



**Adrian Empire  
Imperial Estates Meeting  
28-29 March, 2015  
Agenda**

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## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Date and Time:**

Fri, 27 March: TBA, BoD Meeting

Sat, 28 March: 7:45 – 9:15 Sign In

9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting

Sun, 29 March: 9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

**Airport:**

Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) located in Hebron, Kentucky.

There are 4 other airports that are within 2 hours:

Dayton International Airport (DAY),

Louisville International Airport (SDF),

Lexington Airport (LEX), and

Indianapolis International Airport (IND)

**Location:**

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport

1717 Airport Exchange Blvd

Erlanger KY 41018

**Reservations:**

Phone: (859)746-5608

**Room Rates:**

\$99/day + applicable taxes (11.3%)

There are also suites available. When you call to make the reservations tell them you are with the Adrian Empire. To make sure you get the rate please make your reservations before March 13<sup>th</sup>. We have blocks of room set aside from March 26<sup>th</sup> thru March 29<sup>th</sup>, for those of you that might need to come early or stay late.

**Amenities and Other Hotel Information**

The hotel has an indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, and fitness center. There is also a business center that has a computer, printer, and fax. The hotel does have wireless internet. They can provide cords and power strips for a cost of \$10 a day.

**Local Transportation:**

There is an airport shuttle from the Cincinnati Airport. They have 2 vans that pick up every 15 minutes. After you get your baggage go outside and follow the signs to the Hotel Shuttle pick up.

**Restaurant Information:**

There is a restaurant in the hotel plus a shuttle that will take us to Crestview Hills Town Center where there is a multitude of restaurants and shopping. There is a Carraba's (Italian), Max and Ermas (American), Abulos (Mexican), The Pub (English), BW3 (Wings), Moe's (Burritos), 5 Guys (Burgers) just to name a few.

**Site Autocrats:**

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Jerry Edwards (513)456-3998

**Authority:****As per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b, Membership Suspension (Special Panel):**

Upon notification of the above (a.), the Imperial Crown shall convene a special panel composed of the Crown(s) of the member's Chapter, and two Royal Crowns from a rotational list rotating each time the panel is used, and four members elected by the Imperial Estates to serve on the panel starting in March to serve for one year (at which time, new members would be elected). The Imperial Estates shall also elect two alternate panel members to serve in the stead of any elected panel members who be unavailable to serve. All members of the Panel must be at least 18 years of age, a member in good standing and a Knight.

**Lex Adria Article VI.E.4 Meeting Date, March**

The Imperial Estates shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:

- a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)

**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

### SIGN IN

### CALL TO ORDER

### 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

### 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 Nov 2014 IEM.

### CROWN BUSINESS

#### CRB1. Charter Amendments

*Chancellor's Note: As per Lex Adria 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 Reduction in Status:

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Glymore

Esperance (within 10%)

*Commentary: It was His Imperial Majesties intention that Glynmore be included in the protective exclusion of IEW-46, and, even though Glynmore was formed before the passage of IEW-4 and is still under numbers and, technically, they did not lose any lands, they are sharing all of their lands with Albion-Rayonne.*

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Alhambra (19/20)

Lancaster (18/20)

Wolfendorf (17/20)

Altland (4/5)

Malta (4/5)

**B Elevate the following Chapter in status:***(Requires majority to approve)*

1. none

**C Approve the Charter of New Chapter***(Requires majority to approve)*

1. none

**D Other Amendments**

1. none

*(Requires majority to approve)***CRB2. Amend Membership Form/Waiver***(Requires majority to approve)*

Amend the membership form and waivers to include new language for dispute resolution as follows:

*Commentary: Shortcomings in our waiver have been made apparent due to our lawsuit. The Imperial Crown is seeking permission to alter the waiver to language to be provided by our attorneys to close these shortcomings.*

**CRB3. Disposition of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books***(Requires majority to approve)*

Authority for the Crown to disburse one Adrian 20th Anniversary book to each chapter as a recruitment aid and then destroy the remaining stockpile.

*Commentary: We currently have over 10 boxes of these books no one wants. They are big, heavy and take up to much room in my house. The cost to ship and store is high due to the weight. We wish to use what we can productively and destroy the excess.*

**CRB4. Reduce Lifetime Banishment Requirement***(Requires majority to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria Article F.1 as follows

- b. By a unanimous vote:

- i. [~~Extend banishment of a member beyond three years (see Article XI.B.9.e.).~~]

Removed

- c. By a 2/3rd's majority:

...

- vii. Extend banishment of a member beyond three years (see Article XI.B.9.e.).

*Commentary: This will reduce the lifetime banishment 100% requirement amend to 2/3rds. As it is, Imperial Estates holders facing banishment could block the extention w/o judicial ban.*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS**

*Commentary: The BOD has submitted these items before sending to the Imperial Crown for suggested implementation. Upon review the Crown may implement some of these suggestions. However they are being included here for populace informational purposes as non voting and discussion items. The Imperial Estates could await the decision of the Crown or move to vote on these items before crown consideration.*

### **BOD1. Recommendation to Put the Pledge on all Electronic Sites**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Place the following on the home page of all sites:

- A. I pledge to uphold the highest standards of integrity and to adhere to a code of values to be incorruptible To be fair, impartial, honest, free from self-interest, prejudice and favoritism To be loyal, unswerving in allegiance to my lawful Crown and government and To be respectful, polite, considerate, and demonstrate admiration for people's good qualities and achievements
- B. As above but with the addition of:
  - 1. Start of local opening Court
  - 2. ii. Local estates meetings
  - 3. iii. IEM
  - 4. iv. Knighting ceremonies v. Crowning ceremonies
  - 5. vi. Creating a banner to be displayed

### **BOD2. Recommend Changing the Imperial and Local Stewards' Responsibilities**

*(Requires 2/3 majority to approve)*

Recommend moving the responsibility from the Imperial Steward to the Local Stewards:

- A. Entering information at a local level – Imperial Steward verifying information accuracy. Locked out 30 days before a meeting.
- B. Taking payments and depositing directly to the Imperial fund. Local Steward report – must include what memberships were entered. With the eventual goal of having a system through the website to pay with PayPal.

### **BOD3. Modify the New Crown Handbook**

*(Requires 2/3 majority to approve)*

Add a page to the end of the handbook that includes a sign off of understanding what the roles and responsibilities of taking on this position include. Some kind of electronic sign off to be sent to the Imperial Crown automatically.

### **BOD4. Approval for Go-To-Meeting**

The BOD would like approval to incur the cost of the electronic meetings.

- A. Go-To-Meeting Research – up to 25 callers at a time:
- B. So the packages available on their website are \$39/month... but that is for a full year so it would be: \$468 for the year. OR
- C. We can do a month/month billing of \$49/month... which would equate into: \$245 for the year if we use it 5 times. 3x IEM plus the 2 extra meetings in between the IEMs we were discussing.
- D. The bonus is, we have it for the entire month each time... so if there is something that comes up and we need to get together again within the month... it is already paid for... or if HIM needed to do a conference with say his ministers... they could use it as well. Imperial Ministers – can hold online meetings. Classes could be held.



## CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Changes to Bylaws and Writs

*(Notice only, no approval required)*

- A. Correct the typographic error in Bylaws Article V.A, paragraph 3

Modify Bylaws Article V.A as follows:

... candidates for the [~~three~~] two 1-year-term at-large Director positions ...

- B. Change all references in the Arts and Sciences Manual, IEWs #1 and #37, to the Bylaws to refer to the Lex Adria.

*Commentary: When the Bylaws and Lex Adria were separated into two documents, all of the rules and references to the Arts and Sciences were placed in the Lex which deals with “game” issues as compared to the Bylaws which are the “mundane” rules and issues. Previous updates to the Arts & Science Manual (IEW-1) did not properly change the references.*

- C. Change the label of the Manual of Arts and Sciences as follows:

IMPERIAL ESTATES WRITS #1 AND #37

*Commentary: When IEWs #1 and #37 were merged in 2012 to consolidate the information for Arts and Sciences, the identification of the manual should have been changed but wasn't.*

- D. Change the word “form” to “recognize” Lex Adria Article VIII.D.3b as follows:

- b. Rights and Responsibilities

- i. A Shire shall have as its goal the development of a fully functioning government with well developed ministries. Until such time as these ministries are developed, the Imperial Crown, with the approval of the Imperial Estates, may waive strict compliance with the corresponding sections of the Bylaws.
- ii. A Shire shall have the right to [~~form~~]recognize Estates Minor. A shire of five to nine members may have one vote on the Imperial Estates. A shire of 10 or more members may have two votes on the Imperial Estates, if they [~~form~~]recognize at least two Estates Minor.
- iii. The Imperial Viceroy of a Shire shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Imperial Estates and hold the Shire's vote on that body if no Estate Minor is [~~formed~~]recognized.

*Commentary: Estates are formed by the members and recognized, not formed, by the Shire/Chapter.*

### CH2. Court Reports

- A. Judicial Courts

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

*(None received)*

- B. Civil Courts

*(Requires majority to ratify)*

*(None received)*

### CH3. Election of the Article III Special Panel

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Election of 4 members and 2 alternates for the Special Panel as defined and required in Article III.A.4.B of the Bylaws (q.v. Justifications above).

*Chancellor's Note: Procedurally, the body may elect each by a majority or do so by a plurality (accept nominations for 6 or more candidates, the four greatest votes)*

*received shall be the members, the next 2 greatest shall be the alternates). The procedure must be determined by the body. Last year, each Estate Holder cast 4 votes with the 4 candidates receiving the highest vote counts were elected and the next 2 being elected as alternates.*

**CH4. Consideration of the Success of the Reign of TIMs Wright Bentwood and Mary Elizabeth.**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

**CH5. Amend IEW 18, Article I.B**

*(Requires majority)*

Modify IEW 18 Article I.B as follows:

- B. Armigers are those who have either been granted the right to bear arms by the Crown or the Estates, such as by being granted the titles of Lord/Lady, Baron/Baroness, Viscount/Viscountess, Count/Countess, and Prince/Princess, or those who have earned the right to bear arms by virtue of being Knighted. Imperial[;] and Royal [~~and Ducal~~] Crowns may grant to their subjects the right to bear arms without granting titles or Knighthoods.

**CH6. Re-instate Bylaws Article III.A.4 c thru f**

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Return the following to Bylaws Article III.A.4:

- c. The rotational list of Royal Crowns shall be all of the Kingdoms in order of Kingdom recognition.
- d. If a member of the panel is the member in question, that member shall be excused.
- e. If less than eight (8) members are on the panel, additional Crowns from the rotational list shall be added.
- f. The panel shall require a quorum of at least five (5) members and the decision to suspend shall require a 2/3rds vote (a minimum of at least four (4)).

*Commentary: We have no idea why these provisions were removed. They are essential to the operation of the panel.*

**CH7. Replace “crime or tort” in IEW-2 Article IV.J**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify IEW-2, Codex Adjudicata Article IV.J as follows:

No member may be tried more than once for the same [~~crime or tort~~] offense arising out of the same alleged actions.

*Commentary: The word “offense” is simpler and clearer than “crime or tort”*

**CH8. Change the definition of “Canton” in IEW-18**

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify IEW-18, Armigerous Rights, II.B.23 as follows:

[~~Geographic Estate~~] Administrative subdivision of a Kingdom, Archduchy, or Duchy, [~~ruled~~] administered by a Viceroy or Vicereine on behalf of the Crown.

*Commentary: Cantons are not necessarily geographic, nor are they properly Estates. They are a jurisdictional subdivision of a Chapter. In addition to, or instead of, being defined as a geographic portion of the Chapter, they can also be defined by activities, preferences, or the period being re-created. Furthermore, the Viceroy &/or Vicereine does not rule the Canton; it is ruled by the Crown, whom they serve as a minister.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### OB1. Change the renewal date

*(Was OB15, tables for the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> option)*

*(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

**Option 1:** Change the date to June 1

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.

*Author:* HIM Etaine Llwelyn

*Sponsors:* HRG William Baine KPr

*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.

**Option 2:** Change the date to August 1

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.

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

*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.

**Option 3:** Change the date to April 1

For membership accounting, annual memberships cover the period [~~July 1 to June 30~~]April 1 to March 31. Annual memberships are due on [~~July~~]April 1 of each year.

*Author:* from the floor

*Sponsors:* multiple

*Commentary:* April corresponds to a time of year when people seem to have more discretionary spending money and it conflicts the least with Imperial events such as IEMs and Wars, allowing for more time to confirm memberships at those events.

### OB2. Amend War Judging in IEW-1

*(Was OB17, tabled for rewrite)*

*(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

**Counterproposal or friendly amendment:** Change the three closest scores to the three highest scores. We believe this lessens abuse during “down scoring” at wars and errors (if at all) in the favor of the artisan.

**Author:** The Crown

**Counterproposal 2:** Four judges instead of 3 and an alternate**D. WAR JUDGING**

1. [~~The War~~] Entries shall be judged by a panel of at least [~~three~~] four 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.
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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 four 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.

**OB3. Resolution and Writ for Legislation on Bullying**

*(Was NBI)*

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Resolution:

The Adrian Empire is committed to providing a safe, secure, and respectful learning environment for all members and non-members at all sponsored activities including but not limited to events, demonstrations, and wars. Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation have a harmful social, physical, psychological, and academic impact on victims, bystanders, and even the bullies themselves. The Adrian Empire will strive to consistently and vigorously address bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation so that there is no disruption to the sponsored events, and learning environments.

Proposed new Writ:

- A. Bullying and cyberbullying is strictly prohibited. Members of the Adrian Empire shall not engage in bullying, cyberbullying, harassment or intimidation at any sanctioned Adrian Empire Event, or sponsored activity, including online forums like Yahoo Groups and Facebook.
- B. Members shall not use oral, written, or electronic communication to threaten, intimidate, alarm, distress, or interfere with sponsored activities.
- C. Members of the Adrian Empire may report violations in writing to local and/or Imperial Crowns. The Crown or their designee shall initiate an investigation into the reported violation within 24 hours. A written report of the outcome of the investigation shall be provided by/or to the Crown within 10 days. The Crown shall determine appropriate sanctions for members found to be in violation.
- D. No cause of action may be brought against a member who reports a violation unless the person who made the report acted with malice, intentional misconduct, or gross negligence.
- E. Records will be maintained on the number and types of reports made, and sanctions imposed for incidents found to be in violation of the Bullying Policy. An annual summary report shall be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors, which includes trends in bullying behavior and recommendations on how to further reduce bullying behavior. The annual report will be available to paid membership upon request.

Glossary:

**Bullying:** “Bullying” means a willful act which is written, verbal or physical, or a course of conduct on the part of one or more persons which is not authorized by law and which exposes a person repeatedly and over time to one or more negative actions which is highly offensive to a reasonable person; and, is intended to cause or actually causes the person to suffer harm or serious emotional distress; exploits an imbalance in power between the person engaging in the act or conduct and the person who is the subject of the act or conduct; poses a threat of immediate harm or actually inflicts harm to another person or the property of another person; and, creates an environment which is hostile.

Bullying is a deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves harassment, and/or intimidation; and, the devastating emotional and educational consequences of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and/or intimidation.

**Cyberbullying:** “Cyberbullying” means bullying through the use of electronic communication. “Electronic Communication” means the communication of any written, verbal or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including but not limited to a telephone, cell phone, computer or any other similar means of communication.

**Harassment:** A member is guilty of “harassment” if the member knowingly threatens to cause bodily injury in the future to the person threatened or any other person; or, to cause physical damage to the property of another person.

*Commentary (See resolution)*

*Author: HE Dame Rose of Aberlone, KPr*

*Sponsors: HG Sir William Baine, KPr*

**OB4. Amend IEW 17, Articles III.G and H.1.c**

*(Was NB2)*

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 17 (the Combat Manual) Article III.G:

G. WEAPONS: RAPIER AND CUT-AND-THRUST COMBAT

All weapons must meet with the approval of the Imperial or Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and conform to the following guidelines and may not be used in armored combat:

Modify Article III.H.1.c as follows:

H. WEAPONS: ARMORED COMBAT

All weapons must meet with the approval of the Imperial or Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and conform to the following guidelines:

1. Swords and Daggers

- a. Minimum 18 inches blade length for slashing weapons (measured from the ricasso).
- b. Blades less than 18 inches in length are for thrusting only and require legal thrusting tips.
- c. Minimum one inch blade width measured two inches from the tip unless equipped with a thrusting tip.

*Commentary The Casiberia/Hanwei (and probably most other brands) hand and a half or long swords in common use do not meet the current requirements without this change. Recommend immediate implementation.*

*Author: Sir Uther von Hopf, Earl Terre Neuve*

*Sponsors: HRH Ritter Deitrich (KCh)*

**OB5. Amend the 1/2 inch Rapier Blade width specification in IEW 17**

*(Was NB3)*

*(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 17 (the Combat Manual) Article III.G.1.a as follows:

1. Rapier Blades

- a. [~~Nominal 1/2 inch width~~]Removed

Option:

1. Rapier Blades

- a. Nominal 1/2 to 1 inch width

*Commentary: this is an old standard made with weapons available at the time, these blades are now very hard to find. A tapered blade is currently being used and if we complied with current rules, we would probably disqualify all rapiers in use. Recommend immediate implementation.*

*Author: Sir Uther von Hopf, Earl Terre Neuve*

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**OB6. Amend IEW 17 to remove the nominal blade width***(Was NB4)**(Requires majority to approve)*

Modify IEW 17 (the Combat Manual) Article 3.G.2.a as follows:

2. Cut-and-Thrust Blades

a. ~~[Nominal 3/4 to 1 inch in width (measured at the ricasso)]~~ [Removed](#)*Commentary: We should strike this in case we find a comparable blade that meets all other criteria, blade width should not be cause to remove a perfectly good blade.**Author: Sir Uther von Hopf, Earl Terre Neuve**Sponsors: HRH Ritter Deitrich (KCh)***OB7. Amend Lex Adria, Article VI to delete the March IEM***(Was NB5)**(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

Modify Lex Adria, Article VI.A.1.c as follows:

A. 1. c ~~[During the month of March.]~~ [Removed](#)

Modify Lex Adria, Article VI.E as follows:

E.4 [Removed](#) ~~[Meeting Date, March~~~~The Imperial Estates shall meet in March of every year, at which time they shall conduct appropriate business including but not limited to:]~~~~a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)~~

Modify Lex Adria, Article VI.E.5 (Meeting Date, July) as follows:

[e. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. \(The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.\)](#)*Commentary: Adria spends far too much time, energy, and money on changing its rules. The resources used for this meeting could be used better to promote playing the game not changing it.**Author: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil Earl Royal, Knight Premier.**Sponsor: Dame Anne Bryce of Kinraig Countess Royal.***OB8. Re Any Actions vs Past Crown arising from the Recovered CD***(Was NB6)**(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

I, Sir Tailan Bran McNeil, formally request that these Estates find that not only their Graces Sir Hawthorn and Dame Cocah are innocent of any wrong doing in the issue of the missing 10,000 that I recovered; but they also do so for all Imperial Crowns who followed and also did not find the money was missing.

*Commentary: I believe that accounts with Bank of America were so screwed up that their Graces were both told and genuinely believed that all money had been transferred. The money was not lost and I recovered it with interest so there was no lasting harm to the Empire.**Author: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil Earl Royal, Knight Premier.**Sponsor: Dame Anne Bryce of Kinraig Countess Royal*



## NEW BUSINESS

### NB1. Amend Lex Adria to redefine “Charter”

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

Amend Lex Adria VI.F.3.a as follows:

- v. Warrant Viceroy, to grant Charters in order to establish new Chapters [~~and promote existing Chapters to higher degrees of sovereignty as defined in Article VIII.D~~].

Amend Lex Adria VIII.E.5 as follows:

#### 5. Charters

~~[A Kingdom Charter is equivalent to an Imperial Estates Writ. Under Article VIII.D.1.b.vii, the Imperial Estates may amend or revoke a Kingdom’s Charter by a 2/3 vote. In addition, if a Kingdom, under the provisions of its charter and local codicils, requests a change to its charter, the revised charter shall follow the normal procedures for charter approval (see Article VIII.F).]~~

- a. Charters are land grants issued by the Imperial Crown and ratified by the Imperial Estates.
- b. Charters have no relevance to rank or privilege in regards to chapters and are not altered by fluctuations in these areas.
- c. Charters may only be modified by 2/3rds of the relevant Estates general of the chapter and a Majority of the Imperial estates, or 2/3rds of the Imperial Estates.
- d. No Border of an issued charter may overlap that of another issued charter. Unless approved by 2/3rds of the Estates of the affected Chapter and ratified by the Imperial Estates.
- e. Once an amended charter has been approved, the Imperial government shall issue a new version of that charter. The most recent written form (including minutes of the Imperial Estates meetings) shall be considered in force.

Amend Lex Adria VIII.D as follows:

#### 1. Kingdoms

##### a. Definition

- i. ~~Deleted~~[A Chapter must be chartered as an Archduchy for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates.]

#### 3. Shires

A Shire may request to be sponsored by a Kingdom or Archduchy for a period not to exceed one year, unless the Shire requests, and the Imperial Estates grants, a one-time extension for one additional year. At the end of the sponsorship period, the Shire [~~must petition to amend its charter to indicate a Chapter of the appropriate size~~] to show its new status as an independent Chapter.

*Authors: HIH Sir L’Bet’e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr*

### NB2. Amend Lex Adria for Automatic Annual Renewal

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

Amend Lex Adria VIII.E by adding:

- 6. Renewal is July 1, with a 30 day grace period. On August 1, all chapters are evaluated and rank is adjusted automatically to reflect membership requirements.

*Author: HIH Sir L’Bet’e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr*

**NB3. Amend Lex Adria to define Imperial Lands***(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria VIII.D by adding:

## 6. Imperial Lands

- a. [All lands not falling within the designated confines of a duly created charter are considered Imperial lands.](#)
- b. [Such lands are free to all for recruitment, events, and the establishment of cantons and shires.](#)
- c. [Contractual agreements and the establishment of Cantons and Shires within Imperial lands require the written consent of the Imperial Crown](#)

*Author: HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr***NB4. Amend the Combat Manual to Include Leather Equivalents***(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Amend IEW 17 by adding the following:

III.E.iv.b. Brigandine or Wisby Coat

- iii. [10 oz boiled leather or 15 oz leather are equivalents for 16 gauge steel.](#)

III.E.iv.c. Rigid Boiled Leather

- iv. [10 oz boiled leather or 15 oz leather are equivalents.](#)

*Commentary: This will reinsert the armor standard and equivalent of 15 oz leather and 10 oz boiled leather to the combat manual as placed in previous manuals, examples 2006 combat manual.**Authors: HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr***NB5. Change All reference to the Word “Points” to “Deeds”***(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Amend all of the appropriate documents to change the word “points” to “deeds” when referencing advancement and activities.

*Commentary: The term “Point” has tended to have negative connotations and it really has no bearing on medieval recreation. Adria is at heart a system of merit recognition based on participation. There is a mentality of difference between “I have to get my point this month” versus “I must perform a deed this month”.**deed**noun \□dēd\**: something that is done : an act or action**Authors: HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr***NB6. Amend Lex Adria Change Land Grants for New Chapters***(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Add the following to Lex Adria VIII.D.5:

[New Charters shall not exceed a 60 mile \(as the bird fly's\) radius from the designated epicenter of the chapter. The epicenter is submitted by the petitioners at the time of request to grant chapter. Exceptions must be approved by the Imperial Estates.](#)*Authors: HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr***NB7. Amend Our Period to be 900 A.D. to 1620 A.D.***(Requires 2/3 to consider, 2/3 to approve)*

Amend Lex Adria I.A as follows:

The period of history that is encompassed by the game shall be defined as the years from [~~1066~~] 900 A.D. to and including [~~1603~~] 1620 A.D.

*Commentary:* We have a wide culture in Adria, while the beginning may have been more focused on the tournament knight, we are far from that concept today with a slew of viking persona, Chevaliers and Corsairs. The meat of this proposal is the earlier time period. We cannot ignore completely Chalemagne's influence on medieval culture especially to Germany and France. The Arts tend to prohibit items that were primarily Vikingish but could very easily have carried over to 1063. The changes cultures went through did not happen over a year many forms of dress tools weapons would easily carry forward though original designs may predate 1063.

*Authors:* HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr

**NB8. Amend the Combat Missile Weapons Manual to Allow Non-wood Arrows for Target Archery**

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

Amend CCW-02 (Combat Missile Weapon Manual) II.D.1 as follows:

1. Deleted. [~~Standard target arrow shafts must be made of wood. No fiberglass or aluminum shafts.~~]

*Author:* HIH Sir L'Bet'e and Dame Cassiopia, KPr

**NB9. Modify IEW-21 to Establish a New IEM Location Procedure**

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

Option A: Establish a standing Estates Meeting location of St. Louis, MO

Amend IEW-21, Rotation of Imperial Estates Meetings/Coronation, as follows:

~~[The location of Imperial Estates meetings shall rotate around the Adrian Empire.]~~[The Imperial Estates Meetings shall be held in St. Louis, MO.]

- A. Deleted~~[The rotation schedule for the March and July meetings is recommended but the November rotation is required.]~~

- B. Deleted[Sequence

- 1.—~~In year 1 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3.~~
  - 2.—~~In year 2 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 2, Region 3, Region 1.~~
  - 3.—~~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. Deleted[Regions

- 4.—~~Region 1 (Western Empire): The West Coast, to include California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia~~
- 5.—~~Region 2 (Central Empire): All chapters between Regions 1 and 3.~~
6. ~~Region 3 (Eastern Empire): Everything East of the Mississippi]~~

- D. Participation

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.]~~

*Commentary:* As we understand it the Imperial Estates Meeting is supposed to rotate from region to region. We think that this makes it hard for more of the populace to attend these meetings. Therefore we propose that every Imperial Estates Meeting be held in a central location so that the financial burden is eased on everyone, It makes it easier to plan if you know exactly what city it is going to be held in. Furthermore we propose that the central location be St. Louis, Missouri. St Louis has a major airport and plenty of venues for us to choose from.

*Authors:* HRG Thomas Sauvage; Ld Hans Schroeder, Sire Sr Minor Estate

Option B: Modify IEW-21 to define 4 regions:

Amend IEW-1, Rotation of Imperial Estates Meetings/Coronation as follows:

A. Sequence

~~[1. In year 1 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3.  
 2. In year 2 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 2, Region 3, Region 1.  
 3. 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.]~~

1. In year 1 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3.
  2. In year 2 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 2, Region 3, Region 4.
  3. In year 3 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 3, Region 4, Region 1.
  4. In year 4 of the rotation, the sequence shall be Region 4, Region 1, Region 2.
- Year 1 of the rotation shall correspond with Leap Years.

B. Regions

~~[Region 1 (Western Empire): The West Coast, to include California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia~~

~~Region 2 (Central Empire): All chapters between Regions 1 and 3.~~

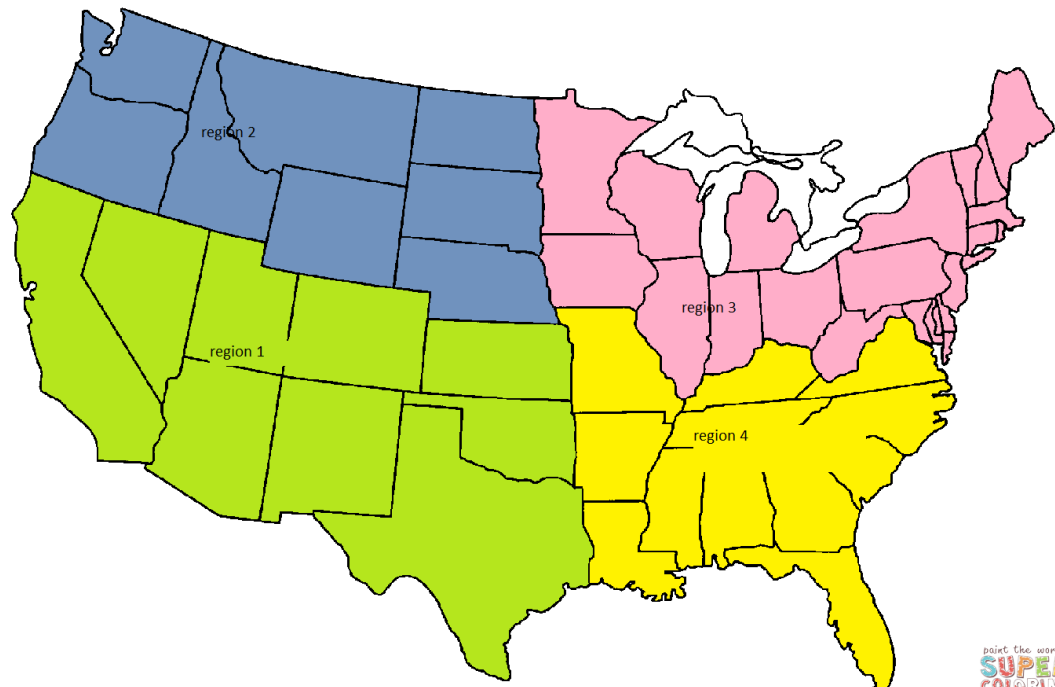
~~Region 3 (Eastern Empire): Everything East of the Mississippi]~~

The Empire shall be divided into four Regions, SouthWest Empire, NorthWest Empire, NorthEast Empire, and SouthEast Empire, along the state borders closest to 39° N, 97° W and shall be numbered clockwise from the Southwest.

*Chancellor's Note: This makes the states north and east of MO, TN and VA and the province of Ontario in the North East.*

**Authors:** HRG Thomas Sauvage; Ld Hans Schroeder, Sire Sr Minor Estate

**Commentary:** If our first proposal is not in favor we propose the country be divided into 4 regions (please see the map at bottom of page) and the Imperial Estates Meetings be rotated between them in order. Note: British Columbia, Canada shall be in Region 2.



**NB10. Change the definition of “Knightly Combat” in IEW-17***(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Modify IEW-17, the Combat Manual, Article I.F.3 as follows:

**1. Knightly Combat**

If Knight’s list combatants desire to conduct knightly combat (i.e. shield bashing, grappling, etc.), they shall notify the marshals prior to the start of combat. The marshals shall make sure both combatants have agreed to knightly combat. Knightly combat is not permitted with any combatant less than 18 years of age. Grappling is allowed and includes grabbing an opponent’s shield, arms, legs, torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or cause a neck injury. An opponent’s weapon may be grasped by the hilt or haft, but never the blade.

Modify IEW-17, Glossary as follows:

**Knightly combat** - Includes shield-bashing, grappling. It is allowed only on the Knight’s List when both combatants agree to it, and notify the marshals, before combat begins. See Section I.F.2.

*Author: HG William Baine KCh**Sponsors: Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR***DISCUSSION ITEMS****DI1. Moving Conduct Unbecoming from Justice to Knights Councils***(Requires 2/3 to consider, majority to approve)*

Remove Conduct Unbecoming of a Knight from the purview of the Ministry of Justice and empowering Knights Councils to deal with the issues.

*Commentary: I believe it is time that the Chivalry take back policing its own and start rebuilding our society on the basis of Honor not of rules. (See IEW 2, Codex Adjudicata, Article IV.E.5)*

*Author: Sir Tailan Bran McNeil Earl Royal, Knight Premier.**Sponsor: Dame Anne Bryce of Kinraig Countess Royal***DI2. Reorganizing and Renumbering the IEWs**

Recommend we reorganize the writs by subject matter, and develop a numbering system that will allow all of the writs for a single discipline to be kept together.

*Commentary: Over the years, Writs have been deleted or combined. They were also numbered as they were added. This has resulted in a hap-hazard numbering and a difficulty in locating all of the writs associated with a specific discipline.*

*Authors: HG William Baine, KPr; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR***DI3. Review and better redefine the terms “Knightly Combat” and “Fight to the yield”***(Requires 2/3 to approve)*

*Commentary: It is difficult to explain the difference between allowing combatants to change rules as opposed to allowing them to break them.*

*Author: HG William Baine, KCh;**Sponsor: HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CR***NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES:****19-20 JULY, 2015***(Region 2 recommended)***ADJOURNMENT:**