented to the Chancellor. [~~The meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a time and location within the Chapter.~~]

1. The petition must set the date, location, and time of the meeting, and state the proposals to be considered.
2. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the meeting.
3. A majority of the membership of the body may reject the summoning of the meeting by submitting a counter-petition to the Chancellor.
4. The Chancellor shall promptly validate the petition and announce the cancellation of the meeting.

(Chancery Note: [~~This meeting must meet all other requirements for an official event. See Article V.~~]If the meeting is summoned, it must satisfy the notice requirements or the first item of business upon achieving quorum shall be to waive notice.)

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB18. Amend Lex Adria, Article XV.A Pax Regium

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria Article XV.A. paragraph 2:

In any event, the Imperial Minister of War, [~~shall advise the~~] Imperial Chancellor, and the Imperial Crown[~~, and the Imperial Chronicler~~] shall confer and the Crown shall determine and announce [~~of~~] the site or sites of the Memorial Day Imperial War no later than March 1 preceding the War. [~~The Imperial Chronicler shall cause this information to be published well in advance of the war.~~]

Chancellor's Note: The Imperial Crown is the agent of the Adrian Empire and must sanction and approve the contracts for any sites to be used. Further, the Crown has the sole right to determine the locations of the War sites.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB19. Amend IEW 03, Steward's Manual, and Create a new IEW to change the issuance of membership cards

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend IEW-3, III.C as follows:

... The only acceptable membership form is Imperially authorized. The Imperial Steward will issue membership numbers [~~and cards~~] for each member[; ~~the membership cards may be mailed~~] which will be provided to the Steward of the Chapter [~~or each member~~]. Members whose membership is up for renewal are given a 30 day grace period in which to pay their dues. ...

Create a new IEW (#45): Membership Cards:

A membership card form shall be authorized by the Steward. The card shall consist of 4 parts.

- I. The first part will provide space for
 - A. the member's name, persona and membership number to be completed by the Chapter Steward;

- B. Archery authorization (Bowman, Huntsman, Rangemaster) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Archery; and
- C. Arts authorization (Journeyman, Knights' list, Scribe, Judge) to be completed by the Chapter Minister of Arts and Science.
- II. The second part shall be the liability waiver, which the member shall sign.
- III. The third part shall be the Combat qualification card, and the fourth part shall be the additional weapons qualifications; these sections shall be completed by the Chapter Ministry of War and Joust.
- IV. The cards will be multifold, the size of a business card when folded.

Commentary: We have received concerns and questions regarding why membership cards are called for but not being issued. As a practical matter, a one-size-fits-all card, issued by the Chapter, is the best solution in our opinion.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB20. Amend Lex Adria Article XVI for clarity and simplification

(Requires majority to approve)

Reword Lex Adria Article XVI.B.6.a.iii as follows for simplification and clarity:

iii. Determine the relative percentage to be assigned to each site.

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the War at each site, but no later than 7:00 pm Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War) the Imperial Chancellor's representative at that site shall communicate the results to the Imperial Chancellor, [~~the results of the War. Results at each war site shall be communicated to the Imperial Chancellor or designated representative for tabulation no later than 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Labor Day (or Memorial Day if an Imperial Civil War). Upon receiving all the points, the Imperial Chancellor~~] who shall tabulate the results and announce the winner of the Imperial Crown War.

Commentary: The wording of XVI.B.6.a.iii is redundant and unnecessarily complex and wordy. This simplifies it.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB21. Correct the definition of Writs in Lex Adria Glossary

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify the Glossary as follows

Crown Writs - The [~~written decisions~~] rules made by the Crown.

Estates Writs - The [~~written decisions~~] rules made by the Estates [~~General~~].

Commentary: What to have for lunch, the outcome of a trial, a legal interpretation, a resolution, these are decisions. Writs are rules, they are to be followed, not just acknowledged. A simple majority is required as the Glossary is not law; it is guideline not rising to the level of law.

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

OB22. Amendments to IEW 18 to correct the term "Geographic Chapter" and include missing order information

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW 18, Armigerous Rights, as follows:

Article II.B.4 Kingdom

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter[s] and Estate Royal, ruled by a King or Queen.

Article II.B.7 Archduchy

[~~Geographic~~] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess.

Article II.B.8 Duchy

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess.

Article II.B.13 Shire

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Minor, ruled by a Viceroy or Vicereine ...

Article II.B.22 Lord/Lady Protector

Temporary position, acting as the Crown of a [**Geographic**] Chapter for a period of less than 1 year.

Option A:

1. Archduchy/Duchy

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess or a Duke or a Duchess depending on the membership of the Chapter. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Archduke <name>", "Duke <name>", "Archduchess <name>", or "Duchess <name>" according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation as "Duc".

2. Deleted[**Duchy**

~~Geographic Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Duke <name>" or "Duchess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation such as "Duc".]~~

(See Appendix B for additional Orders)

Option B:

2. Archduchy

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by an Archduke or Archduchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Archduke <name>", or "Archduchess <name>", according to gender and preference, or may use a non-English translation.

3. Duchy

[**Geographic**] Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Duke or a Duchess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Grace" or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Duke <name>" or "Duchess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation such as "Duc".

Authors: HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Add to Lex Adria limits to new Chapter land grants

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.F.3.a.v:

The land granted to a Chapter shall be those named counties, municipalities, or bordered portions thereof, which need not be contiguous, in which its members live or hold local events (at least once every two years).

If there is a conflict in the granting of lands due to cohabitation or co-use, and the Chapters cannot agree on a division or to share said lands, previous charters and agreements will remain in force.

Imperial lands may be used by any Chapter with Imperial Crown authorization.

Option:

Strike the references to where members live.

Commentary: *The expansion of the Empire has been hindered by Chapters who have been granted large areas in which they do not have members or play, yet will not permit the establishment of new Chapters or use by other, closer Chapters. This “strict adherence to artificial, imaginary maps” has been detrimental to the Empire, its growth, and the maintenance of our membership.*

Authors: *HG Sr William Baine, KPr, HG Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

NB2. Amend Lex Adria Article VI.A.2 to limit Emergency IEMs

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.A2

c. Emergency Electronic meetings shall consider no more than 3 items in a 24 hour time period.

d. No face-to-face meeting shall be called for less than 6 business items.

Commentary: *Our recent experience showed the actual cost and inconvenience we can incur, both and an Empire and as individuals, for only a couple of agenda items. Yet, a real emergency can come up, and we need a reasonable method of addressing it. But we also need to be able to limit the conditions under which we will expend the effort and money for face-to-face meetings. We need to address electronic meetings in a separate proposal.*

Authors: *HG Sr William Baine, KPr, HG Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

NB3. Elevate Counties to Estates Major

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria to elevate Counties to Estates Major:

Article VI.D CHAPTER 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, [~~and~~] Third-Level Knight and Count/Countess.

Estates Minor - That portion of the Estates General consisting of [~~Count/Countess,~~] Baron/Baroness, Second- Level Knight, Household Lord/Lady.

Commentary: *Once again, this is offered to address the imbalance between representative and personal votes. With this proposal, a Duchy may earn a Major Estate, an Archduchy could achieve 2, and a Kingdom may earn more. A version of this was proposed, and rejected, last year.*

Sponsors: *HG William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR*

NB4. Amend Lex Adria Article VII.E to change the requirements for Landed Estates

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Option A: Reduce the minimum membership for Landed Estates

Amend Lex Adria Article VII.E as follows:

E. ESTATES

... A March is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[50]~~40 members, A County is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[35]~~20 members, a Barony is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[15]~~10 members and a Household is an estate entity consisting of at least 5 members.

Option B: Define the Landed Estates in terms of Feudalism

E. ESTATES

... A March is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[50 members]~~2 Counties, A County is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[35 members]~~2 Baronies, a Barony is an estate entity consisting of at least ~~[15 members]~~2 Houses and a Household is an estate entity consisting of at least 5 members.

Commentary: This provides several advantages: it provides more representational votes, and it provides a more consistent Estate advancement.

Authors: HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR, HG William Baine, KPr

NB5. Add a Guideline for Holding an IEM

(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)

Add the following to Lex Adria Article VI.A1:

d. Proximate to:

- i. International Airports that are also major hubs (ordinarily understood travel or connection hubs: e.g. Phoenix, LA, San Diego, Orlando, Las Vegas, Denver, Atlanta, Chicago, ...) or
- ii. Adrian population centers (at least 100 members)

Commentary: This seems to be a consensus of the desires of those who were not happy with the selection of the site for the previous IEMs.

Authors: HG Sir William Baine, KPr, Hg Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DI1. Create a policy for IT

Establish an IT policy for all Imperial activities

1. Asset Management: A system that monitors and maintains items of value.
 - a. Laptop: Who is responsible for maintaining? Where do we obtain?
 - i. Warranty
 - b. Software: What software is needed to perform duties of position maintaining the physical item? How often do we upgrade software we get to newer versions?
 - i. Editor: Word, Open Office?
 - ii. Virus: Kaspersky, Norton, MacAfee? Which offers the best protection?
 - c. Domain: Who controls, who has access? If we had to gain control of the domain how would we do that?
 - i. Do we have the option to set up emails through the domain for Imperial positions?
 1. This will maintain a central location for business emails to be located. And will maintain continuity of information coming into Imperial

Positions across the years. This also removes personal emails from public sites.

- d. Working Documents: What documents does the Empire maintain and who do they belong to?
2. Back up
 - a. Site: Who maintains a backup?
 - i. What's the policy of our hosting provider should things go bad with the hosting plan?
 - b. Working docs: Per our hosting providers Terms of Service files on the hosting plan have to be used for the site. We need to come up with a central location to store and make documents available for edits. Something like Google Docs or Online File Storage through Go Daddy. Not sure if Blue Host has something similar.
 - c. Update protocols: Who updates what? How are things 'checked out' for edits? Some services allow multiple people in the same document for edits: Google Docs, SharePoint

Commentary: Seeing a need for a policy for IT within the Adrian Empire, I have drafted this as a beginning.

Author: Dame Giselle Arndt, CR

Sponsor: Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau CR

NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES: **1-2 NOVEMBER, 2014**
(Region 2)

ADJOURNMENT:

Appendix A. Civil Court Reports

- Case:** Cv Ct Imp 1403__-1 – Interpretation of IEW 2 (Codex Adjudicata) IV.G.1.a.iv
- Petitioners:** HIM Wright Bentwood
- Petition:** Does the attempt at petition activate the special review process for the BoD membership or do they have to meet all of the requirements and then fail at the crown suspension vote?
- Panel:** HIH (Eric Malmquist), (Denise Thompson), (Jerry Edwards)
- Summary:** The initiation of a special petition, whether successful or not, requires the continued service review of the involved BoD members.
- Reasoning:** The attempt of a Special Petition to remove either the President or the Crown, would trigger the service review of the involved BoD members. Nowhere in the law does it state that it is contingent on success or failure. The words in the law: “in addition, and shall” require the review.
- Ruling:** The initiation of a special petition, whether successful or not, requires the continued service review of the involved BoD members.

Appendix B. Additional Imperial Orders

Add to Article III.A:

16. The Imperial Order of the Golden Cross
Sable, a cross and in canton a fleur-de-lis Or. (Black, a gold cross and in upper left a gold fleur-de-lis.)
 This order grants precedence equal to that of Viscount and Viscountess (non-Founding). Granted solely by the Imperial Crowns, this Order is reserved for those members who have shown years of exemplary and exceptional service to the Empire without recognition. Considered a “lifetime achievement award”, this award may be granted at most once per reign to as many individuals as the Imperial Crowns deem worthy.
17. The Order of the Empress’ Grace
Quarterly Azure and Sable, a griffin statant Argent. (Quartered blue and black, a silver griffin standing on all four feet.)
 This Order grants precedence equal to that of Lord or Lady. This award is given by Her Imperial Majesty for service with chivalry and honor to the Empire, Imperial Crown, or Chapter.
18. The Order of the Golden Arrow –
[Fieldless] An arrow fesswise Or. (A gold arrow, displayed horizontally, pointing to the left).
 This Order grants no precedence and is given by the Imperial Crown to any member who wins the Champions’ Archery Shoot at both Imperial Wars during that Crown’s reign.
19. Inactive Orders
 The following Orders are no longer active within the Adrian Empire. Though these Orders are no longer granted by Imperial, Kingdom, or Ducal Crowns, any member who had achieved membership within one of these Orders prior to the publication of this list (March, 2014) may retain the use of any badges, symbols, honorifics, or rights of precedence the Order previously granted. Reactivation of any of these Orders may happen upon the prerogative of the Imperial Crown, by bestowing membership upon an individual, and shall require the Imperial Crown notify the Imperial Sovereign of Arms that the Order is being reactivated.
 - A. Order of Saint Bridget
Sable, a stag’s massacre Vert and in chief a flame Gules.
 - B. Order of Saint Gabriel
Vert, a maltese cross and a border Or.
 - C. Order of the Celestial Raven
Gules, a raven and in chief three estoiles Or.
 - D. Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem
Several badges. See below:
 1. *Azure, a cross radiant and a border embattled Argent.*
 2. *Sable, a maltese cross Argent and on a chief Gules, four maltese crosses Argent.*
 3. *Sable, a pale Gules and overall a maltese cross Argent.*
 4. *Gules, a pale Sable and overall a maltese cross Argent.*
 5. *[Fieldless] A maltese cross Argent.*
 6. *Azure, a maltese cross and a border embattled Argent.*
 7. *Gules, a maltese cross Argent.*
 - E. Order of the Fu – (No badge registered.)
 - F. Order of the Rose – [Tinctureless] A rose.
 - G. Order of the Quest Knights - Knights who place one tenant of Chivalry so far above the rest they lose overall Chivalric standing. This order is for those that mean well but lose the high ground through blindness.

- H. Order of Sir Galahad - Order for those Quest Knights that after 1 year have shown they have discovered that no part of chivalric virtue can be abandoned for another. They learn that the Knight is not defined by the armor, sword or title, but by the beating heat of the soul.
- I. Order of Woe - For those Quest Knights that after 1 year cannot come to terms that they are not supposed to be selective about which parts of chivalric virtue they practice.

Add to Article III.B:

- 7. Ministry of Archery:
Vert, a sheaf of arrows Or. (Green, three golden arrows, points downward).
- 8. Archivist:
Per chevron flory-counter flory Azure and Or, in base a lion passant guardant Argent. (Divided in an upside down "V" formation in blue and gold, each side of the dividing line being charged with fluer-de-lis, with gold fleur-de-lis appearing on the blue, and blue fleur-de-lis appearing on the gold. At the base, a silver lion, paw raised, with its faced turned to look at the viewer.)
- 9. Chancellor:
Azure, a cross Or between four castles Argent. (Blue, a gold cross between four silver castles, one in each corner.)
- 10. Children's Activities:
Or, flaunches Argent, a unicorn rampant Argent, maned Gules, maintaining a scroll Or. (Gold with two silver semi-circles on each side, on top of that a silver unicorn with a red mane holding a gold scroll.)
- 11. Education:
Azure, an owl Or. (Blue, a gold owl.)
- 12. Hospitaler:
Azure, a chest Or. (Blue, a gold chest.)
- 13. Joust & War:
Gules, two axes in saltire and a sword Or. (Red, two gold axes crossed and on top of that a gold sword).

Appendix C. Letter of Intent for Board of Directors Candidates

Letter of Intent to be considered for Region 1:

I would like to put my name forward to serve another term on the Board of Directors. I have enjoyed my term so far, and I hope to put my knowledge to good use of Canadian Law.

Mundane History:

I am currently a Certified Health and Safety Auditor. This requires me to be familiar with provincial and federal law, WSBC regulations, OHS regulations, and keep up with changes within. I have been doing this job for the past 7 years. I also have an honours diploma in Office administration and 20 years administration experience. I have just completed my CHSC designation - Certified Health and Safety Consultant through the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (CSSE).

Adrian History:

2 years Arch Duchess of Alhambra
Baroness of Alhambra
Viscountess Alhambra
Champion of the Legion of Alhambra
Order of St.Alban
1+ year Duchess of Connacht
Baroness of Connacht
Current Arch Duchess of Connacht
Cauldron of Connacht
Sword of Connacht

Knight Premier
Knight Bachelor
Knight Archer

Thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,
Mka. Judith King, CHSC
Chevaliere Gabriele Silverhand

I wish to submit myself for continued service as a member of the BoD. It is my belief that through trial and tribulations the BoD is moving forward in a more organized and responsive manner. I have learned a great deal about not only myself but the responsibilities and commitments we must adhere to as Board members. Also the necessity of holding ourselves as well as other members accountable for their commitments and duties within the board, is I believe a very large step in facilitating a functioning Board. With you permission I would like to work with this current and future team to gain even more ground.

Thank you Anthony Derivi

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Greetings,

It is my intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. I have been a participating member of Adria for the past thirteen years and would like to learn more about the Governing body of our incorporation and give something back.

I believe myself to be a fair person with a variety of mundane and Adrian skills and experience that would be beneficial as a member of the BOD.

Mundanely I have worked in a professional capacity and have learned how to interact with clients and co-workers in a professional manner. I have research capabilities that I learned through writing a Master Thesis and conducting field research. In Adria I have held a variety of ministerial positions in the Duchy of Alhambra and formerly the Duchy of Carleone. These positions include Steward, Marshal, Arts & Sciences and I held the position of Crown for three years.

On a more personal note, my greatest concern for the members of the Empire at this time is finding balance between the grind of politics and the joy and fun for the game. I recently went to an SCA event and noticed that they too are struggling with membership loss. There are many reasons for membership loss as we all well know... however, with that said I feel that striving to maintain a healthy balance and directing members to focus on the fun of the game is paramount. This ideology, if elected, will be my foundation when giving recommendations coupled with avid research and fact finding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Cryssida Blackwood of the Clan McKlaine

Lady of Imperial Court

Baroness of the Duchy of Alhambra

Knight Archer

Knight Bachelor

Knight Premier

I Sir Klaus van Isbjerg (Dan olsen) Knight Premier, Knight Champion, life member of the Adrian Empire from the Duchy of Tyr-linn, declare my desire to run for the at large position as a member of the board of director of the Adrian empire incorporated.

Mundane qualifications:

Masters of Business Administration

Expert in organizational development, extensive project management and held positions up to division manager herby state my qualifications there of.

Best regards

Dan olsen

Aka: Sir Klaus van Isbjerg

Knight Premiere

Knight Champion

Knight Robe

Baron of Terre Nueve

Lord Protector of the San Diego River Valley

Retired bishop of Luepzig

Appendix D. Playtest of Rawlings type synthetic sword

Scope:

The intent is to determine the suitability, if possible, of the Rawlings brand synthetic sword as a possible replacement to the shinai that has been used for the past 20 years to simulate armored/unarmored medieval combat. The author refuses to provide an opinion for or against this weapon and leave it to those who read this document to form their own opinion.

Weapon details

Longsword:

Retail Price: \$73 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1837>):

Blade Length 96.5cm (38") - \$43 Guard 24cm (9 ½") - \$16 Handle/Grip 19.5cm (7 ¾") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") - \$16 Hilt Length 27cm (10 ½") Total Length 124cm (48 ½") Total Weight 785g (1.73lbs) POB 6"

All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon swords offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Shortsword: Retail Price: \$70 + tax (complete sword)

From the website (<http://www.woodenswords.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=1854>):

Blade Length 86.5cm (34") - \$43 Guard 20cm (8") – \$16 Handle/Grip 11.5cm (4 ½") - \$16 Pommel 6.5cm (2 ½") \$16 Hilt Length 19cm (7 ½") Total Length 106cm (41 ½") Weight 698g (1.54lbs) POB 5.5" All sizes are approximate.

From the manufacturer's website: Our swords are designed as the ultimate training tool. They can be used like a waster for Drilling and Pell Work and can also be used for Sparring (with appropriate protection). The Blades are constructed to flex in the last 1/3 towards the tip. This gives us a blade that can be used for thrusting (protection should ALWAYS be worn) without being whippy. The blade/tang joint (traditionally a weak point) is reinforced by a steel rod running along the full length of the handle. This also removes any flex in the handle traditionally associated with plastic training swords. The Standard Guard is constructed from nylon. The ball shaped quillions are designed for safety when sparring (large surface area = less chance of being impaled). They are modeled using the same dimensions as seen on an existing 15th Century Longsword. This is a nice example of a historical design that helps us with safe sparring. The slide on Grips are constructed from a thermoplastic elastomer to provide the feel of leather over wood. They offer excellent impact absorption without feeling spongy. The Pommel is constructed from nylon. This provides our swords with excellent balance and makes them safer than metal pommels for pommel strikes. A brass nut is molded into the pommel to provide a tight metal on

metal joint to the tang. The swords can be taken apart easily by unscrewing the pommel. This not only makes transporting them easy – it also allows you to customize your sword with our range of interchangeable parts (available separately). The swords weigh about 2/3 of the weight of a real sword. This is designed to lower the impact when sparring. The weight is kept back towards the hilt further lessening this impact. They are very well balanced and are heavier than most wooden wasters on the market. Materials Our range of swords is manufactured in the U.K to the highest quality. They are constructed from high grade nylon (U.K. sourced for quality control) instead of cheaper polypropylene used by other manufacturers. Nylon offers much greater durability, impact resistance and performs in a wider range of temperatures.

Practical application analysis.

Joel has personally owned the longsword for 2 years and has been using it weekly for that time. The sword has proven very durable against both shinai and another Rawlings sword. No other types of swords have been used against this weapon. Stainless steel pommel and cross guards are available but were not purchased as they add about 10.5 oz of weight each and change the balance point of the weapon. They were also not available 2 years ago.

The manufacturer analysis is fairly accurate. The sword is not very whippy when wielded properly but did exhibit some floppiness when wielded improperly (such as on the flat), but these characteristics are actually no different than the metal feather swords on the market that are also used for unarmored combat.

The sword was taken to the National Steel Tournament (NST) in Nevada in October of 2012. The crowns of Albion allowed their field to be used to test the swords and demonstrate them to the Empress. The sword was handed to both knights and current shinai fighters to spar with and described their opinions about them. As these were intended to be true analogs to the metal originals, thrusting was allowed and was done frequently. The blades flexed reasonably, even when run upon and no one expressed a fear of the sword breaking or of being injured. Each fighter went to Empress Etaine, who was present, and gave their opinion of the weapon to her. Overpowered testing did occur in which a subject either struck or were struck intentionally with blows of significant power deemed in excess of the rules. This was done with permission and demonstrated the weapon's ability to withstand strikes that are considered too hard. Protective equipment, including the fencing mask was not damaged. It does need to be noted that a metal shield, normally used in steel, was used as part of the playtest and noticeable damage was incurred on the weapon. Shinais used against this shield also noted similar gouges, but not as deep as was done to the nylon. This particular shield had a metal rolled edge and not covered in leather or rubber.

Some combatants remarked that receiving strikes with the weapon did feel like it hit harder than when struck with a shinai but also noted that due to the lighter weight of the weapon it was easier to strike harder because they could swing faster. These same combatants also noted that when fighting someone who was more skilled at controlling the strikes, the hits were less painful. All of these combatants were wearing at least one piece of armor that was the bare minimum allowed by Adria rules and these were the areas they expressed pain when struck.

Cost and benefits vs detriments comparison.

The shinai offers a cheap means of participating in combat. On average a typical, non-tournament grade shinai runs \$30, and once broken you would replace the entire weapon for another \$30. The Rawlings sword costs \$70/\$73 for a complete sword. This is a one-time cost. After this, when the sword breaks you only need to replace the part that broke (\$16 or \$43). The blade itself is \$13 more than a whole shinai, but the characteristics of both are completely different and really cannot be compared with any kind of reasonable accuracy.

Before now the technology did not allow for an accurate analog to a medieval sword without it being made of metal and still conform to the necessary protection requirements currently in place. The swords provided by Rawlings are the analog we've been waiting for.

The benefits of this weapon are:

- 1). The increased level of accuracy to the real western medieval sword of the period.
- 2). The sword is safe for thrusting, which was a characteristic of a sword that was unavailable to us before.

3). It's customizable and parts interchangeable, you can choose different pommels and if something breaks you only need to purchase the broken part, not a whole new sword.

4). They hold up to a shinai, so shinai's can be used on the same field as the Rawlings synthetic sword, However, the detriment is to the shinai as you cannot thrust with a shinai like you can with the Rawlings synthetic sword.

The detriments of this weapon are:

1). Increased cost. The cost of buying a complete weapon is twice that of a shinai, the cost of a replacement blade if it breaks is still \$10 more than the average cost of a shinai as noted earlier in this document.

2). They are not indestructible. While nylon and bamboo are not the same material, both can still be damaged in the course of using the weapons and can eventually lead to the weapon breaking. The overall life of this weapon can be decreased at a faster rate if used improperly, possibly in less time than the shinai. However, this is only theory as no destructive testing was conducted here.

3). There is a learning curve. Shinai's, just like rattan do not require a specific manner in which to wield them, the Rawlings synthetic sword is much like a real sword and therefore requires more training/practice to use them effectively.

4). There are no pole weapons, axes or maces. Only swords currently exist from Rawlings. There is a rubber headed pollaxe on the market, however the size and density of the head make it unsuitable and unsafe for unarmored combat.

5). Have the potential to hit harder because of the thinner surface area and significantly lighter weight (blade edge as opposed to the shinai slat).

Incidents:

1. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was injured during a war scenario when he received a thrust that went under the bib of his mask and struck his gorget. While the strike did cause him to stop and get his breath, no damage to the throat area or bruising was present. Ritter Dietrich commented that the feeling was similar to taking a rapier thrust to the gorget. Physicker did not feel it necessary to pull him from the field and Ritter Dietrich chose to continue. His analysis detailed below.

2. On 4/13/13. Ritter Dietrich was again injured during a war scenario when he received a slash to the index finger to his right hand. Sir Geoffrey chose to sacrifice himself to the opposing arming in an attempt to take someone out of the battle with him. He came forward and dropped to his knees with the blade extended and struck Ritter Dietrich with the strong of the weapon, on top of the index finger near the back of the hand. Ritter Dietrich was wearing a leather work glove for protection. His finger did show some swelling and bruising and Ritter Dietrich chose to pull himself from the field. Ritter Dietrich later confirmed that he suffered a fractured finger as a result of this incident (see email below)

FAQ:

Q: Can these things hit too hard?

A: Absolutely. Just like any weapon currently used within the Empire, these have the potential to be "abused" or used with excessive force leading to potential injury. Also like any weapon currently used within the Empire a certain amount of training and practice is expected to the point where one can use the weapon in a safe manner. Of course accidents happen, if they didn't we wouldn't need a physicker. The challenge will be most apparent with veteran combatants as they have the greatest potential of overpower since they are accustomed to the speed and force necessary to be effective in shinai related scenarios and these will require a more skilled touch.

Q: Is this playtest intended to replace shinai altogether?

A: No. Maybe in the future someone will make that proposal, but this is simply meant to introduce a new type of light weapon analog that is more physically accurate for our corporate framework that was previously unavailable.

Q: Does this company make pole weapons?

A: No. Rawlings does not make pollaxes. Purpleheart Armory, where I purchased these swords does make a rubber headed pollaxe that are to be attached to wood hafts. My personal opinion is that these are more suited for armored combat. As a result, the shinai “pollaxe” is still the only suitable weapon for simulating the use of a pollaxe in unarmored combat.

Participant Commentary:

This last Saturday (10/13/12) i participated in the play test of the new shinai replacement swords. Thrusting: they seem to work very well to bring the thrusting aspect to the field without any problems. Flat hit: the hit hard and left a pretty good welt and bruise on my right arm. On edge hit: i believe it hits too hard i took quite a few hits from it most hurt i bit nothing too bad but one to the knuckles caused me to have switch hands because i lost feeling in my hand and it still throbs today. A shot that landed on my left arm left a pretty good welt and limited the use of the arm for a while and those with a body shot caused me to pretty much say i was done with the fight even though i had energy to fight on i just did not want to get hit again. Now its possible the person i was fighting Was a little too powered up but I can’t remember taking a shinai hit that ever hurt like those did. Now as far as using them in the future I can see with knights and people not so new being deal able but for new people or 13 year olds I can see this being a problem and people getting hurt or not letting their kids fight or just not doing shinai. If the armor requirements went up a little it may be possible but without softening the slashing blows landing force somehow (like the foam versions) i don't see these being safe especially for the youth. Equipment worn: Motorcycle gloves with reinforced leather and elbow pads gorget and helm with hood and fencing jacket (it should be noted that the fencing jacket has no sleeves and only protected the torso, the sleeves of his shirt was the only protection against strikes to the arms). Sir Logan

It was much better this time though a little overpowering and it has the potential to hurt a lot
 Sir Logan (after testing them a second time at a different event)

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Sir Connor,

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to test out your new weapon. I enjoyed it tremendously. One of the things I liked most about using this weapon was that it allowed me to feel more in control of the weapon, I was able to move easier and better than with a Shanai. As I mentioned I am very new to this sport, so I cannot make a lot of comparisson one vs the other. The one thing I didn't like about this weapon was that the hit was harder than with the Shanai. As it is light weight it will take some getting used to so as not to over power the hit. I apologize if that seems a bit contradictory I was able to handle the weapon better, able to block and go on the attack easier, but it was a bit more difficult to control the power behind some of the hits for me.

I look foward to trying this weapon again when I become a more experienced fighter.

Let me know if you require more input or information. I would be happy to answer questions about my experience using this weapon.

Sincerely,

YIS

Brigid Guildeforge

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After fighting with the new shinai alternatives, I am impressed. They handle better, look better, and promote better technique. I did fracture my finger upon recieving a blow from them, but that was more the physics than anything unsafe. I also recieved a thrust to the throat, but this has happened to me in rapier and could very well be an armor issue on my part. Overall. I very much like these waepons and feel that Adria would benefit from their approval.

Ritter Dietrich Von Holstien

Imperial Minister of Joust & War

Knight Champion