

Complainant: Sir Eric Harbinger, Arion Hirsch von Schutzhundheim, Juliana Hirsch Von Schutzhundheim et al

Defendant: Sir Jason Barca

Original Complaints: Conduct Unbecoming a Knight

Disharmony- No merit

Sir Jason Barca choose Crown Justice & the letter of disposition is below.

To All Concerned,

In the charge by Dame Juliana and Sir Arion against Sir Jason, We find that the self-imposed exile from Brandenburg and the apology Sir Jason published are sufficient for this matter. After reviewing the post and email in question, while We agree that Sir Jason's language was strong, he at no time disrespected the then Crowns of Brandenburg. Furthermore, the actions he talked about are legal under our current rules. While some may find them distasteful, proposing them is not a chargeable offense. As to the fair mentioned, Sir Jason was expressing his opinion of the situation, others may disagree with his interpretation, but that is not the same as lying. Again, a difference of opinion is not a chargeable offense. However, all of that being said, We would admonish Sir Jason to be more tactful in his posts and to try not to post in haste. Several times he has skirted the border of acceptable behavior and though he sincerely apologized, he must also contain himself to make that apology stand.

In the charge by Sir Erik, We also find that the same situation applies. This is a more difficult case as there is no physical evidence. However, We feel that Sir Erik is a man of his word. Sir Jason also does not dispute the phone call in question. A pivotal question in this case was if there was an established pattern of tone in disagreements between Sir Jason and Sir Erik in the past. Also, this was an informal, private conversation between two people who happen to also be members of Adria. While Adrian issues were being discussed, was the conversation formal? Also, can one fairly decide to hold Sir Jason accountable for his tone if that tone was similar to previous ones between the two of them? It is also Our understanding that they met the next day and Sir Jason personally asked about the problem and apologized for the misunderstanding.

In both cases We find Our hands somewhat tied since the problems were presented as charges. Once these cases reached that level of formality, We could only rule on the Law. In both cases, while contentious, the proposed actions described were not illegal and We can not impose any further punishments. As to Disharmony, that was beyond Our purview as that charge had been dismissed by the previous Imperial Crowns.

Emperor Thomas  
Empress Etaine

Sent to all parties 20Feb12