



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
19th and 20th of March, 2016
Agenda**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location:

Fortune Hotel
325 E Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

Date and Time:

Fri, 18 March: TBA, BoD Meeting
Sat, 19 March: 8:30 – 9:15 Sign In
9:30 – 4:30 Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 20 March: 9:00 – 4:30 Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

[McCarran International Airport](#) (LAS)
[5757 Wayne Newton Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89119](#)

Reservations:

The contract for the Imperial Estates Meeting in March has been signed, a block of 25 rooms has been put on hold, the price will be \$67.00 a night (that includes taxes) no resort fees.

The reservation Manger is so intrigued by what we do, he insisted that all reservations be made directly through him; his name is Thomas and his personal cell is 702-917-5661. If there is no answer please try again as the hotel is going through management changes and Thomas is a very busy man. When speaking with Thomas, please let him know you are with the Adrian Empire and that I (Mary Mancuso) sent you.

The rooms are Available from Thursday March 17th. For those that live far away, I thought Thursday would be a cheaper day to travel then Friday. Check out is Monday.

The Hotel also now has Airport pick up and drop off.

Site Autocrat:

HIH Mary Elizabeth

Agenda Legend:

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Added or new text

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

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.

CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

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

Kingdoms (requires 100):

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Esperance 71

Stirling 90

Duchy (requires 20):

(Requires majority to approve)

Lancaster 19

Wolfendorf 9

Chancellor's Note: the above listing is based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication.

B. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve)

(None at this time)

C. Other Amendments

(Notification only, no action required)

1. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of steward's reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the crowns and stewards shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial ban:

- Cathair Na Cailite
- Connacht
- Stirling
- Pembroke

2. ~~The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Stewards office:~~

- ~~Somerset: The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of Somerset. Effective February 18th, the Crowns and Steward shall be placed on Judicial Ban, they have 30 days to comply before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent steward records the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.~~
- ~~Brandenburg: The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of Brandenburg. Effective February 18th, the Crowns and Steward shall be placed on Judicial Ban, they have 30 days to comply before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent steward records the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.~~

Imperial Crown Commentary: On this hour, the 18th of February, both chapters have responded that they are working to comply. It is the Imperial Crowns hope that this will be a dead subject at the convening of the Estates meeting

3. Dissolving of the following Chartered Subdivisions/Chapters

- ~~Shire of Chesapeake – Failure to report Crown and Steward (at least three months), last approved event was 9/24/14~~
- Shire of Brunico – Failure to report Crown and Steward, last event held April 2012.
- Shire of Malta- Failure to report Crown and Steward, August 2015.
- Shire of York – For more details see Appendix B.

Additional update, 2/21/2016: As of the publishing of this amendment, the chapters of Brandenburg and Somerset have reported and begun the process of providing the necessary reports. As such we have notified the Minister of Justice to withdraw the complaint and lift the Ban. The Chapter of Chesapeake has reported

to the Imperial crown with positive communication and provided the necessary reports. As such we withdraw our intent to dissolve the chapter. For our part, we have instructed the Imperial Steward to forward all financial paperwork required for reporting to each chapter. As well as instruction for him to confirm the receipt of all reporting made Imperially.

CRB2. Request for feedback regarding Canadian Membership Rates when using PayPal

(Discussion only)

Canadian members are struggling with the US dollar exchange at the moment and memberships are being affected. I am asking the Estates to consider letting Canadian Members choose to pay their membership is Canadian funds instead of US funds. With the PayPal set up, this would be a simple matter according to their address having this option. (i.e. Canadian address = Canadian funds) At the current exchange, Canadians are paying \$42 to make up the difference to US Funds. As the dollar drops this could increase substantially. On the flip side when the dollar equalizes the difference will decrease. Thank you.

Chancery notes: Currently Canadian members pay for a standard primary member (using the exchange rate on 2/21/2016):

- *\$30 Canadian + \$11.10 Canadian to cover exchange rate + Bank fees for the exchange + postage to send membership*

If we allowed that member to not have to adjust for the currency exchange when paying online:

- *\$30 Canadian + PayPal fees (96 or 97 cents Canadian)*

US residents pay:

- *\$30 US + postage to send membership*
- *Or \$30.96 US via PayPal on the website*

Commentary: See February newsletter for additional PayPal information.

CRB3. The Release of the Empire's Tax Records

(Requires 2/3rds to approve)

Option A: Provide 3 years of tax records.

Option B: Do not provide of tax records.

Imperial Commentary: We have received a request for close to ten years' worth of tax records from a member of the Empire.

We have been guided that under the IRS code that, we as an organization, are only required to provide up to 3 years of filed tax returns from the time of request. Also, that not all information upon a tax return is required for preview. Should we go forward with sending copies we will first need to send to our accountant to have any such areas blacked out.

In seeking information, it was also brought to our attention an IRS code which allows the organization to not supply such documents if the organization reasonably believes one is a part of a harassment campaign.

Unfortunately, due to this person involvement in internal trials and previous association with corporate takeover and support of a lawsuit against the organization there are those of the governing body of the corporation who view the request as a continuation of damaging the organization.

As for our part, we now have to try and maintain the rights of our membership as well as protect our organization on many levels.

We come to the governing body for clear direction for we are also concerned over the intentions of the request.

We have notified the requester of our intention to present this to the Estates and shall also afford the person the ability to submit a statement to the Estates for review should they chose to.

We ask for either 2/3rds requiring us to provide the three years of tax returns or 2/3 supporting the decision to not provide documents.

CRB4. Notification of Writ: Recognized Rawlings for use in the Empire

(Notification only, no action required)

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.

So Say We Gabrielle and L'Bet'e

Imperial Commentary: In November of 2014, the Rawlings synthetic sword was approved. The catch here is that the "type" of weapon that was play tested throughout the Empire, was the Rawlings "Longsword," This type/style of sword was the model for which many estate holders gave their approval. We, as estate holders, also gave a very general weapon requirement which the chancellery defined as "Commercial produced swords of the Rawlings design only."

Since the approval there have been different styles of swords produced by Rawlings: the Messer, the Langes Messer, Basket hilt, Cutlass, Falchion. It has been a surprise by many that these swords are being used, because the intent of many was to approve the ones play tested. Those who use them say "they're Rawlings, so they are legal." Hence our issue, beside the fact that we have weapons that are not exactly the same as the ones in playtest and whether they are as safe, safer, not as safe many do not know. If Rawlings changed their design in some way, added stiffness, metal, a greater point, such would technically be legal solely based on the fact that they are "Commercial produced swords of the Rawlings design only."

We feel there is a need for present and the future a defining of the parameters of what a Rawlings design is. Based on the play tested weapon we believe requirements for weight, material and flexibility at the very least should be presented, considered and approved to set a standard for all other design and/or styles that are issued from Rawlings.

CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

1. Rulings of the Courts (See Appendix A)

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

- a. Sir William Baine & Sir Corrwyn Tyrsson (aka Sir Dietrich) vs. Sir Duncan Wallace
- b. Dame Millicent de Lilly vs. Sir Corrwyn Tyrsson (aka Sir Dietrich)

2. Civil Courts

(Requires majority to ratify.)

(None received)

CH2. 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.

As per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b:

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.

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.

CH3. Consideration of the Success of the Reign of TIMs Wright Bentwood and Elizabeth Blizce.

(Requires majority to approve)

OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend Lex Adria to redefine “Charter”

(Was OB1)

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Amend Lex Adria VIII.E.5 as follows:

1. 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 may be modified by 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.

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

OB2. Amend Lex Adria to Change Land Grants for New Chapters

(Was OB2)

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

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

New Charters shall not exceed a 120 mile (as the bird flies) 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

OB3. Timeline for the submission of Chapter Rosters for IEMs

(Was NB1)

(Requires 2/3 to approve as an amendment to Lex Adria IV.E.6 or a majority to approve as a new IEW)

All dates refer to days before the Imperial Estates Meeting (IEM).

A. 60 days out.

1. Imperial Chancery posts the Call to Meeting.
2. Chapter Estates for IEM is locked.
3. The timeframe for attendance is set (the 6 months before the call).
4. Chapter Chancellors start creating their IEM Rosters.

B. 45 days out.

1. Chapter Rosters are due. If not received by the Imperial Chancery or Imperial Rolls and Lists (IRaL), the Chapter Chancellor is on limited administrative ban (locally and Imperially) until the roster is received or after IEM.
2. Chapter Rolls and Lists must have all Events entered, for the attendance timeframe, so IRaL can start verifying attendance.

3. Any changes after this date to Chapter Estates, for IEM, will require a request to be seated at IEM.

C. 30 days out.

1. If Chapter Roster has not been received, the Chapter Crowns are on limited administrative ban (locally and Imperially) until the roster is received or after the IEM.
2. IRaL must have received the Chapter paperwork for Chapter Events, during the timeframe, so IRaL can approve and verify attendance. If paperwork has not been received, the Chapter Rolls and Lists is on limited administrative ban until the Chapter paperwork for events is received by IRaL or after IEM.

D. 15 days out.

1. If Chapter Roster is not in, the Imperial Crowns may request the Chapter Chancellor be replaced to get the Roster in immediately and if a Shire or Duchy, the Chapter Crowns or governors could be replaced.
2. If Chapter paperwork is not in, the Imperial Crowns may request the Chapter Rolls and Lists be replaced, so the paperwork can be sent in immediately.

E. Monday before IEM.

1. No more Chapter Roster will be accepted. This is so the Imperial Chancery may finalize the Roster for IEM. Imperial Chancery may also be travelling to IEM and unable to make changes.
2. No more paperwork will be accepted (mail or email). This is so the IRaL can finish verifying attendance.

F. The limited administrative ban prohibits the individual from:

1. Holding a vote or carrying a proxy
2. Earning ministry points or D.I.s

Author: Sir Robert LaCroix, KPr,

Sponsor: Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, KCiv

OB4. Amend Knightly Combat

(Was NB3)

(Requires majority to approve)

Amend IEW 17 (Combat Manual) 1.F.3 as follows:

3. Knightly Combat

If Knights' list combatants desire to conduct knightly combat (any variation of the rules of combat explicitly agreed to by all participating combatants in that round or melee and the presiding marshal, e.g. [~~i.e.~~] shield bashing, grappling, throws, kicks, fights to the yield, expanded target area, grasping the opponent's blade, or disarming, pommel or quillion strikes, etc. but not permitting excessive force), 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, or torso, but not the helm. This is to avoid the possibility of having the helm accidentally removed or [~~cause~~] causing a neck injury. [~~An opponent's weapon may be grasped by the hilt or haft, but never the blade~~].

Commentary Our rules provide for "knightly combat"--virtually any variation from standard rules of combat. While it is largely understood to mean grappling, a little more force, less intervention by the marshals, and almost anything acceptable to the combatants themselves (usually including fighting to the yield or satisfaction)--we have a provision prohibiting excessive force, kicking, shield punching, etc., and there is no apparent latitude for added target areas or how to address historical martial arts.

While I am concerned about any ambiguity and there are several to be addressed (such as the difference in limited grappling allowed in standard combat from actual brawling/wresting attacks in knightly combat, or blows from the pommel or quillions), I would like historical martial arts techniques expressly addressed. While some may be allowed in themed tourneys, some would not be allowed or are apparently prohibited--and should not be.

In particular: adding lower legs as acceptable targets; wrestling (take-downs and locks); disarming techniques (including trapping or taking your opponent's weapon which should not be treated as losing a limb to do so, because the contact is incidental and not a martial blow by the opponent, nor was the weapon that sharp); targeting unarmored areas; whether controlled/authentic kicks can be acceptable; counting disarms as points; counting thrusts and target locations as variable points (i.e. limbs 1 pt, torso 2 pts, head 3 pts, extra point for thrust).

I am actively recruiting HEMA members and trying to rebuild the Imperial Masters of Defense Guild. I would like to encourage all historical European martial arts practitioners to join Adria.

The reason the presiding marshal's agreement is required, is that combatants who are new to the Knight's list may agree to techniques they are not ready for. Knightly combat used to be restricted to Knights. Current rules permit anyone on the Knightly list to participate.

Author: HG Sir Willilam Baine, KCh

Sponsor: HIH L'Bete' de Acmd, KCh

OB5. Amend Lex Adria XVI.A.6 to balance the War Points

(Was NB4)

(Requires 2/3 to approve)

6. War Points

There shall be ~~[21]~~ 27 war points consisting of:

a. Nine Combat Points

- i. Three light weapons battles
- ii. Two renaissance weapons battles
- iii. One renaissance champions battle
- iv. Two armored battles
- v. One armored champion's battle

b. ~~[Eight]~~ Nine Arts Points

One point in each list (Journeyman and Knight) will be awarded for each of the following categories:

(This is the same system that has been in place, minus the categories.)

- i. Highest total:
The army with the highest total points on each of the lists.
- ii. Highest average:
The army with the highest average points on each of the lists. All scores will be tallied for these points. This is not be a percentage of the whole, but determined for each army (total points per army/number of entries per army).
- iii. Most total wins:
The army with the most total wins awarded on each of the lists.
- iv. Most total masterworks:
The army with the most total masterworks awarded on each of the lists.
- v. Total cumulative score of both lists
The army with the highest cumulative point total combining both Knight's and journeyman's list
- g. ~~[Four]~~ Nine Archery Points
 - i. One Bowman's List (combined score of all Bowmen)
 - ii. One Huntsman's List (combined score of all Huntsmen)
 - iii. One Open List (combined score of all supporters for each contender regardless of rank, in a separate shoot)

- iv. One Champion's battle (highest score of any member). This will be determined by the highest score by any member from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion
- v. [Highest Average Score of the Bowman's list \(taken from combined bowman shoot\)](#)
- vi. [Highest Average Score of the Huntsman's List \(taken from combined Huntsman shoot\)](#)
- vii. [Highest Average Score of both lists \(taken from the open Shoot\)](#)
- viii. [Bowman Champion \(highest individual combined score of all 3 shoots\)](#)
- ix. [Huntsman Champion \(highest individual combined score of all 3 shoots\)](#)

Author: HE Desmond Wallace, Archduke of Auroch's Fyord

Sponsor: HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CtR

OB6. Change IEW 2 Codex Adjudicata Right of Appeal

(Was NB5)

(Requires majority to approve)

Modify IEW-2 paragraph IV.H. as follows:

H. Right of Appeal

... The decision of the Imperial Estates is final. [~~The Complainant shall have no right to appeal an adverse ruling.~~] [While a Complainant may appeal procedural rulings, they may not appeal the final judgment of the Court or sentence of the Crown.](#)

Commentary While the Complainant does not, and should not, have a right to appeal the final judgement or sentence (think "double jeopardy"), they should have a right to question (appeal) decisions that affected the outcome of the trial as if they had been present when the decision was made and prior to the final judgement or sentence, e.g. object to the inclusion or exclusion of testimony or evidence, question a procedural decision or method, Overturning such a decision would result in a mistrial, allowing the trial to be reconvened and continued.

Author: HG Sir William Baine, KPr, HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CtR

OB7. Nomination to the Order of the Fleur-de-Lis

(Was NB6)

(Requires majority to approve)

We, the sponsors, do hereby nominate Sirs William Baine and Terrin Greyphis to the Order of the Fleur-de-Lis.

Commentary: This Order is intended to honor those individuals whose contributions to the Empire are so great that they are deserving of being made members of the Imperial Family, but have not necessarily sat the Imperial Throne themselves. Members are appointed by a simple majority vote of the Imperial Estates and are invested with their titles by the Imperial Crown.

Author: Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, CtR

Sponsor: HER Elizabeth Blizce, HIIH L'Bete' D'Acmd; HIIH Etaine Llewyllyn, HIIH Thomas Weimar

In November, the Imperial Estates asked what the candidates had done and in response, the following statements were submitted.

Statement from Sir William Baine

As long as I have been "playing the game", my goal has been to promote our Dream across the various organizations. In 1996, Prince Nikolai told me, "a Knight is a Knight, a Noble is a Noble, and we are playing the same game". We worked to establish relations between ECS and Adria, helped with the cross-play and conversion process, and encouraged hundreds of members to play both.

Membership:

Adria, Oct 1997 to present	NCWHA, 2015 to present
Noble Science Academy (HEMA) 2015-present	UNLV Living History 2015-present
ECS, May 1992-1998	SCA, May 1992-1994

Past Offices:

Imperial-

Chancellor, Oversight Chancellor, Estates Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor; Hospitaler;

Corporate-

Board of Directors Adrian Empire, Inc., President, Member, Advisor;
Board of Directors Empire of Chivalry and Steel, Inc., President;
Board of Directors, Nevada Civil War History Association, Inc., Member;

Chapter--

Albion, King, Archduke, Chancellor, Deputy Steward, Deputy Physicker;
Aragon, Chancellor, Viceroy of Albion;
Vega, Hospitaler, Deputy Hospitaler;
Albion-Rayonne, Quartermaster;

Estates--

Mortis, Marquis, Count, Baron, Lord, Member;

Domains--

Church of Adria, Monsignor, Bishop;
Armored Thunder, Silver;
Imperial Brotherhood of Mercenaries, Co-founder;

Guilds--

Great Company Mortis, Imperial, Captain-General;
Company Mortis, Albion-Rayonne, Albion, Aragon, Vega, Captain;
Masters of Defense, Imperial, Albion-Rayonne, Albion, Ancient.

Knightly Orders:

Hart Argent
Flamingo (Protectors of the Mad Queen of Vega)

Events:

National Invitational Steel Tournament, Co-founder, Co-autocrat
Fools' War, Co-founder, Co-autocrat
Day of the Dead, Co-founder, Co-autocrat

Annual Fairs (Volunteer)--

CCPR Age of Chivalry Fair, Las Vegas

Southern Utah Midsummer Renaissance,
Boulder City Renaissance Faire, BC, NV
Piratefest, Las Vegas, NV
Dragonfyre, Soda Springs, ID;

Past Fairs (Volunteer)--

Hardyville Days, Bullhead City, AZ
Avi Renaissance Fair, NV;

Tournaments, Wars, Demos, Collegia, Classes, Fundraisers, Community Service Projects.

Knighthood:

Knight Premier, Knight Champion, Knight Warden

Awards:

(1st, 8th, and 9th) Counts Royal of Albion;
(1st) Viscount of Albion;
Baron of the Courts of the Empire, Vega, and Aragon;
Lord of the Courts of the Empire and Pembroke
Imperial Orders of the Table Round, Golden Cross, Comet, and the Alphyn (Or),
Royal Order of the Crown Companions (three times), Order of the Empress' Grace;
Vega Order of the Sun and Grant of Heraldic Supporters;
Aragon Order of the Jewel;
Albion Orders of the Beast of Burden, the Fleur Azure
with Bees (twice), and the Award of Excellence;
Albion-Rayonne Order of the Rose (twice), and Lion's Pride;
Noble Order of the Crown Guard.

Statement from Sir Terrin GreypHis

I joined Adria in 1996 and from the beginning I have sought out and found ways to help the Empire. The first place I found where I could help was the Kingdom's Steward Office (still in 1996) and that sparked the start of a road that I have been journeying down ever since.

As Deputy Steward, I saw how much work our Steward did to manually cross-reference various information. I had skills and while some professionals prefer to escape their work while enjoying their hobby, I volunteered those skills as well. It started with a Steward's Database program and supporting reports for use by a single chapter. When the Office of Rolls and Lists needed help, more features were added. It expanded into a tool for use by any chapter and started to spread around the Empire. As the then national and now international group of Adrians continued to work together, a new project spawned which was the start of the database and user interfaces that most Adrians know of today as the Rolls Database, but actually includes not only Rolls and Steward functions, but manages the Heraldry (arms images and blazons) on the website, and has a few Chancellor and Crown Marshal functions as well. I saw needs and I stepped forward and spent many an evening, weekend, and vacation day building, maintaining, and expanding tools so that others could easily track information important to them in Adria.

My contributions are not limited to electronic ones. As well as serving in Kingdom Ministerial capacities, I helped build a March and served it as a Count. As a Count, my duties included attending Imperial Estates Meetings. I found that these meetings not only helped guide Adria down its path, but allowed me to interact with people from around the country and exchange ideas for the betterment of the Empire. I became Count in about 1999 and between that office, being the Imperial Steward, and just wanting to share with my fellow Adrians, I attended every single IEM (most at my own cost as Adria hadn't decided to help with ministerial expenses yet) until I finally took a break after I stepped down as Imperial Crown many years later (and have since returned to the IEMs). Speaking of expenses, I actually inspired the support for Imperial Minister travel when then HIM Elisabeth realized that I had travelled from Southern California to Florida as Imperial Steward but held no vote on the Estates. She brought that before the Imperial Estates and funding was enacted just in time for me to have left that office to return to serve the Kingdom as King and benefit my successors.

After I had reached Knight Premier and was visiting a nearby chapter, I was asked by Dame Juliana to show the other folk that Ministry K3s didn't stop serving just because they had attained that rank. As I happily picked up the Marshalling Staff, I reminded her that I was in the process of running for Kingdom Crown and had no intention of resting on my laurels.

While I served as Emperor, I struggled with the job under the self-imposed restrictions that I and Sir William had set upon ourselves and under the additional limitations that the Imperial Estates voiced. While I was not doing well at communicating the positive factors of the reign to the populace, one of them was to negotiate with a large group of members in the process of leaving Adria from an area that I was not very familiar with. I brought them back into the fold and managed to mend some fences on both sides of several disagreements. I learned much serving in that position and Sir William and I did accomplish our goal of that reign which was to demonstrate to the Empire that the leadership of the Chivalry (Emperor and/or Empress) could be separated from the leadership of the Corporate Board of Directors. While the authority of the BoD has changed since that time, the practice of separate people doing the job has continued to this day.

So far I have told you a few stories of my journey through Adria so that you can get a feel of my character as well as my service, but to be clear, all of these were done while I continued to serve the Empire, both locally and Imperially.

- I have served as a Chapter Steward, Minister of Joust and War, Crown Marshal, Minister of Rolls, Sovereign of Arms, and Chancellor.
- I have served as an Imperial Steward (for about 5 years and for various Crowns), Minister of Rolls, Webmaster, and Chancellor. Achievements in this area include authoring manuals that are still in use in whole or part today, adding a growing number of scripts to the website to maintain and retrieve live information from the database, and creating the proration system for points at multi-site Imperial Wars that was later adopted by the Estates and continues today.
- I have served on the Adria Board of Directors (starting with the first one in its current form), both during my tenure as Imperial Steward and as an elected member.
- I have served as a Viceroy (Lancaster), Duke (Lancaster), Archduke (Brandenburg), King (two years in Esperance), and as Emperor.
- I am still on the road to my first level knighthood in Arts and Sciences, but hold a second level knighthood in Archery (I just need more demos to earn K3), a second level knighthood in Combat (I just need one win on the armored list for K3), and a have long held a third level knighthood in Ministry.

I am proud that during my journey through the Chivalry, I have been able to look at people who held strongly opposing viewpoints and know that they too were doing what they felt was in the best interest of Adria.

I am proud that I am among those that have served Adria for our entire time in the organization (20 years for me) and that I am among those in our group that can say that they directly created or contributed to significant positive changes in Adria that help make it what it is today.

Statement from Sir Earl Boru

To whom it may concern

As member of Adria (a retired crown, and 3rd level knight) I would like to commend Sir Terrin for his service. When I was a new member, I traveled to California for my first imperial war, Sir Terrin took myself and the other members from south Florida he did not know, made us feel welcome and made sure we had the things we needed, and we had a great weekend.

A few years later, when I became Crown and he was Emperor, he helped our subdivision resolve some issues that had been a concern, again allowing us to concentrate on having fun in Adria. It is my belief that Sir Terrin has been a knight of honor and an example of what being a knight is all about

Earl Boru
2nd Earl of Castilles
1st Earl of Kincora
2nd Earl of Stirling

NEW BUSINESS

None received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

All previous items were discussed in November and no new items were submitted.

NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

The next meeting of the Imperial Estates will be July 16th and 17th, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Appendix A. Judicial Court Reports

Sir William Baine and Sir Corrwyn Tyrsson (aka Sir Dietrich) versus Duncan Wallace

Trial Held December 12, 2015

Sir Duncan agreed to enter a guilty plea to one count of Conduct Unbecoming a Knight.

Proposed sentence; striking Duncan's belt and arms for 6 months of participations at which Duncan exhibited appropriate behavior as evaluated/verified by Sir William and/or Sir Philippe. Sir William already verified 2 events (12/12/15 Trial and NST) and proposed that left an additional 4 months of participations.

Duncan's plea of guilty was entered and accepted. They recommend the sentencing above to Your Majesties.

The Imperial Crowns are upholding the recommendations of the court.

The charge of treason was dropped.

So Say We,

Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd and Empress Gabriele Silverhand

January 7, 2016

Dame Millicent de Lilly versus Sir Corrwyn Tyrsson (aka Sir Dietrich)

Filed November 3, 2015

Request for Immediate Justice and hand of Imperial Crown

November 5th, 2015

Trial Held November 21, 2015

Case presided by Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd

Advocate assigned to Sir Dietrich, Baron Adelric Drago

Phone Testimony presented by Dame Millicent, Sir Dietrich,

Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne, Ashlinn Tiernan,

Called on by crown to give testimony; Sir Horatio Merriweather, Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen
(FB Messenger)

There are three pieces of evidence from which this case stems.

Evidence 1. An email by Sir Dietrich posted on the Esperance Yahoo Board

Evidence 2. A reply email to evidence 1 Posted on the Esperance Yahoo board by Dame Miliscent on behalf of the Crown of Esperance.

Evidence 3. A reply to evidence 2. posted by Sir Dietrich on the Esperance Yahoo Board acknowledging the crown effort and subsequently addressing Dame Millicent personally.

These were posted upon the Kingdom of Esperance personal Yahoo group and as such are subject to the rules and bylaws of the Adrian Empire.

In relation to the Charge of Conduct Unbecoming a Knight; which is defined as willful violation of Lex Adria - Article I.C.

Sir Dietrich conceded that his post Evidence 3. left the mark of business and that his historical passion/feelings towards the plaintiff got the better of him and in such produced a heavy handed response. He admitted to error here and was and is willing to apologize for his short falling. Sir Dietrich related that he had tried to apologize for such at an Estate's meeting; this testimony collaborated by at least one Estates member present that day.

The Crown finds by admission and assessment that Sir Dietrich displayed Conduct Unbecoming a Knight with an infraction of Article I.C.

Integrity
Fairness
Respect

Commentary: Sir Dietrich's feeling and experience of Plaintiff may very well be just, personal feelings are what they are. What we do with these feelings, how we allow them to outwardly project and affect the experience of others is ultimately the individual's responsibility, for it is these actions to which one can be held accountable.

Account 2: Disharmony; which is defined as having committed an act (or caused an act) that so disturbed the harmony, order and enjoyment of the activities of the Adrian Empire as to warrant Crown intervention.

Within the testimony of the plaintiff it has been put forth that the plaintiff feels threatened and afraid for herself and her family. Again we acknowledge the feelings, yet no testimony or evidence has been presented to substantiate a threat of personal harm to the plaintiff or the family or an attempt by the defendant to create an uncomfortable atmosphere for the plaintiff or others. The only personal interaction referenced was between Sir Dietrich and the Crown during the Estates meeting. To which all testified that the plaintiff left the meeting taking family with her almost immediately upon Sir Dietrich addressing the Estates. As such the plaintiff was not party or legitimate witness to the events that transpired.

During the Estates meeting the Crown testified that there was a "feeling" of threat. It is within Sir Dietrich's right to bring objections before the Crown over policy, though no specific words or actions could be accounted to Sir Dietrich by the Crown, plaintiff or the witness's as to how Sir Dietrich specifically caused disharmony outside of the rights guaranteed to estates members and knights of the Empire. One Estate member testified that yes there was a tension in the air as to how communication would evolve at the estates meeting. But that this estate member was impressed as to the decorum of both the Crown and Sir Dietrich in handling their differences.

Again we have the conflict of action versus feeling. Statements such as ", I will charge you", 'I do not like your actions and as such will seek redress", I will defeat you next time we cross swords, are at their core, levels of threat, yet not necessarily criminal.

As such we must balance the concept of threat in weight to intent and action.

Finally, within the complaint filings it is uncertain as to whether the Crown actually was conjoining in the complaint against Sir Dietrich. During examination the Crown was specifically asked if He wished to conjoin in the complaint. The answer was no.

As such, within the confines of testimony and evidence presented in this case, the defendant is not found guilty of disharmony.

So Say I, Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd
November 25, 2015

Sentence:

Within the testimony and evidence of the case a pattern of behavior was put forth as example of character in specific actions of Sir Dietrich. It is not lost on this Crown that some of Sir Dietrich's actions or inactions have not placed him in a position of favorable renown amongst some of his peers. Yet this sentence shall be based on the weight of the infraction and not on public opinion or actions to which he has fulfilled his obligations or were as he was not held accountable by those who found offense beforehand.

Censure and Apology

1. Within 60 days of notice Sir Dietrich shall have written and submitted to the Imperial Crown for review an approved letter of apology and reflection to be published publicly by the Imperial Minister of Justice in what official means of communication that are felt necessary by the Imperial Crown.

- **The apology shall address Dame Millicent, The Crown of Esperance, The Estates and Populace of Esperance as well as the Imperial Government.**
- **Expressed Reflection upon how a single post can affect those included in the apology negatively.**
- **Examples of how by using the Standards of conduct he could have pursued his concerns and issues in a more constructive manner.**
- **What action or actions can one take to find at the very least, mutual accord with those whom they do not like or have issue with.**

So Say We,
Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd and Empress Gabriele Silverhand
November 25, 2015

[Update] Dame Millicent de Lilly versus Sir Corrwyn Tyrsson (aka Sir Dietrich)
Apology accepted and approved by the Imperial Crown on 1/7/2016

Unto my Imperial Crowns, the Imperial Government, the Crown, Estates, and Populace of the Kingdom of Esperance, and Dame Miliscent,

I apologize to you all. Some months ago I responded to an email with more tenacity then was merited. In short, I let personal feelings cloud my judgment. As I knight, I should have backed away from the situation and asked help from my peers and those I respect, but I failed to do so. I should have shown more respect to the above named people, but I did not. For these shortcomings, failings, and my actions, I sincerely apologize. If I find myself in the same position in the future, I will not respond for at least 24 hours and will seek the counsel of my peers before responding.

In Contrition,
Jarl Corrwyn

Appendix B. Supporting documentation for the dissolving of the Shire of York

The Imperial Crown was contacted by the sitting crown at the time of reduction to a shire. We were questioned as to the future of York. We asked for York's seven months' delinquent stewards reports be brought current. 7 months of Stewards reports were presented showing zero activity within the chapter. We were told that no one would take or participate in the steward's office.

We offered the position of Vicerene to the former crown and granted permission for the shire of York to hold a December event.

On January 11th, the former Crown informed us that she could not continue on as Vicerene. In her letter she stated the following:

"I have keys and paperwork to the storage unit rented by York. I am happy to send them wherever you wish. The storage unit renewal is due in April."

We further responded to her with the following direction:

On January 14th we responded:

"Greetings -----,

We are sorry to hear such. Please mail the referenced key and paperwork to

A. Derivi

[Address Provided]

If a cost is incurred please forward receipt and I will have the steward send you a check immediately.

If for some reason you cannot mail it, please provide a date time and place within the next 30 days and I will have a representative retrieve it.

Thank you for considering and good luck to you and your family."

On February 11th we contacted to inquire why no reply or action had been taken.

We are Informing the Imperial Estates that with this notice we shall seek legal remedies if our direction is not complied with in thirty days of the publication of this agenda.

In reference to the chapter of York as a continuing entity within the Empire itself, we have contacted 4 people within and without of York to take on the responsibility of working to rebuild the chapter.

All declined.