

## The Adrian Empire

### Sir Christopher versus Sir Alaric Thorne

**Charges filed:** 12/11/2008

**Found with merit:** 01/17/2009

**Case resolved:** 08/15/2009

**Appeal Decision Posted:** 09/19/2009

Defendant: Sir Alaric Thorne

Plaintiff: Sir Christopher

Court: Court of Chivalry

Magistrate: Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd

Defense Advocate: Lord Adelric Drago

Plaintiff Advocate: Sir Finnian Mcloed, Dame Keera

Defense Judge: Sir Luke McGowan (picked by assigned advocate)

Plaintiff Advocate: Prince Wright Bentwood

Third Judge: Sir Geoffrey Maynard

Note: Neither Defendant nor advocate for defendant appeared for trial or sent statements in defense.  
Magistrate assigned advocate to represent defense.

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### Charges:

#### **Item #1**

*Violation of Article 1.C Standards of Conduct. Sir Alaric publicly disrespected a fellow Knight.*

#### **Item #2**

*Violation of I.G.3 People allowed on the field. Sir Alaric entered the combat field without authorization.*

#### **Item #3**

*Violation of IV.E. Conflict resolution. Sir Alaric acted outside of his authority.*

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### Judges Verdict:

#### **Item #1 Guilty**

*Sir Alaric grabbing the weapon out of Sir Christopher's hand with out asking and throwing such to the ground was clearly evidenced by both parties witness's. Sir Alaric's private apology to Sir Christopher was also evidenced.*

## **Item #2 Guilty**

*Sir Alaric was not a designated marshal. The Queens concerns did not elevate Sir Alaric to such a status. A Hold was in effect as evidenced by statements of both parties witness's. Sir Alaric's actions were reactionary to an already controlled situation as evidenced by a designated marshal and witnesses. Concerns of Safety are always valid, yet it does not alleviate ones responsibility to follow the guidelines as laid out in law. Such guidelines are designed to consider the Safety of all within the combat field and without. Violating these guidelines present variable dangers which place oneself, the participants and this organization in danger.*

## **Item #3 Guilty**

*The queens concern did not designate Sir Alaric as the designated crown marshal or field marshal. If Sir Alaric felt the need to act, he should have followed the proper authority and informed the Crown Marshall of the Queens concern. Being a card caring qualified marshal does not automatically elevate one to a designated field marshal. When issues arise on the field the law clearly defines the chain of authority, ones personal rank as a knight does not supersede this.*

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### **Judges Recommended Sentence:**

#### **Reference to Item #1**

*A Public Apology to Sir Christopher for disrespecting him in a public venue by taking his weapon with out respectfully asking it be withdrawn and disrespecting Sir Christopher's personal property.*

#### **Reference to Item #2 and #3**

*6 months Banishment*

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### **Imperial Crown Review:**

**Item #1.** *As recommended: Apology must be presented and made to the satisfaction of the Court, Imperial Crown and complainant with in thirty days of this notification.*

**Items #2&3** *In an effort to temper justice with mercy, the Imperial Crown reduces the sentence from Banishment to the revoking of all Marshal and Combat qualifications for a year and a day at which time Sir Alaric must requalify in all area's of combat were qualification is required by law. To begin 30 days from the date of this notification.*

*Sir Alaric shall have 30 days from receipt of this notice to appeal this finding to the Imperial Crown.*

So said on **August 18, 2009**

Empress Lenora Greyphis  
Emperor L'Bet'e deAcmd

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## **Appeal Decision on 09/19/2009**

### **Results of Appeal – Sir Christopher vs. Sir Alaric**

*Having reviewed this case I find the following;*

*The Adrian Legal System was followed. There were some communication break downs and both parties appear to have slowed the process down along the way. While there were a couple of procedural questions raised, I find no reason to believe these would have changed the results of the verdict.*

*After several hours of interviews with witnesses and local area Crowns I find two solid incontrovertible facts;*

- 1.) Sir Alaric could and should have handled this situation in a more controlled and respectful manner that is in line with our rules and codices.*
- 2.) Sir Alaric did not act in accordance with the expectations of his rank and station, which is that of Third Level Knight, Imperial Peer, and at the time seated Crown of Pembroke.*

*After reviewing the statements of many Adrian members and the notes taken from several hours of witness interviews, I find there is every reason to believe that Sir Alaric conducts himself with a persona of arrogance that is received by many as hostile and that serves to alienate many members in his local area of South Florida.*

*This behavior is unacceptable. Sir Alaric must begin conducting himself as a humble knight, one who brings positive value to our organization. Loud angry outbursts and flying off the handle are not acceptable.*

*During this process I needed to weigh one very important concept;*

*'Is Sir Alaric an asset to Adria in South Florida or more of a liability given his behavior?'*

*I have had three seated Crowns come forward telling me that Sir Alaric is indeed an asset and his energy and experience is of great value. However, these same Crowns also recognize that often Sir Alaric taints his Adrian involvement with his arrogance and attitude. Many in Florida appreciate what Sir Alaric brings to the game and all wish that he would learn to curb the less favorable behavior. This is evidenced by the Knights Councils Sir Alaric has been the focus in of the years. Many, including myself, hope that Sir Alaric can continue to grow and learn to be a humble Knight.*

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### **Modification of Punishment in Regards to Charges #1, #2 & #3 –**

*No public apology needed. I believe that Sir Alaric did apologize on the day of the event. I believe that Sir Christopher did not accept said apology. Regardless I see nothing gained by this. Only these two Knights know what happened in regard to this. Apologies when mandated are meaningless, they must come from taking responsibility for one's actions and a feeling that one needs to express regret over those actions.*

*Qualifications as combatant and marshal restored. I do not believe justice is served in this punishment. This case revolves around Sir Alaric's actions and lack of ability to calmly and respectfully interact with other Adrian members, not in his ability to fight and marshal safely and within our rules. No one I have spoken to disagrees with this "We would not be here today if Sir Alaric had approached this situation more calmly and respectfully, as is expect for or highest ranking members."*

*Sir Alaric is banished to the Duchy of Pembroke for twelve (12) events (EPs, one event per month maximum) and may not attend any events outside of Pembroke during this time. During this period Sir Alaric is expect to act appropriately and demonstrate his ability to be peaceful and humble. I expect that Sir Alaric will*

*continue to contribute to Pembroke and be of great value to the Crowns who have taken up his cause and made this modification possible.*

*Sir Alaric's attendance within Pembroke is at the whim of Pembroke and Imperial Crowns. Should the Crowns feel Sir Alaric needs to take a break at any point in time, due to poor behavior, it is their prerogative. Sir Alaric's banishment is to be considered complete as of the closing court of his twelfth (12) event attended.*

*Sir Alaric is reduced in rank to Second Level Knighthood for all Knighthoods for the period of twenty four (24) events. Event Participations are limited to one event per month. Double dip allowed for Imperial Events once banishment is concluded. During this time Sir Alaric is expected to act as a humble Knight of Pembroke. As of closing court of Sir Alaric's twenty-fourth (24) event attendance his punishment is to be considered complete and Sir Alaric will again be elevated to Imperial Peer and Third Level Knighthood where applicable.*

*By the authority granted me by the Emperor and Empress to rule on this appeal, these changes in Sir Alaric's sentencing are effective immediately, this day August 18, 2009.*

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*I truly hope this is a turning point in Sir Alaric's Adria journey. This is Sir Alaric's opportunity to show he can face his personal challenges and overcome them. This is a chance for Sir Alaric to humbly accept responsibility for his past actions and the position he now finds himself in.*

*Sir Alaric, you have the support of these Crowns. We hope you use this as a chance to move forward in a positive direction within the Empire. If you can be humble, respectful, and positive I see you having more fun and coming through all of this a better Knight of the Empire.*

*Regards,*

*Sir Jason Barca  
Crown Prince of Adria*