



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
16th and 17th of July, 2016
Agenda**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Crowne Plaza, Old Town Alexandria, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia. 22314

Amenities: Full service health club, On-Site full service restaurant and lounge, Ample parking at \$10.00 per day and \$20.00 overnight, Complimentary shuttle service to and from National Airport and Metro Station, Complimentary Business Center, and is located just five miles from our Nation's Capital.

Date and Time:

Fri, 15 July: TBA, BoD Meeting

Sat, 16 July: 8:30 – 9:15 Sign In

9:30 – 6:00 Imperial Estates Meeting

Sun, 17 July: 9:00 – 5:00 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Reagan National Airport (two miles from The Crowne Plaza, Old Town Alexandria)

Reservations:

Individual Call-in: Each individual guest shall be responsible for calling the hotel reservations department at 877-317-5752. To receive the special contracted rates, the attendees must identify themselves as being part of the Adrian Empire group. All reservations shall be made by **Friday, June 17th, 2016**.

Room Rate: \$85.00, plus associated taxes and fees.

Early Departure Fee:

In the event that a guest who has reserved a room with your block checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, an early departure fee of \$100.00 shall be charged to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid this fee must advise the Hotel at or before check-in of any change in the scheduled length of stay. The Hotel will inform members of your group of this fee upon check-in. The Hotel will deduct any such fees that are collected from any amount Company may owe as sleeping room attrition.

Individual Cancellation Fee:

In the event that a guest who has reserved a room with your block (individually or through rooming list or third part such as a housing bureau) cancels their reservation outside of 72 hours prior to schedule arrival there will be no fee assessed. If a guest who has a reservation (individually or through rooming list or third part such as a housing bureau) cancels inside of 72 hours prior to the reserved date, there will be a fee of one night's room and tax (at the contracted rate) that will be assessed to the individual's credit card or to the group's master account.

Site Autocrat: HIM Emperor L'Bete

Agenda Legend:

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Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

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.

AGENDA

REQUIREMENTS

Per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VI, E 5 b&c, the Imperial Estates shall:

Finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)

and

Each Chapter's Crown shall present a copy of his or her Chapter's financial records at this meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each Chapter

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 November 2015 IEM.
Approval of the minutes of the March 2016 IEM.

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Chapter Status Changes

A. Consider reducing the following Kingdoms to Archduchies due to insufficient numbers per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII, D, 1b vii:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Esperance	76
Stirling	69
Umbria	88

B. The following Chapters are being reduced per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII, D, 2b xi:

(Notification Only; While no action is required, appeals may be made to the Estates which would require 2/3rds to pass)

Archduchy to Duchy:

Alhambra	27
Constantinople	47
Var Heim	47

Duchy to Shire:

Burgundy	18
Lancaster	18
Somerset	18

Shire to Dissolved:

Monaco	0
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C. The following Chapters are being elevated per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII, D, 2b xi and by authority of the Imperial Crown:

(Notification Only; No action required.)

Shire to Duchy:

Cathair na Cailite	33
Wolfendorf	22

Chancellor's Note: the above listings are based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication. Albion-Rayonne and Glynmore are protected from reduction due to low membership for one year beginning November 7th, 2015.

D. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 or more months of Steward's reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Stewards shall have a complaint filed against them and be placed on Judicial Ban.

(Notification Only; No action required.)

Chapter	Last Report
Brandenburg	Jan
Chesapeake	Feb
Murrisk	Feb
Wolfendorf	Feb

CRB2. Define “Member at Large”

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Add to Bylaws, Article III: Members:

F. Member at Large

A Member at Large is a paid member of the Adrian Empire not assigned to a chapter per Article III.E.

Member at Large Status may be obtained through the following:

1. In the case of special circumstances, request to the Imperial Crown.
2. Local Crowns may request to Imperial Crown for life time members who have been inactive for over a year.

Members at large are subject to the codicils, writs, and laws where they participate.

CRB3. Remove Lifetime Membership

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Change Adria’s laws to no longer sell lifetime memberships. Existing lifetime memberships will not be affected. Strike or update references to Lifetime Membership in all laws and manuals. This includes Bylaws Article III, D; Bylaws Article III, E; and Bylaws Article IV, A. Add a dated note that they were removed.

Adjust the membership form to meet this change in law.

CRB4. Create 10 Year Membership

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Add a new membership type called a “Campaign Membership” that is good for 10 years with a current cost of \$270.

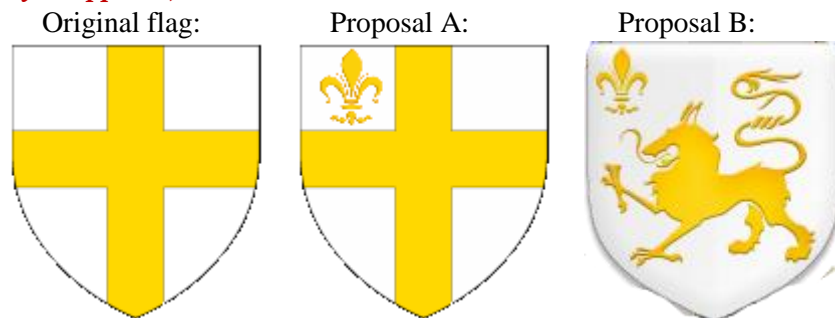
CRB5. Recognize HEMA for Associate Membership

(Requires majority to approve)

Accept associate memberships from members of Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) when proof of membership is provided.

CRB6. Approve new Adrian Flag and Logo

(Requires majority to approve)



Note: His Imperial Majesty has stated a preference for Proposal B.

CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

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

Trial of Sir Dietrich vs Dame Millicent on April 2, 2016. See Appendix A.

B. Civil Courts

(None received)

CH2. Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders

(Requires majority to approve)

A. Their Imperial Majesties, L'Bet'e de Acmd and Gabriele Silverhand

CH3. Updates to Bylaws and Lex Adria

(Notification Only; No action required.)

A. Update Bylaws, Article III: Members, D. Membership Terms

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

Chancellor's Note: This was passed at the March 2015 IEM.

B. Update Bylaws, Article III: Members, E. Membership Assignment to Chapter

Members may join or change their Chapter when they pay or renew their membership. Renewals are effective on ~~July~~ [April](#) 1, and lifetime members can change their Chapter on ~~July~~ [April](#) 1.

Chancellor's Note: While this was not spelled out in the March 2015 IEM vote (same as above), this is a clear effect of the membership date change.

C. Update Lex Adria, Article VI, Meetings of the Governing Body, E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar, 4. Meeting Date, March

[c. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws, Article III: Members, A. Membership, 4. Membership Suspension, b.](#)

Chancellor's Note: This requirement is defined in Bylaws as stated and should be listed here in Lex Adria for consistency.

D. Update Lex Adria, Article VI, Meetings of the Governing Body, E. Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar, 5. Meeting Date, July

[c. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws, Article B.](#)

Chancellor's Note: This requirement is defined in Bylaws as stated and should be listed here in Lex Adria for consistency.

E. Update Bylaws, Article V, Board of Directors, A. Number of Directors

The number of Directors shall be nine. Two shall be at-large Directors, who shall be elected annually by the Imperial Estates from the membership at large for 1-year terms. Each may be reelected to one successive term. The Imperial Steward shall serve as Treasurer and may serve successive terms (as this is an appointed position by the Imperial Crown).

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The Board of Directors shall elect from its own membership a Vice-President and Board Secretary according to its own procedures. The President shall be elected from among the Board of Directors by the Imperial Estates at any meeting during which there be a Presidential vacancy or for which a Presidential term be concluding. The Imperial Crown(s) ~~and Imperial Steward~~ shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. They will not be considered as Directors.

Chancellor's Note: The Imperial Steward is clearly named a Director in the first paragraph and is required to be so to make the count come out as nine which was intentionally made an odd number to reduce the likelihood of a tie vote. This is the way the Board has been operating. In the last paragraph of the same section, there is language that contradicts this and is thus being struck.

CH4. Elections for Board of Directors

A. Members

Current voting members of the Board of Directors:

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Imperial Crown Appointed	
Region 1	Michelle Kout	expires Nov, 2016	
Region 1	Dan Olsen	expires Nov, 2017	
Region 2	Laura Witham	expires Nov, 2016	
Region 2	Christina Cox	expires Nov, 2017	Acting President
Region 3	open	expires Nov, 2016	
Region 3	David Bradtmueller	expires Nov, 2017	
At Large	Bryan Keneally	expires Nov, 2016	was President, resigned June 13 th , 2016
At Large	William Lounds	expires Nov, 2016	<i>(At Large is always a one year term)</i>

The open seats to be filled at this meeting are:

(Requires majority to approve)

To be seated immediately:

Region 3	expires Nov, 2016
At Large	expires Nov, 2016

To be seated in November:

Region 1	expires Nov, 2018
Region 2	expires Nov, 2018
Region 3	expires Nov, 2018
At Large	expires Nov, 2017
At Large	expires Nov, 2017

As no letters of intent to serve on the Board of Directors were received, the emergency nomination procedure will be followed and nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting and reviewed at the November meeting. See Bylaws, Article V, E1a.

B. President

The President shall be elected from among the Board of Directors by the Imperial Estates at any meeting which there be a Presidential vacancy. The term of President is fixed regardless of whether a given President is elected mid-term. Therefore, at this meeting, the Estates shall elect a President from the current BoD membership to serve until November. In November, another election for President will take place and all of those taking office in November will be eligible as well as those remaining for another year.

Christina Cox and Dan Olsen have volunteered to be elected President.

CH5. Review of the Current Conversion Policy

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

Chancellor's Note: There has been no change in the policy in the past year and none are being proposed.

CH6. Review Imperial Crown Writ

(The Estates may 1. Adopt as Estates Writ by majority, 2. Reject the Writ by majority, 3. Leave it as Continuing Crown Writ by taking no action)

We are issuing a writ that the recognized Rawlings swords for use within the Empire are the Synthetic Long Sword (no metal fittings), The Synthetic Bastard Sword (no metal fittings), and the Synthetic Single-hand Sword (no metal fittings). Once a standard has been created, all other Rawlings designs can be compared and judged as to acceptability or not.

Minimum Synthetic Waster Standards

- Blade material: Nylon plastic
- Max weight allowed 2 lbs. (32 Oz - 907 grams)
- Minimum of 4.5" (11.4 cm) tip flex with 2 lb. (907 gram) weight added
- No metal fittings or attachments (including quillian and pommel)
- No sharp edges - all flashing must be removed
- Only commercially available attachments (cross guards, basket hilts, pommels etc.) Any homemade or custom parts must be individually approved by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War

So Say We Gabriele and L'Bet'e

Imperial Crown Commentary:

It was presented to the Empire that we felt the generic term in our manual of the blanket statement of "Rawlings type Sword", as the quantifier for authorized weapon use was inadequate. One, it eliminated any other manufacturer as well as did not take into account future modifications that could be made by the Rawlings manufacturer such as increased stiffness and metal parts

We called for a Knight's workshop to create a minimal standard to judge acceptable synthetic waster use. We came up with the list above, now part of the Writ.

We would like to thank the following Combatants who took the time out and provided the equipment to find a productive solution to this concern:

Synthetic Workshop volunteers

HIM L'Bete – Constanople

Prince William - Albion Rayonne

Sir Eric McKiver - Cathair Na Cailite

Sir Iollan McKenna – Glynmore

Sir Keyin Blacksword – Glynmore

Squire Lucinda - Auroch's Fjord

MaA Ironfang - Auroch's Fjord

Sir Desmond – Auroch's Fjord

OLD BUSINESS

(None carried over)

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Charter Reductions

(Discussion automatic; 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to pass)

All charter reductions, including Kingdoms, Duchies and Archduchies, shall be addressed and voted on by the Estates, only once per reign, at the next meeting after the renewal deadline. A subdivision may request elevation at any meeting.

Author's Commentary: Current interpretation of law is that Duchies and Archduchies are under the purview of the Imperial Crown. This changes that law.

Author: HIH Dame Aislynne, Duchess of Burgundy

Sponsors: HRM Gwyllum ap du Drane, King of Glynmore, Sir Prize Amadeus von Blackstaff, Duke of Burgundy, Dame Lysle Anne of Esperance

Chancellor's Note: This would only limit the number of times per Imperial Reign (year) that charter reductions for each chapter can be originated on the agenda (to once), but if the estates choose to, they could table any or all chapters for future consideration (e.g. to grant an extension). This legislation would not prevent those tabled from being revisited on a later agenda within the same reign.

NB2. Steps to Knighthood: Rapier/Cut-and-Thrust Fighting

(Discussion automatic; 2/3rds to consider; 2/3rds to pass)

Add an additional path to K2 and K3 Combatant knighthoods with different titles:

1. Knight Bachelor (first level) – un-differenced from standard
2. Knight Fencer (second level)
 - a. 18 additional Knight's list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust participations
 - b. 5 additional Knight's list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust tournament wins
 - c. 5 additional demo participations (involving Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust combat)
 - d. 5 additional war participations
3. Knight of Defense (third level)
 - a. 36 additional Knight's list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust Participations
 - b. 10 additional Knight's list Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust tournament wins
 - c. 15 additional demo participations (involving Rapier or Cut-and-Thrust combat)
 - d. 10 additional war participations

Optional addition:

Grant the sumptuary right of a blue scarf to be worn on the Knight Fencer's or Knight of Defenses' preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

Author's Commentary: With the SCA's addition of a Society-level peerage for unarmored combat, the rise in popularity of HEMA cut & thrust combat, and the continued issue of some combatants being unable to engage in medieval Armored combat (and thus unable to progress beyond Knight Bachelor), but very dedicated to the art of fencing and/or cut & thrust combat styles, the time has come to reconsider adding an optional STK document to the Adrian combat discipline.

This optional STK would include only points earned in Rapier combat, and would grant the same sumptuary and armorial rights as existing combat Knighthoods, but not the titles of Knight Banneret or Champion (unless otherwise earned on the traditional STK).

Chancellor's Note: I worked with the author to replace the term "Renaissance" with "Rapier" to be consistent with our current rules and manuals. Further clarification of his intent then added "Cut-and-Thrust." There may be more changes for November as he has now indicated that he wanted all non-armored formats to count including Rawlings, but as he didn't submit an update, I wasn't sure how he wanted that worded.

Author: Baron Vanyev Betzina, KCv, KArch, KBch, IOTR

Sponsor: Sir Alexander of Manchester, KCv, KBch, LoC Glo, Duke of Gloucester; Dame Cryssida Blackwood of Clan McKlaine, KPr, KBch, KArch, Duchess of Alhambra; Sir Griffin Ulfhrafn, KCvl, KFrstr, KBch and KRb, Duke of Alhambra

NB3. DI & DP Distribution for Collegia & Demonstrations

(Discussion automatic; 2/3rds to consider; majority to pass)

IEW-8. Classes Adopted, last amended December 2012 (Chancery).

C. There must be at least 10 people attending the class, [in order for the instructor to receive a DI](#). This can be cumulative.

D. Each class a person gives within a twelve-month period must be on a different subject [to receive DI credit](#).

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G. Those holding the class will garner a demo-initiation point [when there are 10 attendees](#). Those attending, [including those member\(s\) holding the class, regardless of whether a DI is awarded](#), will garner demo participation points [that shall count in the discipline\(s\) in which the class was focused](#).

IEW #34 - Manual of Rolls and Lists

III. EARNING POINTS

3. DI's and DP's

b. How DI's are Awarded

i. Being the Autocrat of a Demonstration

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[All](#) Adrian members who attend, sign-in, and assist with the demonstration receive credit (called a DP, Demonstration Participation point) for their advancement towards knighthood in whatever discipline, or disciplines that they assisted with.

Demonstrating or discussing the techniques, materials, or equipment of a particular subject counts as a DP in that discipline...

iii. Teaching a Class (Giving a Collegium)

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To qualify for a DI, the class must have at least ten (10) separate attendees who have signed in (this may include the teachers. If there are not ten (10) attendees, the teacher may conduct the class again and accumulate attendance to reach this goal, but it only counts as one class [for their DI credit](#)).

[All](#) Adrian members who attend a class and sign-in receive a DP. The DP shall count in the disciplines in which the class was focused. If more than one discipline is addressed, it may count in more than one discipline. For instance, if a class is taught on how to fight a particular style of combat, it counts as a combat DP, while a class taught on how to construct a period weapon that then goes into period use of that weapon, may count as both a combat DP and an arts DP. The Crown responsible for granting the points is also responsible for making this determination. The teacher is responsible for making sure an event sign-in form is filled out, that the class attendees sign-in, and that the form is turned into the Minister of Rolls upon completion. Failure to turn in the rolls paperwork for a collegium is cause to deny a DI regardless of how much other work was done.

A member may not [receive a DI for teaching](#) the same class more than once per year (unless it is a cumulative class). Members may attend classes as often as the class is taught and shall receive DP's for doing so. In a cumulative class, they only count toward the minimum of ten (10) attendees once.

Author's Commentary: A clarification to bring current policy in line with common understanding and promote various levels of participation in our stated mission of historical education.

GLOSSARY

Attendee – A person present at an Adrian Empire event regardless of membership status. To be an attendee, a person must sign-in on the Event Sign-in Sheet and, if there is a site fee, pay it and be recorded on the steward's sheet.

Demo Participation (DP) – If a member goes to a demonstration or collegium and they participate in that event, they receive a demonstration participation point. DP's may be earned by demonstrating or discussing the techniques, materials, and equipment of a subject as approved by the Crown. The DP's are applied within the discipline that the topic pertained to. (See: III.C.3. DI's and DP's.)

Author: Sir Draco Rivenoak, K3 & Viceroy of Beloozero

Sponsor: Lady Moira Pritani, K2 & Archduchess of Albion~Rayonne

DISCUSSION ITEMS**DI1. Lex Adria Imperium Convention**

Review our laws and discuss some specific laws and how to move forward with or without them.

NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

The next meeting of the Imperial Estates will be November 5th-6th, 2016, in Terre Neuve (San Diego area, California).

ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX A

Trial of Sir Dietrich vs Dame Millicent April 2, 2016

Squire Lief as bailiff

Sir Warhammer as magistrate

Queen Babette, sitting for Imperial Crown

Plaintiff; Sir Deitrich

Defendant; Dame Milisent

Timeline: The complaint was filed within the 45-day timeline.

Complaint: Conduct Unbecoming: Respect

Complaint: Disharmony spreading untruthful information

Complaint 1.

In the matter of Unknightly Conduct: Respect

We Find Dame Milisent not guilty.

No hard evidence was presented to show any direct disrespect towards Sir Deitrich by the evidence presented or the witness statements.

Complaint 2.

Did Dame Milisent feel threatened, she says yes and as such we cannot deny the feelings. We cannot declare such wrong, as feelings are not right or wrong. Sir Deitrich's statement was one of taking some undefined action, what that action would be is left to the imagination. We have only what we as individuals put forth publically for others to judge and Sir Deitrich's statement could easily be taken as hostile. Yet we are all personally responsible for the actions derived from our feelings. In the end it is the actions based upon the feelings that come under judgement.

In the Case of Disharmony:

We find Dame Milisent guilty at the Level of an Infraction

It was stated in testimony that the sitting Crown of Esperance did not enjoin in the charge and as such the charge should be dropped. 1. It was suggested upon notice to the then Imperial Crown to the plaintiff to file the charge. 2. The Local Crown is the husband of the defendant and such was why the case went to the Imperial level. 3. We are the Crown of the Empire and do find the two actions and substantiated evidence to warrant as an infraction in causing disharmony within and without the empire.

Dame Milisent clearly stated that she felt fear for her person and her family in an Adrian Empire Context to close to 400 people. She also egged it on to be shared. Though we agree she did not invoke the plaintiff she did invoke the Adrian Empire and as such made a representation of the whole organization. Such did cause disharmony and disruption as the issue spread throughout the Empire quickly as well as caused concern by those outside of the organization. Dame Lysle statement that Dame Milisent spoke to her to the effect that she feared for her life and her children was a direct communication outside of the chain of command to the issue.

Dame Milisent's infraction is simply that she should have contacted the proper authorities, if she felt "any Form" of viable threat within the Adrian Empire Inc. Vigilante defense, breeds chaos and allowed for this very case to form. In the context of the Adrian Empire viable threats and bullying should be brought directly to the Ruling Crown who would contact the Imperial Crown, the Imperial Crown directly or the Board of Directors. At that point the member would enjoy various protections while the issue was under investigation. This specific case would not have happened. Violent and physical threats are extremely mundane issues that need to be brought to the officers of the Corporation. No matter how many times people say it, this is not a game or

a school yard. This is a corporation in the real world; “playing” is not an option when it involves mundane issues.

Sentencing:

One point. 1. Censure and apology, and act of service;

Apology

Dame Milisent must provide a written statement acknowledging her breach of protocol in relating her concerns of threat to the proper authority y. She must also acknowledge that utilizing mob mentality propaganda without due process can be damaging to the organization and the membership. Lastly a statement not to reoffend. The written statement must be submitted to the Imperial Crown no later than September 5, 2016. Such statements may be published within the Adrian Empire’s media and communication boards as well as the Empire’s website. This portion of the sentence shall be considered fulfilled upon review and approval by the Imperial Crown.

Act of service

Dame Milisent must spend one complete event within the Kingdom of Esperance bereft of trappings or title in service to the event. The Crown of Esperance must sign off on at least three contributions of worth to the event. This portion of the sentence must be completed by November 1, 2016. This portion will be considered fulfilled once the contributions have been submitted and reviewed by the Imperial Crown.