ADVISORY 4/28
re: Elevation of Consorts to Co-rulers and Non-knight Ducal Crowns

I see in article VIII.D.2.b A Duchy has a right to choose a Ducal crown and the estates general may per Article VI.2.a.iii remove a crown from office. How many votes does it take to name a consort Duchess? 2/3 or a simple majority? Either I missed it, or it isn't in the bylaws.

Thank you for your time. Etain Ihiannan Shee

Advisory

Greetings,

Questions have been submitted to the Chancery regarding elevation of consorts to co-rulers and non-Knight ducal crowns.

A simple majority vote to approve elevation is consistent with precedent from Umbria and the requirement for voting on the acceptability of candidates. While, it is not specifically addressed by the bylaws, this interpretation is compatible with the bylaws and acceptable until the Imperial Estates choose to legislate.

There is a separate issue of qualification. Ordinarily one must be a Knight to hold a ducal crown. There is an exception when no Knight is available (or willing to serve). There is no provision requiring such a ducal crown to be removed when a Knight becomes available.

In Service, Sir William Baine, Chancellor, Adria

Additional Question

If there is a non-Knight sitting on a Ducal Throne and that Duchy is elevated to the status of an Archduchy ... now a Knight requests to challenge the Throne and are eligible to do so as per the bylaws. BUT the current sitting crown is not eligible as per the Bylaws for the position, is the non-knight crown still permitted to run to retain their throne or are they considered forfeit to the seat since as per the Bylaws they are not eligible to hold that seat any longer.

Advisory

Greetings. Please see above advisory. Additionally, while the mere availability of a willing qualified candidate does not remove a sitting Crown who was seated under an authorized exception to the rule (Knight), he may be challenged in the usual ways--civil war or 2/3rds vote of Estates to remove.

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