

I LET MY MEMBERSHIP LAPSE. CAN I COME BACK?

DID MY MEMBERSHIP REALLY LAPSE?

There is a 30-day grace period after your expiration date. Are you expired past that 30 days? If you are expired past that 30 days, then, yes, you have lapsed.

DOES A LAPSE REALLY MATTER?

Yes. In order to hold some of the offices, and the estates, there is a requirement that you have to have a certain length of continuous membership. A lapse is a break in continuous membership, and you may not be able to hold office until you meet that requirement again.

DID I LOSE MY TITLES?

Yes. When you lapse (past that 30-day grace period), then you have lost all your titles, ranks, and awards. You are considered to no longer be a member.

HOW DO I GET THEM BACK?

You need to petition the Imperial Crown. There is nothing in the Bylaws that provides a way to restore what is lost, but it is an Imperial prerogative to do so. A Royal or Ducal Crown does not have that prerogative, so the petition must go to the Imperial Crown.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY POINTS?

The Imperial Office of Rolls does not automatically delete points 31 days after you expire. Your points records should be intact, exactly as the Imperial Office of Rolls has it. Of course, if you have been gone for ten years, then some of the points may have been lost in antiquity.

AM I STILL A KNIGHT?

You still have your points, but you lost all ranks, including knighthood, when you lapsed. Once you petition to have them restored, the knighthood will also be restored.

WHAT IF I WAS ON A JUDICIAL BAN?

When you return, all conditions and restrictions return with you. A judicial ban is good only as long as you are a member. You cannot avoid a ban by letting your membership lapse.

WHAT IF I WAS BANISHED?

The same thing as if you were under a judicial ban.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HERALDRY?

The College of Arms has a policy of holding arms for a period of time after expiration. At this writing, that period of time is three years. After that, the arms are released.
