



**July 2011**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the**  
**Imperial Estates General**

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## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

### Date and Time for the July 2011 Imperial Estates Meeting:

Saturday, July 16, 2011 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 17, 2011 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

#### HOTEL INFO:

Wyndham Garden Hotel

550 Route 1 South

Newark, NJ 07114

(973)824-4000

Room rate of 79.00 per night plus tax, July 15-17 2011

Mention the Adrian Empire for the discounted rate

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/EWRAP/main.wnt>

Closest Airport: Newark Airport.

Additional regional airports:

JFK airport, Laganardia Airport

### **Disqualification (Article VI.E.6)**

Members entitled to a seat by virtue of rank or office whose dues are not current, are under judicial ban, or have not attended at least (2) official events in any chapter within the previous six (6) months will be denied a seat.

The membership entitled to vote at a meeting of a given body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting. It may not be subsequently altered by any means (including expiration of dues, non-participation formation of a new Estates or change in Estate held by a given member) until the meeting is concluded with these exceptions:

- Resignation of a given member
- Judicial Ban
- Creation of a greater estate that does not reduce another greater estate below minimum membership (subject to 2/3 approval of the Estates to waive notice and seat the Estate.)

The Crown, if available, will convene the summoned Estates at the appointed time and place and the meeting will be presided over by the Chancellor, if available

### **Requirement for Written Proxies. (Ratified November, 2010)**

Emailed written proxies must be received by the Imperial Chancellery Office by Friday evening prior the Imperial Estates Meeting, and/or presented to the Imperial Chancellor at Roll Call. If a proxy is not presented to the Chancellery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

# AGENDA

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. ROLL CALL

- Seating of qualified members
- Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6. Disqualifications
- Written Proxy requirement

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (**APPROVED**)

- Approval of the minutes of the March 2011 Imperial Estates Meeting

## IV. REPORTS (**SEE ADDENDUM FOR REPORTS**)

- President and Board of Directors
- Chancery
- Rolls
- Steward
- Sovereign of Arms
- Joust and War
- Arts and Sciences
- Archery
- Physics
- Office of Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
- Other Officers

## V. CROWN BUSINESS

### CRB1. Elevation of the following Crown Writ to Estates Writ. **(PASSED)**

All Old Business agenda item rewrites are to be resubmitted as New Business.  
(Requires 2/3rd vote)

### CRB2. Charter Amendments

Dissolution of the Kingdom of Kincora **(FAILED)**

(Approved by Local Estates, requires simple majority)

Dissolution of the Shire of Westmorland **(NO ACTION BY ESTATES)**

(No vote required)

### CRB3. System of Conversions **(NO ACTION)**

Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown. (Article IX.E) **(USING SAME POLICY FOR PAST 3 YEARS)**

## VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS

### CH1. Judicial Decisions **(NO ACTION)**

(No action required)

Note: See Addendum "Judicial Decisions"

### CH2. Ratify past Civil Courts. **(PASSED)**

Note: See Addendum "Past Civil Courts"

### CH3. Contenders for Imperial Throne

Sir Thomas and Dame Etaine **(FOUND ACCEPTABLE)**

Sir Polonius and Dame Pandora **(FOUND ACCEPTABLE)**

### CH4. Ratification of previous OB 3 from March 2011 IEM. (was sent to Chancellor for re-write)

Members of the Military that are Active Duty or Called into Active Duty that are deployed or stationed overseas may have their memberships frozen at the date of their deployment or reassignment of duty stations. The local steward will then forward the information to the Imperial Steward. Upon returning stateside their membership shall be reinstated with their dues being prorated for the time that was not used based on the prorated amounts on the membership form. Additionally, members who attend Events during leave shall be afforded the opportunity to participate and earn points. **(PASSED AS WRITTEN)**

### CH5. Nomination for Region 1 (Vacant Seat)

As of Publication, no nominations have been received by this office

### **Motion was passed to allow nominations from the floor. The following were nominated from the floor:**

Bill Halderman (Sir William Baine) Member-At-Large

Tia Kitchen (Dame Cerridwyn Fiend) Region 3 or Member-At-Large

Janna Sheiman (Dame Arianna Neville) Member-At-Large

Sara Huizenga (Dame Lynora Greyphis) Region 3

Together with previous nominations, the following are the new members of the BOD for the Adrian Empire Inc.:

Jason Smith (Region 1)

James Sheppard (Region 2)

Tia Kitchen (Region 3)

Janna Sheiman (Member-At-Large)

Bill Halderman (Member-At-Large)

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### OB 1. Reconsideration of Retirement Title for Sir Terrin Greyphis. **(FAILED)**

*Commentary:* When Sir Terrin's retirement title was voted upon at the March 2009 Estates meeting in Orlando, Florida, he was unable to address the Estates due to personal reasons. A full view of what he accomplished during his reign was not presented to the Estates by either him or Sir William Baine. We wish that a reconsideration by the Estates members be done and to give Sir Terrin Greyphis a chance to speak in defense of his title.

**Authors:** Dame Lenora Greyphis, Imperial Princess  
Dame Etaine Llywelyn, Retired Crown of Castilles

### OB 2. Approve the use of Baldar blunts. **(PASSED, STEEL COMBAT ONLY)**

Current law: IV Missile Combat Equipment ,B,2 Arrows

Combat arrows are fiberglass shafts with a thick amount of foam on the tip. They are the only type of arrow approved for use in combat archery. The arrows must be made as described in the Adrian Missile Construction Manual. Between scenarios, the arrow should be inspected for cracking and breaking of the shaft and looseness and separation of the arrowhead. Combat archers are expected to inspect their own equipment between each battle for any potential hazards.

Amend to read:

#### 2. Arrows

Combat arrows are fiberglass shafts with a thick *protective* tip. They are the only type of arrow approved for use in combat archery. The arrows must be made *in accordance with as described in the Adrian Missile Construction Manual or use pre-manufactured CUBB style Baldar Blunts (aka the Fathead) attached to the fiberglass arrow shaft*. Between scenarios, the arrow should be inspected for cracking and breaking of the shaft and looseness and separation of the arrowhead. Combat archers are expected to inspect their own equipment between each battle for any potential hazards.

**Sponsor:** HRM Sir Nikademus Fiend King of York, K3

**Co-Sponsor:** HRM Dame Cerridwyn, Queen of York, K3

*Author's commentary:* According to the manufacture's web site "Baldar Blunts have a UHMW (Ultra High Molecular Weight polyethylene) core covered by low-durometer Sanoprene that fit on the tip of an arrow. They prevent injury to persons, and therefore allow for safe and effective combat archery (CA) within the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)". "They come in black only. Classic Baldar Blunts are discontinued. The current style approved by the Society Marshall is the CUBB aka the Fathead. The blunts fit 1/4inch fiberglass shafts". Not everyone has the mechanical ability needed to produce a safe missile weapon. This will allow for a safe alternative being that the blunt is intended to be used as a missile weapon. CUBB style Baldar Blunts have been in use by other organizations and play tested within the Adrian Empire demonstrating excellent dependability and reliability while providing a durable cost effective product.

**OB 3 Addition of Crossbow Archery (FAILED)**

We propose to add Crossbow Archery, in the same manner as Rapier is treated in Combat. There shall be separate lists offered, for both Bowman and Huntsman, if minimum numbers of participants sign up.

Friendly amendments to things like: a better names than Bow and Crossbow will be entertained at the Estates meeting.

(See attachment July 2011 IEM Agenda Addendum)

The following THREE options are offered as part of this proposal regarding ARTICLE XVI: CROWN WAR  
A. CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

## 5. War

c. **Eight (8) Archery Points**

- One (1) Bowman's **Bow** List (combined score of all **Bow** Bowmen)
- **One (1) Bowman's Crossbow List (combined score of all Crossbow Bowmen)**
- One (1) Huntsman's **Bow** List (combined score of all **Bow** Huntsmen)
- **One (1) Huntsman's Crossbow List (combined score of all Crossbow Huntsmen)**
- One (1) **Bow** Open List (combined score of all **Bow** supporters for each contender regardless of rank, in a separate shoot)
- **One (1) Crossbow Open List (combined score of all Crossbow supporters for each contender regardless of rank, in a separate shoot)**
- One (1) **Bow** Champion's battle (highest score of any **Bow** member). This will be determined by the highest score by any **Bow** member from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion
- **One (1) Crossbow Champion's battle (highest score of any Crossbow member). This will be determined by the highest score by any Crossbow member from the list of supporters of any given candidate; the candidate need not select a champion**

**Option 1** – 8 points – as listed above.

**Option 2** – 6 points – delete the points for Open List, for both Bow and Crossbow, from the list above.

**Option 3** – 4 points – delete the points for Bowman's and Huntsman's List, for both Bow and Crossbow, from the list above.

**Sponsored by:** Sir Robert LaCroix  
Range Master for Kingdom of Albion  
Knight Archer, Knight Minister

**Co-sponsors and Supporters:**

HG Sir William Baine,  
CR of Albion, KPr, KCh, etc.  
Dame Margarita DuBois,  
Duchess of Cyprus  
Knight Warden

Sir Iain Griffen the Archer  
Duke of Cyprus  
Knight Minister  
Minister of Archery

**OB 4 Event start time (FAILED)**

To be added to Article V, Section A, (Meetings of the Membership, Notice.)

It is the responsibility of the Crown to ensure that events begin on time and are run in a timely fashion. To help achieve this, in the event that neither Crown is present, the highest ranking noble shall begin the event at the published time, with or without the Crown. The only exception being natural disasters, acts of God, or if the Crown has specifically asked for a delay. The bottom line of this is that **EVENTS WILL START ON TIME**. The concept of “fashionably late” and “Adrian Time” shall be abolished.

***Author’s Commentary:** When a schedule of events is published it is expected that it be followed. People plan their day based on what is published and to deviate from that unnecessarily places an inconvenience on the populace. It is the height of arrogance to expect people to wait for you when you can’t start on time and to many it’s considered a dereliction of duty.*

**Sponsor:** Sir Connor

**Co-Sponsors:** Sir Dorn, Sir Ritter Dietrich

### **OB 5 Arts and Sciences Documentation Summary Form (FAILED)**

Remove the word Style i.e. "Country or Origin/Style"

***Commentary:** I have been asked what Style pertains to as this confuses Artisans wanting to do Oral Documentation on Arts entries.*

Shahara of Lion's Court

Imp Arts and Sciences Minister

**Co-Sponsors:** HG, Dame Etaine Llywelyn; and HG Katriana McBruce

### **OB 6 Arts and Sciences Documentation Summary Form (RULED OUT OF ORDER)**

Add to section "References and Sources"; (References must include something the judges can review to authenticate the entry, book, etc)

***Commentary:** There have been times during my judging career when an Artisan has entered an item and only given verbal information, providing nothing else but his/her word that the information he/she is giving should authenticate the item, and it has been allowed. I disagree with this. I believe the artisan can, at a minimum should provide (for example - internet site(s) where they found some information, or bring a book, or a credible photo or the item that can authenticate the project) something that can assist the judges in their judging of authenticity. If nothing is provided and the judge has little or no knowledge of the entry, the judge cannot score authenticity.*

Shahara of Lion's Court

Imp Arts and Sciences Minister

**Co-Sponsors:** HG, Dame Etaine Llywelyn; and HG Katriana McBruce

## **VI. New Business (No action taken, discussion only)**

### **NB 1. We pray the Imperial Estates reduce the sentence of Santo Ceasario to conclude in October.**

His punishments shall have run two years from the date of the incident and we believe that is sufficient. We believe it serves no useful purpose to continue to March. While we would like to have this concluded before Age of Chivalry Ren Fair/NST, so we can have his considerable help for the event, We understand if the Estates wish to consider this item in November after 2 full years have been served.

Sponsors: HRM Sir William Baine



HRM Dame Bella  
HG Sir Greggor

**NB 2. Amend Lex Adria-Increase populace representation in Imperial Estates:**

Option A. Replace each chapter receiving two senior minor estates with:  
a Shire shall have one senior minor estate; a Duchy shall have two senior minor estates; an Archduchy shall have three senior minor estates; a Kingdom shall have four senior minor estates;

Option B. Replace each chapter receiving two senior minor estates with:  
a chapter shall have one senior minor estate per 20 members with no less than two.

Option C. Move Counties from minor estates to greater estates.

*Explanation: we have been wrestling with the "threat" of nonlanded estates overwhelming our landed estates in representation. This approach will disenfranchise no one while modestly increasing landed estates representation.*

Sponsors: HRM Sir William Baine  
HRM Dame Bella  
HG Sir Greggor

**NB 3. Amend Lex Adria-Restore the Senate and General Estates in the Imperial Estates:**

Separate the Senate from the General Estates, The Senate shall consist of the Imperial Crown, Royal Crowns (Kingdoms, Archduchies and Duchies), and Marches.

The Senate shall meet to consider all proposals and may amend proposals, their actions shall be published with 15 days.

The General Estates shall consist of all other Imperial Estates, Landed and Unlanded.

The General Estates shall electronically review the actions of the Senate as published, may discuss and debate locally and electronically, and electronically vote to ratify or reject within 30 days of the publication.

*Explanation: we have been wrestling with the increasing numbers of Imperial Estates (approaching 200), this proposal would limit our deliberative body to a more efficient number (about 23 Crowns and 12 Marches). Yet, all other Imperial Estates would retain their votes to ratify or reject Senate actions.*

*The smaller Senate would significantly reduce both the meeting costs and the negative issues associated with proxies; the Imperial Chancery is confident that the ratification votes would be easily managed.*

Sponsors: HRM Sir William Baine  
HRM Dame Bella  
HG Sir Greggor

**NB 4. Charter Amendment and Approval Elevation of the Canton of Aurochsfjord to Duchy (or Archduchy)**

The Canton, located in Bullhead City AZ, formerly of Umbria has been a part of Aragon and Albion for seven years. It has grown to over 40 members, has trained ministers, and is ready to become an independent chapter of the Adrian Empire.

Lands: Mojave County, AZ; or, Mojave County, AZ, shared with the Kingdom of Umbria (and by Treaty with the Kingdom of Albion).

Bank account: Aurochsford requests permission to have its own bank account, if it has not achieved Archduchy status, an exception to law or policy is requested.

Any action requires the approval of the Estates of Albion and Umbria.

Sponsors:     HRM Sir William Baine  
                  HRM Dame Bella  
                  HG Sir Greggor

#### **NB 5. Amend Lex Adria-Fee sharing between Empire and Chapters**

Option A. Amend membership fee distribution to return \$5 per member to the Chapter the member joins or renews in.

Option B. Amend membership fee distribution to return \$5 per participating member and \$3 per family and associate member to the Chapter the member joins or renews in.

Option C. Amend membership fee distribution to return \$4 per participating member and \$2 per family and associate member to the Chapter the member joins or renews in.

*Explanation: Due to Adria's financial stability, our insurance savings, and the increased local costs of providing services, it is time to restore fee sharing between the Empire and Chapters. We do not want to ask for an increase in membership fees at this time, merely restore a portion to the chapters which provide many member services.*

Sponsors:     HRM Sir William Baine  
                  HRM Dame Bella  
                  HG Sir Greggor

#### **NB 6. Amend Lex Adria-Restrict Open Borders**

Amend "Open Borders" policy, a majority or 2/3rds majority of the Estates of a chapter shall have the authority to reject the application of a member from another Chapter or member at large. A rejected member may remain in the original chapter or become a member at large. This proposal shall not prevent any member from participating in any chapter's events or interfere with the member's participation and points being recorded and reported.

*Explanation: Recently the possibility has been discussed that a large chapter could encourage part or all of its membership to simply transfer to another chapter during regular renewal and in effect invade that chapter. Upon forming estates the invaders would simply seize control of the Chapter, its treasury, chattels, and populace. Such a conquered chapter could even be merged with the original chapter. As we would not want this to happen to our chapter we assume no one else would want it done to theirs, no matter how much "fun" it might be to take over troublesome neighbors.*

Sponsors:     HRM Sir William Baine  
                  HRM Dame Bella  
                  HG Sir Greggor

**NB 7. Treaty Publication**

Any treaty between chapters must be published on the Imperial website where all members of the Adrian Empire can review it. In addition, each chapter which is party to the treaty must be furnished a written copy of the treaty upon ratification. If these conditions are not met, the treaty is invalid and unenforceable. Note: All chapter legislation is subject to review by the Imperial Chancery and Crown for conflicts with Adrian Law.

*Reasoning:*

*Just like in mundane life a sunshine law should be evoked so that all treaties can be reviewed and discussed in open environment and then posted on Imperial site and archived for easy access.*

*\*\*\*Note: this will not affect any current issue, but it was the previous policy of the Chancery and Crown that all legislation must be published and properly recorded to be effective/enforced.*

Sponsored By:

HG Sir Frederick Falconer.

Sir William Baine (CR, K3)

Sir Patrick – Pembroke

Sir Derfel

Dame Wynn

**NB 8. We petition the Imperial Crowns and the Imperial Estates of Adria to not dissolve the Kingdom of Kincora** and to Grant to all who so desire immediate membership in that subdivision, said desire to be submitted to the Imperial Chancellor in writing before the end of July and so granted.

*Reasoning:*

*Any member who does not wish to stay in a local sub-division should have the option of going where they want. Since the Kingdom formerly known as Kincora is unoccupied and still on the books it seems a logical repository for anyone who is not on board with the merger of Castilles and Kincora.*

Sponsored by: Sir Derfel,

Sir Frederick Falconer

Dame Wynn

**NB 9. Amend Lex Adria-General Requirements for Crowns/Ruling Nobles****B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CROWNS/RULING NOBLES**

1. The Imperial Crown must have:

a. Attained the second level of Knightly Rank

b. Held a Royal Crown with a successful completion of reign (or completed the Pax Regium if a first-time Crown and the Estates General vote that the reign has been successful) or served as a Duke for six (6) months or longer with a successful completion of reign.

2. A Royal Crown must have:

• Attained knightly rank

3. A Duke, Duchess, Archduke or Archduchess must have:

• Achieved the rank of knight unless no qualified member who wishes to hold the position can be found within the duchy.

4. **All Candidates must** ~~M~~meets the following membership criteria as applicable and ~~determined~~ verified by the Imperial Steward:
- Imperial and Royal Crowns (including Ducal Crowns and Viceroys) must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for at least one year.
  - **Royal Crowns, Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold current membership within the same subdivision they wish to rule.**
  - Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for at least six (6) months.
  - Household Lords and Ladies, and Imperial Viceroys must hold a current membership.
5. Is personally capable and willing to assume the responsibilities of the Crown or estate (and is willing to sign financial disclosure statement for Imperial Crown only.)
6. Is acceptable to the Estates General of the subdivision (or the Imperial Estates General f or the Imperial Crown)
7. Has not been barred from the Crown or estate by specific judicial ban.
8. Their term of office is defined in Article XIV.

Sponsor:

HRM Sir Nikademus Fiend

HRM Dame Cerridwyn Fiend

## Discussion Items

*None Offered*

## Next meeting of the Imperial Estates General

**November 2011**

Meeting Dates: Saturday, November, 2011

Sunday, November, 2011

Location: TBA

## REPORT FROM THE IMPERIAL CROWNS

Congratulations to those chapters almost fully renewed to numbers. We encourage everyone else to renew as soon as possible.

Website updates are still being made. We understand that there are quite a few charters missing on the website and will be updating them as soon as possible. Thank you's specifically to Sir Terrin for creating the Arms page on the website and Sir L'Bete and his team for the work with creating the arms images and loading them to the website. It is still a work in progress please have patience.

The November IEM and Coronation will be in Denver, CO hosted by the Duchy of Thinairia. Details will be posted.

We are accepting bids for the March 2012 meeting. Please use the subject line: March IEM 2012 for all submittals. These will be passed over to the Heir Apparents after the war.

Imperial Crown War site and information will be posted in detail in the next week.

Again, a reminder that due to spam we do not receive email from the Emperor and Empress email address, please send all email correspondence to us at [cocahanatolii@gmail.com](mailto:cocahanatolii@gmail.com) and [perigord@gmail.com](mailto:perigord@gmail.com).

As you can see one of the Imperial Crowns has been cleaned and polished. We will be advising the Heirs Apparent to add a Regalia Maintenance Fund to their budget for the upkeep of the Imperial Crowns. We have obtained cleaning and handling instructions which will be posted on the Imperial Estates e-group as well as be kept with the crowns themselves. The creator was also kind enough to give us some cleaning clothes to be used.

As soon as we are passed the majority of the renewals we will be starting work on the new steward's manual and will hopefully have something to present for discussion at the Nov meeting. We will be in contact with those stewards who report on a regular basis for input. If anyone has any recommendations please feel free to email them to the Imperial Crowns and the Imperial Steward, [silversj@att.net](mailto:silversj@att.net).

We have received all new quotes for the scanning project and will be starting within the next couple of weeks. The cost to date is \$600. The request for new Lifetime Membership forms was in direct correlation to this project because all the forms cannot be accounted for at this time.

The budget actuals to date have been posted, although late, we do have a few hard copies available if anyone would like to view it. To date \$16, 254.90 has been expended of the \$42,575.00 approved by the Estates. We have to date received \$22, 120.00 in membership funds; this is a record high for the Empire in the last few years.

Regarding HIH Sir Jason's promise to reimburse those chapters with accounts the bank fees for a period of time prior to the transfer to Chase; In working with Dame Rosa we

have finally established the totals for the banks fees. Each chapter's Crowns and Steward will be contacted at the time of transfer with a total.

Question asked in regards to the previous reign's budget: Will the previous year's Budget Actuals have to be ratified after the revision to it to show these costs? Answer: We did not vote on the budget actuals of the previous reign but 2/3's of the Imperial Estates can vote to review and or ratify if they so desire. Comment made by someone in the body: If it's still under budget then it doesn't really matter.

We have received a disk of Aragon records and are slowly going through each document. All points bearing documents are being cross referenced with Aragon records already in possession and new events will be reviewed and/or approved to be entered.

The white listing is still being researched. The white listing was initially necessary for internet security reasons. We are trying to find another viable option that will maintain the security necessary but will do away with the white listing. We understand that it is a pain and that it quite often goes down but please have patience.

Empress Cocah Anatolii

Emperor Hawthorn de Tallyrand-Perigord