



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
March 24th and 25th, 2018
Agenda**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Hampton Inn Arundel Mills/Baltimore, 7027 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover MD 21076

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi, business center, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness center, outdoor pool.

Date and Time (EDT):

Fri, 23 Mar.:	9:00 P.M.	BoD Meeting
Sat, 24 Mar.:	8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.	Sign In
	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 25 Mar.:	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Baltimore/Washington International (BWI)

Shuttle Transportation:

The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from BWI; call 410-540-9225 for pick-up.

Reservations:

Individual Call-in: To ensure group rates, individuals should contact the hotel directly at 410-540-9225 and tell them you are with the Adrian Empire group, Group Code EAI.

Alternatively, reservations can be made online using the same Group Code, at:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1.

Please do not wait to the last minute to make your reservation! **All reservations must be made by February 22, 2018.**

Room Rates:

The base room rate is \$109 plus tax per night.

If you have further questions regarding the site, please contact Her Excellency Asheen Wyld, Vicereine of Chesapeake (asheenwyld@yahoo.com).

Legend:

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(Requirements for actions and approval)

Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

Author's commentary

Imperial Crown 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 2017 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

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

None eligible for reduction based on membership numbers.

B. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

None received.

C. Other Amendments

1. Amend the charters of Auroch's Fjord and Cathair Na Caillte to reflect the transfer of the following territory from Auroch's Fjord to Cathair Na Caillte: The lands bounded by the meeting of Arizona Highway 95 and Boundary Cone Road (in the city of Fort Mohave, Arizona), east to the Oatman Topock Highway Junction, East along the 35th latitude to Interstate 40, south along I-40 to the Colorado River, north along the Colorado River to AZ-95, and north along AZ-95 to Boundary Cone Rd.

(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery note: The Estates of Auroch's Fjord and Cathair Na Caillte will be voting on this measure prior to the convening of the March IEM. If the Estates of both Chapters approve the charter amendments with a 2/3 supermajority, ratification of the charter amendments will require a simple majority vote of the Imperial Estates.

2. Amend the charter of Lancaster to reflect the territory defined as:

The following counties of the mundane state of North Carolina: Richmond, Anson, Stanley, Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Alexander, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, McDowell, Mitchel, Yancey, Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Trasylvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee;

The following counties of the mundane state of South Carolina: Abbeville, Greenwood, Newberry, Fairfield, Cershaw, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Chester, York, Union, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Laurens, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and Greenville;

And the following counties of the mundane state of Tennessee: Sullivan, Washington, Unicoi, Carter, and Johnson.

If approved, this amendment would release the majority of North and South Carolina to the Empire, and would assign a small portion of the Imperial Lands within the northeastern corner of Tennessee to Lancaster.

(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery note: The Estates of Lancaster will be voting on this measure prior to the convening of the March IEM. If the Estates approve the charter amendment with a 2/3 supermajority, ratification of the charter amendment will require a simple majority vote of the Imperial Estates.

D. 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.)

None.

2. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Steward's office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of these Chapters. Effective February 7, 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.)

None.

3. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Rolls reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Rolls Minister shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

- a. Terre Neuve
- b. Gaelacia

4. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Rolls office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Rolls Minister of these Chapters. Effective February 7, the Crowns and Rolls Minister 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 Rolls records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

- a. Alhambra
- b. Burgundy
- c. Connacht

- d. Murrisk
 - e. Wolfendorf
5. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Crown reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:
(Notification only.)
- a. Gloucester
 - b. Iberia
6. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in Crown reports. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns of these Chapters. Effective October 5, the Crowns 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 Crown records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.
(Notification only.)
- a. Stirling
 - b. Wolfendorf

CRB2. Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

If passed, this proposal would amend Lex Adria VIII. B. “General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles” to specify that all requirements, with the exception of the Estates vote of acceptability, must be met at the time of declaration of intent to contend for the Crown.

If adopted, this amendment would ensure that the appropriate ministers have sufficient time to verify qualifications of Crown candidates, and would safeguard the populace against unforeseen eleventh-hour failures to meet qualifications.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

No information received.

B. Civil Courts

None.

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

(Requires majority.)

CHB3. Election of Special Panel per Bylaws Article III.

(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

(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery Note: Changes to manuals and documents published separately. Please note that this update included the Combat, Archery, and Marshaling qualification tests.

CHB5. Ratification of Emergency Business: July IEM Schedule

(Requires 2/3 to ratify.)

This year, San Diego Comic Con falls on the 3rd weekend of July, which conflicts with the IEM schedule set forth in the Lex Adria. To avoid conflict with this event, a one-time exception to law was proposed to allow the July 2018 IEM to be held on the weekend of July 14 or the weekend of July 28. This also avoids conflict with July 4 holiday celebrations.

Chancery Note: This was passed as an exception to law with no objections in November 2017 (refer to EBI on the November minutes). All decisions regarding emergency business are subject to ratification at the next fully-noticed meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Clarify the Order of Precedence of the Adrian Empire *(Requires majority to approve.)*

A proposal to resolve apparent conflicts between Prince Nigel the Byzantine's Order of Precedence, Imperial Estates Writ 18, Lex Adria IX.E, and "Achievements in the Adrian Empire."

Authors' Commentary:

1. "Achievements in the Adrian Empire" is a document by HIH Nigel the Byzantine that does not rise to the level of law but is an important reference.
2. Lex Adria IX.E. is incomplete and is not intended to be an Order of Precedence.
3. Prince Nigel's Order of Precedence is the most comprehensive treatment, but it has not been updated and does not address the created chapter level awards.
4. IEW-18 does not have Prince Nigel's complete order, and some of the awards are not in their correct order.

Option A:

Amend IEW-18, II.B. "Practice," as follows:

What follows are the regalia and modes of address for each rank ~~in the Order of Precedence which has been registered by the Imperial College of Arms. Titles are listed in descending order of precedence,~~ with Landed Estates listed by the name of the Estate rather than its rulers.

V. Order of Precedence:

The following Order of Precedence is practice and is presented as a guideline not rising to the level of law.

A. Ranks & Titles

1. Imperial Crown
 - a. Emperor and Empress
 - b. Imperial Crown Prince and Princess
2. Kingdom Crown (by Chapter precedence)

For each Kingdom

 - a. King/Queen
 - b. Crown Prince/Princess
3. Imperial Prince/Princess
 - a. Retired Imperial Crown (by date of award)
 - b. Member of the Order of the Fleur de Lis (by date of award)

4. Imperial Ministers

5. Archducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)

For each Archduchy

- a. Archduke/Archduchess

- b. Heirs Apparent
- 6. Ducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)
- For each Duchy
 - a. Duke/Duchess
 - b. Heirs Apparent
- 7. Counts and Countesses Royal (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 8. Marquesses and Marchionesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
- 9. Founders
- 10. Kingdom Archbishops (by Chapter precedence)
- 11. Kingdom Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
- 12. Viceroys and Vicereines of Shires
- 13. Counts and Countesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
- 14. Viscounts and Viscountesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 15. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Table Round (by date of award)
- 16. Companions of the Imperial Order of St. Joan (by date of award)
- 17. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Croix Fleury (by date of award)
- 18. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Golden Cross (by date of award)
- 19. Archducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
- 20. Ducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
- 21. Barons and Baronesses Royal (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 22. Barons and Baronesses (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
- 23. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Comet (by date of award)
- 24. Barons and Baronesses of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
- 25. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Nebula (by date of award)
- 26. Barons and Baronesses of a Royal Court (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 27. Recipients of Chapter awards that grant precedence equal to a Baron/Baroness (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 28. Knights Second Level: Banneret, Doctor, Civil, Forester
- 29. Lords and Ladies (by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation)
- 30. Knights First Level: Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer
- 31. Lords and Ladies of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
- 32. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot (by date of award)
- 33. Lords and Ladies of the Court (by Chapter precedence then by date of award)
- 34. Companions of the Orders of the Royal Star, the Crown Companion, the Queen's Guard, and the Empress' Grace (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)

35. Companions of the Noble Order of the Crown Guard (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
36. Chapter awards granting precedence equal to a Lord/Lady (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
37. Ladies in Waiting and Gentlemen of the Chamber, Squires, and Men at Arms (in order of their Liege's precedence)
38. Pages (in order of their Liege's precedence)
39. Masters ([Mistresses](#))
 - a. Masters ([Mistresses](#)) Third Level: Sergeant, Master, Chamberlain, Marksman (Huntsman)
 - b. Masters ([Mistresses](#)) Second Level: Guardsman, Journeyman, Rector, Bowman
 - c. Masters ([Mistresses](#)) First Level: Yeoman, Apprentice, Clarke, Yeoman Archer
- B. Chapter precedence
 1. Kingdoms by latest date of elevation
 2. Archduchies by latest date of elevation to Archduchy
 3. Duchies by latest date of elevation to Duchy
 4. Shire by date of (original continuous) creation
 5. All non-extant chapters
- C. Knight precedence
 1. Number of 3rd level Knighthoods
 2. Number of 2nd level Knighthoods
 3. Number of 1st level Knighthoods
 4. Date order of 1st highest level Knighthood
- D. Minister precedence
 1. The Chancellor
 2. The Steward
 3. The Sovereign/Minister of Arms
 4. The Minister of Rolls
 5. The Minister of Arts and Sciences
 6. The Minister of War and Joust
 7. The Minister of Archery
 8. All other Ministers in order of personal precedence
- E. NOTES:
 - i. Companions of precedence bearing Imperial Orders are ranked in precedence within each rank by the date the title was bestowed, except where such Order self-elects its own Master.
 - ii. Within a given award or retiring title, precedence is by the precedence of the grantor when it was bestowed, then by the date it was bestowed. Domains and Guilds, for the purpose of award precedence, rank after Shires.
 - iii. Recognized precedence bearing conversion ranks and titles have precedence equal to the most equivalent Adrian grantor, e.g. an equivalent award from a Chapter of the same size at the time of the award.

- iv. Non-precedence bearing awards, when listed, should be listed last in order of the precedence of the granting Chapter, then by date it was awarded.

Option B:

Make estate precedence independent of Chapter precedence:

Modify all references to Estate lieges as follows:

[title] (~~by Chapter precedence then~~ by date of estate creation)

Authors: HIH William Baine; HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau.

Author's Commentary: The indicated changes are from the previous proposal of which this is a rewrite based upon the discussion at the November 2017 IEM.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Requirements for 2nd and 3rd Level Combat Knights

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

If passed, this proposal would remove the distinction between rapier and steel in terms of wins needed for advancement to 2nd and 3rd level knighthoods in combat, while the restrictions on use of synthetic wasters, and requirement for participations in steel, would remain unaltered.

Authors' proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria IX.D.1. "Combatant Roll":

- e. Knight Banneret
 - ii. Five additional wins in the Knights' Lists (~~three must be in the armored Knights' Lists~~), either Renn or Steel not Rawlings, at Crown events.
- f. Knight Champion
 - ii. Ten additional wins in the Knights' Lists (~~six must be in the armored Knights' Lists~~), either Renn or Steel not Rawlings, at Crown events.

Authors/Sponsors: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; Sir Vincenzo Grimani, KCh; HG Uther von Hopf; HG Mourngrym-Arawn de Mordington.

NB2. Removal of March IEM

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

If passed, this proposal would remove the March IEM from the Imperial Estates Calendar, and move the required action items from March to the July meeting.

Authors' proposed verbiage:

Amendments to Lex Adria VI.E. "Official Meetings; Imperial Estates Calendar":

~~4. Meeting Date, March~~

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

- ~~a. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)~~
- ~~b. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.~~

~~5.4.~~ Meeting Date, July

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

- a. Qualify and determine acceptability of Imperial candidates
- b. Finalize enough data to prepare the corporation's tax returns (if necessary)
- c. Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown (see Article IX.E.)
- d. Elect Board of Directors Members per Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article V.B.
- e. Evaluation of the success or failure of the previous Imperial Crown's term of office as well as any prior terms of office not yet evaluated, irrespective of the length of such terms of office. (The Imperial Estates shall have the right to table consideration of any Imperial term of office.)
- f. Elect standing members to the special panel defined in Bylaws of the Adrian Empire, Inc., Article III.A.4.b.

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.

Authors/Sponsors: HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; HIH Gabriele Silverhand; HG Anne Bryce of Kincairg; HG Uther von Hopf.

Authors' Commentary: With the increasing costs and difficulty of receiving bids and lack of business, it is time for the Empire to spend its resources and energy on playing the game rather than changing it.

NB3. Amending Rapier-Class Weapon Standards

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

If passed, this proposal would amend IEW-17 (Combat Manual), III.G.1. “Rapier Blades,” as follows:

1. RAPIER BLADES

- a. Nominal 1/2 to 1 inch width
- b. Blunted tips with dulled edges. (See Appendix B)
- c. Blades must be purchased from a reputable dealer or forge (for safety and breakage reasons). No homemade blades are allowed. Any modifications to the blade or hilt should maintain a period look and must be approved by the Crown Marshal or Minister of War and Joust.
- d. ~~The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 2.5 pounds.~~ When possible the blade should be removed from the hilt and weighed separately. The weight of the blade itself is not to exceed 1.25 pounds. The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 3.25 pounds. In cases where the blade cannot be removed (peened tag, etc.), the overall weight of the sword may not exceed 3.25 pounds and the balance point of the sword must be within 3.5 inches of the top of the guard.
- e. Metal swept hilts that protect the fingers from a slashing impact are highly recommended on rapiers and daggers.
- f. Blades must have a flex to them of at least four inches. No stiffer blades will be allowed. The acceptable method for testing flexibility is described in Appendix B. Any blade that retains a sharp bend after being flexed must be permanently removed from the field. A slight bend over the length of the blade is acceptable.
- g. Cup, bell, or shell style guards may not exceed 6 inches in diameter and must be properly attached to the hilt.

Authors/Sponsors: HG Mourngrym-Arawn de Mordington; HRM Fafnir Hallgrim; HRM Tailan Bran McNeil; HIH William Baine; HRG Eric McKiver.

Authors' Commentary: With the increase in the number of commercially available Rapiers and Rapier parts on the market, options for the weapons used in Adria are growing. The above recommendations are being made in order to allow for more protective and elaborate hilt designs and larger pommels to allow for greater weapon control while still maintaining the safety of this combat style. Restricting the blades to a maximum weight as well as having a maximum weight for the overall weapon will allow for more options while still keeping the impact weight of strikes within acceptable limits. The relatively light blade will minimize the

weight at the point of impact, while the heavier allowed hilt and pommel will allow for better hand protection and more control of the sword. It is also the goal of this proposal to ensure that any aftermarket changes or custom orders to the weapons are both safe and keeping within the realms of historical accuracy and the chivalric ideals of Adria.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None received.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

XII. ADJOURNMENT