



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
March 25 and 26, 2017
Agenda**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Country Inn & Suites Hotel Metairie, 2713 N Causeway Blvd, Metairie LA 70002

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast, free high-speed internet access, business center, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness center, outdoor saltwater pool, free parking.

Date and Time:

	TBA	BoD Meeting
Sat, 25 March:	8:30 – 9:15	Sign In
	9:30 – 6:00	Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 26 March:	9:30 – 5:00	Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)

Shuttle Transportation:

The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service between the hours of 7 AM and 11 PM daily. Upon arrival at the New Orleans International Airport, collect your luggage and walk to Transportation Center across from the baggage claim area. Contact the hotel at 504-835-4141 or 800-874-1280 to request shuttle pickup.

Reservations:

Individual Call-in: To ensure group rates, individuals should contact Jodi at 504-648-3821 and tell her you are with the Adrian Empire, Inc. group. Please do not wait to the last minute to make your reservation! **All reservations shall be made by February 24, 2017.**

Room Rates:

Room Types	Rates
<u>Courtyard Rooms – Exterior Access – Rooms Surround Outdoor Pool in Enclosed Courtyard Setting</u> (Choice of 2 Double Beds, 2 Queen Beds, Accessible Rooms, 1 King Bed, or 1 Queen Bed)	\$119.00
<u>Deluxe Rooms – Interior Access</u> (Choice of 2 Queen Beds, 1 King Bed – Based on availability and request only)	\$159.00
<u>Studio Suites – Interior Access</u> (Choice of 2 Queen Beds with a Sleeper Sofa or 1 King Bed with a Sleeper Sofa – Based on availability and request only)	\$179.00

These rates are subject to the taxes and hotel assessment fee in place at the time of occupancy; currently this is a 14.75% surcharge.

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 equal to one night’s room and tax shall be charged to that guest’s individual account.

Individual Cancellation Fee:

Individual room cancellations can be made up to 7 days prior to the arrival of the reservation within the group. Any reservations cancelled after this time, will be charged the amount of one night’s room and tax.

Site Autocrat: HIM Emperor L’Bete

Legend:

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Added or new text

(Requirements for actions and approval)

Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

Author's commentary

Requirement for Written Proxies (Lex Adria Imperium, Article VI.H.)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting.

1. Written proxies are effective when presented to the Chancellor.
2. The proxy-holder may present a copy to the Chancellor when signing in for the meeting, or
3. The proxy-granter may mail or electronically submit a copy to the Chancellor, provided it is received at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If a proxy is not presented to the Chancery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

AGENDA

I. SIGN IN

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. ROLL CALL

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes of the November 2016 IEM
(Requires majority to approve.)

V. 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

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

Chancery Note: The listing in A. and B. below is based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication.

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

Kingdoms:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve.)

None below numbers.

Archduchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

None below numbers.

Duchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

None below numbers.

B. The following Shires are being dissolved per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII.D.3.b.xi:

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

None below numbers.

C. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve.)

None received.

D. Other Amendments

(Requires majority to approve.)

1. Amend the charters of Esperance and Auroch's Fjord to reflect the transfer of the lands within the boundary of the I-10 from the CA/AZ border to CA-62, to CA-247, to the I-15 to the NV border, along the NV border, and along the CA/AZ border connect with the I-10 from Esperance to Auroch's Fjord as agreed to by the Estates of both Chapters.
2. Amend the charter of Constantinople to include the entirety of Orange, Seminole, and Indian River Counties of the mundane state of Florida, and to release the lands of St. John's, Clay, and Putnam Counties of the mundane state of Florida to the Empire, as agreed to by the Estates of Constantinople.

E. Delinquent Reporting

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:

(Notification only.)

- a. ~~Duchy of Somerset~~ – ~~last report: October 2016~~

Update: As of the publication of this revised agenda, the Duchy of Somerset has supplied the necessary reports.

2. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Stewards office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of these Chapters. Effective February 8, the Crowns and Steward shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent steward records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

- a. Duchy of Wolfendorf – last report: September 2016
- b. Shire of Chesapeake – last report: August 2016
- c. ~~Shire of Glasgow~~ – ~~last report: July 2016~~
- d. Shire of Murrisk – last report: July 2016

Update: As of the publication of this revised agenda, the Shire of Glasgow has supplied the necessary reports. Thus, the complaint has been withdrawn and the Ban has been lifted.

3. We are continuing to require monthly Primary Reporting (i.e., Crown Reports, Steward Reports, and Rolls Reports) by ALL Chapters. Henceforth, any Chapter that falls delinquent by two months or more on ANY of its Primary Reporting shall be subject to Judicial Ban of the delinquent Chapter Crowns and relevant Ministers until such a time as reporting is brought current. The Imperial Crown will file complaints against Chapter Crowns and relevant Ministers once Primary Reporting is delinquent by three months.

(Notification only.)

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Court Reports

None.

CHB2. Consideration of Success of Reign of TIMs L’Bete de Acmd and Gabriele Silverhand

(Requires majority.)

CHB3. Election of Special Panel per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b.

(Requires majority.)

Chancery Note: The Special Panel is tasked with the decision to deny, revoke, or suspend membership. Per Bylaws Article III.A.4.b., the Special Panel is comprised of the Crown(s) of the member’s chapter, two Royal Crowns from a rotational list, and four members elected by the Imperial Estates to serve on the panel, starting in March, for a term of one year. The Imperial Estates are also to elect two alternate panel members at this time. All panel members must be at least 18 years of age, members in good standing, and Knights.

CHB4. Updates and Corrections to Manuals and Documents

(Notification only; no action required.)

List published as separate document.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Add a rapier path to knighthood

(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires 2/3 to approve.)

Option A, in which rapier combat points earned past Knight Bachelor can be applied to either the Banneret/Champion Path or the Fencer/Defense Path, at the option of the combatant.

A. Replace Article IX.D.1.e. Knight Banneret and f. Knight Champion of the Lex Adria Imperium with the following:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

D. Ranks

1. Combatant Roll

e. Banneret/Champion Path

Points toward advancement in Combat beyond Knight Bachelor may be applied to either Path, at the discretion of the Combatant. Once an STK has been audited and approved, the points credited are “frozen” and cannot be applied to another Path.

i. Knight Banneret

- Participation in 18 additional Knights’ Lists (eight must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.

- Five additional wins in the Knights' Lists (three must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in five additional wars.
- Participation in five additional demonstrations.
- ii. Knight Champion
 - Participation in 36 additional Knights' Lists (16 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
 - Ten additional wins in the Knights' Lists (six must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
 - Participation in 10 additional wars.
 - Participation in 15 additional demonstrations.
- f. Fencer/Defense Path

Points toward advancement in Combat beyond Knight Bachelor may be applied to either Path, at the discretion of the Combatant. Once an STK has been audited and approved, the points credited are "frozen" and cannot be applied to another Path.

- i. Knight Fencer
 - Participation in 18 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Five additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Participation in rapier scenarios in five additional wars.
 - Participation in five additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.
- ii. Knight of Defense
 - Participation in 36 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Ten additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Participation in rapier scenarios in 10 additional wars.
 - Participation in 15 additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

B. Amend Article IX.E. of the Lex Adria Imperium as follows:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

E. Titles

- 9. Knight Champion, Knight of Defense, Knight Master, Knight Premier, Knight Warden
- 15. Knight Banneret, Knight Fencer, Knight Doctor, Knight Civil, Knight Forester

C. Amend IEW#18 – Armigerous Rights as follows:

II. Regalia and Modes of Address

B. Practice

12. Knight Third Level

Imperial Peer, Landed Knight and Estate Major in own right. May wear a blue belt and gold spurs. May also fly a standard. May be styled "Sir <name>" or "Dame <name>" according to gender, or may use a

non-English translation. Includes Knights Champion [and Defense](#) (combat), Master (arts), Premier (ministry), and Warden (archery). [Knights of Defense may wear a blue scarf on their preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.](#)

18. Knight Second Level

Landed Knight and Estate Minor in own right. May wear a blue belt and silver spurs with a gold rowel. May also fly a standard. May be styled “Sir” or “Dame” according to gender, or may use a non-English translation. Includes Knights Banneret [and Fencer](#) (combat), Doctor (arts), Civil (ministry), and Forester (archery). [Knights Fencer may wear a blue scarf on their preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.](#)

D. Amend IEW#13 – Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings as follows:

B. Wins and participations in Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings will count the same **as Rapier.**

E. Amend Applicable Sign-In Forms to Differentiate Rapier Combat

F. Amend Rolls Database to Differentiate Rapier Combat

G. Amend Combat Steps to Knighthood Form to Incorporate Second K2/K3 Path

Option B, in which Rapier points earned past Knight Bachelor can *only* be applied toward the Fencer/Defense Path.

A. Replace Article IX.D.1.e. Knight Banneret and f. Knight Champion of the Lex Adria Imperium with the following:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

D. Ranks

1. Combatant Roll

e. Banneret/Champion Path

i. Knight Banneret

- Participation in 18 additional non-rapier Knights’ Lists (eight must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Five additional wins in the non-rapier Knights’ Lists (three must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in five additional wars (excluding rapier scenarios).
- Participation in five additional demonstrations (excluding rapier combat).

ii. Knight Champion

- Participation in 36 additional non-rapier Knights’ Lists (16 must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Ten additional wins in the non-rapier Knights’ Lists (six must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.

- Participation in 10 additional wars (excluding rapier scenarios).
- Participation in 15 additional demonstrations (excluding rapier combat).
- f. Fencer/Defense Path
 - i. Knight Fencer
 - Participation in 18 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Five additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Participation in rapier scenarios in five additional wars.
 - Participation in five additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.
 - ii. Knight of Defense
 - Participation in 36 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Ten additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
 - Participation in rapier scenarios in 10 additional wars.
 - Participation in 15 additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

Parts B. through G. as described in Option A.

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Authors' Commentary: *With a resurgence in private Western Martial Arts sword schools, the SCA's addition of a Society-level peerage for unarmored 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, the time has come to (once again) consider 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.

This is personal for me and I know some others. I have a unique feature of my skull called a Chiari 1 malformation that could cause serious issues if heavy shock is applied to the head, and thus cannot fight steel. I know of many others that don't fight Steel due to joint and muscle issues. Additionally, some people simply love the art of fencing; some have late period personas that are legally included in our time frame, for whom Fencing is a perfectly appropriate combat style. Like Steel combat, there is a great body of both period manuals and applied research that makes Renaissance Fencing a rich and engaging lifelong hobby, and in the author's opinion, not merely a stepping stone to Steel combat.

This proposal is not meant in any way to impinge upon or lessen the achievements of our Knights Banneret and Champion, who are rightly held in high regard. It is meant to meet a growing need and is submitted in the spirit of equality that Adria can demonstrate so well. I hope that if this passes, Knights Fencer and Defense will build a unique culture within the order, one that complements the joy of the fight that our steel fighters personify so well.

NB2. Remove physical signature requirement from Arms Registration Requests

(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires majority to approve.)

Direct the College of Arms to remove the requirement of applicant's physical signature from the Arms Registration Request form, and to amend the Heraldry Manual as follows:

Section 1: Registration

I. Registration Process

C. Forms Used

- b. Electronic presentations are acceptable ONLY if the proposal form ~~[was]~~ **is** completely filled out~~[, signed and dated before being scanned into electronic format].~~

E. Complete Forms

- ~~[1. The field marked "Signature" must be filled in with the presenter's mundane signature.]~~

II. Ownership, Protection and Registration Limits

D. General Ownership

"Individual armory is owned by the person whose name ~~[and signature]~~ appears on the proposal form."

Authors: Sir Desmond, KPr; HRM Dame Edelinne.

Authors' commentary: The process of submitting Arms Registration Requests is often unnecessarily delayed by the requirement of a physical signature on the hard-copy form.

- 1) The requirement of a physical signature is outdated, when even our memberships can be paid online and the waiver acknowledged without a physical signature.*
- 2) The forms are primarily prepared using digital media. Requiring these to then be printed, signed, scanned, and emailed to the College of Arms is unnecessarily costly and time-consuming, and results in lower-resolution files being submitted to the College, by comparison to an all-digital procedure.*
- 3) There seems to be little value to the signature in this context. In the unlikely circumstance that arms would be registered to an individual without their consent, a simple request by the individual would be sufficient to release those arms.*

- NB3. Amend IEW-13 to include crossbows**
(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires majority to approve.)
Amend IEW-13 as follows:

IEW-13. Cut-and-Thrust, ~~and~~ Rawlings, and Crossbows

A. Manual Modifications

1. The Imperial Estates direct the Imperial Crown and Their Ministers to modify the Combat Manual to adopt weapons requirements and armor standards for Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings.

2. The Imperial Estates request the Imperial Crown and their Ministers modify the Missile Weapons Guidelines to adopt standards for crossbow archery.

B. Wins and participations: ~~in~~

1. Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings will count the same as Rapier.

2. Crossbow will be counted the same as Archery.

C. Lists ~~in~~

1. Cut-and-Thrust, Rapier and Rawlings

2. Bows and Crossbows

may be held and counted at the same event pursuant to any other restrictions in the Bylaws or Writs

Authors' commentary: Current research has shown that crossbows are legal in all 50 states but that there are restrictions on their use for hunting in most states.

Sponsors: HIH William Baine; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, Count Royal; HRG Robert LaCroix.

NB4. Explicitly allow combined lists

(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires majority to approve.)

Option A. Add the following section to IEW-13:

D. Where equal lists are allowed (e.g., Sergeants' Shinai and Rapier; Knights' Cut-and-Thrust, Rapier, and Rawlings) only one needs to be offered at an event. In interpreting Lex Adria V.E., Crowns should be encouraged to offer as many of the available tournaments as practical; however, as few as a single tournament in each discipline – arts, archery, and combat – open to both beginning and advanced participants (i.e., e.g., a single arts competition open to both Journeymen's and Knights' lists, an archery competition where Bowmen are invited to shoot on the Huntsmen's list, and a combat list such as rapier or Rawlings where Sergeants' list participants can be invited to participate on the Knights' list) will satisfy the law.

Option B. Create a new IEW with the verbiage stated above.

Authors' commentary: This is an explanation of the tournament requirement in Lex Adria V.E. The Lex requires the opportunity to participate in arts, archery, and combat each month, regardless of those opportunities are offered at one event or spread out over several. It is strongly implied that the opportunity will be provided to both beginning and advanced participants, but it is not clear. It is widely assumed that shinai, rapier, steel bowman's and huntsman's and arts lists should, or must, be held each month, and many would add sergeant's and knights rapier and Rawlings, and cut-and-thrust to that list (If crossbow is added, it would be added to that list), but that is NOT what the law says. Previous Imperial Crowns have allowed events which only offered rapier without offering the alternative lists (Rawlings and cut-and-thrust). It is simply not always practical (for reasons of time and endurance) to hold sergeants' shinai, rapier, and Rawlings; and knights' rapier, Rawlings, cut-and-thrust, and armored (steel) combat tournaments (7 separate combat tournaments) at the same event. If crossbow is adopted, it may not always be practical to offer 4 archery tournaments lists (bowman's bow and crossbow, and huntsman's bow and crossbow) either.

The authors request immediate implementation if this is passed.

Chancery note: If rules for crossbow are implemented as proposed in NB3 above, this paragraph would apply to bow and crossbow as well. Currently, the criteria for allowing early participation on a Knights' (or Huntsmen's) list are outlined in IEW-28: Brevetting Policy.

Sponsors: HIH William Baine; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, Count Royal; HRG Robert LaCroix.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

D1. Associate Memberships

HIM Gabriele would like to discuss potential changes to the purpose and structure of associate memberships.

A. Redefining the meaning of Associate Membership to match more culturally accepted definitions.

1. Anyone wishing to support the Adrian Empire can pay \$20 and become an Associate Member. This would be a Tax Free membership as per our 501C.
2. No points can be gained, but participation is allowed and the dues would cover their portion of the insurance cost.
3. Once they understand the group better, they can choose to join as a full member and start to garner points at that time or for those uninterested in the point system and merely want to come out and play, they can continue as an associate member and still be covered and contributing to the insurance.
4. This would be good for people just wanting to check us out, or people that just want to support us but not participate. The goal being tot try and reduce the number of people that come out to events without memberships, but have not paid into the insurance pool.

B. Changing the SCA, EMS, HEMA memberships to being just a discounted membership the same as a Senior or Student, with \$5 off the regular price.

1. They have all of the benefits that a full member has, but get a courtesy discount for playing in similar groups.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

July 15-16, 2017

XII. ADJOURNMENT