

## **IMPERIAL CIVIL COURT OF 7/21/02**

### **re: Lapsed Memberships of Sitting Crowns**

A civil court was convened at the July 21, 2001 Imperial Estates Meeting to address the following question:

What, if any, action should or may be taken when it is discovered that "Crowns/Ruling Nobles" no longer meet the qualifications for holding office as enumerated in Article VIII. B. 1. and specifically c. (continuous membership).

#### **For the Court**

- The Chancellor, HE Sir William Baine served as Magistrate for the Court. In that capacity, Sir William provided advice and offered theories of law

#### **Judges**

- HIM Dame Maedb Hawkins, Chief Justice
- HIM Sir Karl von Katzburg, Chief Justice
- HRM Sir Eduardo of Aragon, third Justice

#### **Decision Of The Court**

The Justices unanimously held, that:

1. The qualifications, in Article VIII. B. 1. and specifically c., are required to maintain as well as to seek office;
2. The requirement to maintain current membership is clear and absolute;
3. The remedies for failure to do so are administrative and discretionary;
4. The Steward shall notify the appropriate authority;
5. The duty to notify the officer and the discretion to remedy or remove the officer rests with that direct authority (i.e. Crown over Ruling Nobles, Imperial Crown over Royal Crown, and in the case of an Imperial Crown the authority is split -- the BOD has the duty to notify and Imperial Estates have the discretion to remedy or remove the Imperial Crown);
6. The remedy shall be a demand that dues be made current, any lapse must be cured, and the officer must petition the Imperial Crown for reinstatement of ranks, titles, and awards, this must all be done in a reasonable period of time -- not to exceed 30 days;
7. In the case of an Imperial Crown, the Chancellor shall poll the Imperial Estates within a reasonable period of time, for reinstatement, a majority shall be required;
8. Once notified, failure to bring dues current, cure the lapse, and petition for reinstatement, SHALL result in removal from office and may result in charges of willful violation of the bylaws;
9. The Imperial Crown may deny the petition for reinstatement of Ruling Nobles or Royal Crowns, the Imperial Estates may fail to approve the petition for reinstatement of an Imperial Crown, unless reinstated the officer SHALL be removed from office; and,
10. Other penalties MAY be imposed, including, but not limited to, loss of ministry points during the lapse, public apology, and censure.

*In Service,*  
*Sir William Baine, Chancellor, Adria*  
*8/21/02*