



November 2011
Agenda for the Meeting of the
Imperial Estates General

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Time for the November 2011 Imperial Estates Meeting:

Saturday, November 5th, 9:00am to 4:30pm

Sunday, November 6th, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport

16475 East 40th Circle
Aurora, Co 80011
Phone: (303) 371-9393

Room cost is \$89.00 plus tax per night, Reservation Code to reserve a room is (ADR).

There is a shuttle from the airport to the hotel (free of cost).

Coronation is Saturday, Nov. 5th starting at 6PM. Dinner will be between starting at 7:30/8:00 PM and end around 10:00 PM.

Feast cost is \$20.00 per person; feast gear will not be needed. Reservations for the feast must be in by Oct 15, 2011, you do not need to pay at this time, please send RSVP's to Sir Larke at dswickersham@gmx.com or Dame Mary at mlottmtl@aol.com . If you have any feast restrictions, please let us know.

Feast dinner is Chicken Marsala plated, sautéed chicken breast on pasta with mushroom and marsala wine sauce served with rice pilaf and Caesar salad, includes dinner rolls with butter, vegetables of the day, choice of dessert (carrot cake) and a choice of drink, coffee or tea.

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

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

IV. 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. Charter Amendments

Item A. The following Shires TO BE dissolved due to lack of members:

Mid'ean
Pryteri
Valdron

Item B. The following Chapters TO BE reduced in status:

Esperance, Archduchy	(Voteable item, 2/3 Majority)
Kincora, Duchy	(Voteable item, 2/3 Majority)
Terre Nueve, Archduchy	(Voteable item, 2/3 Majority)
York, Archduchy	(Voteable item, 2/3 Majority)
Bisqaia, Duchy	
Cambridge, Shire	
Cashel, Shire	
Chesapeake, Shire	
Cyprus, Shire	
Roanoke, Shire	

Item C. The Duchy of Castilles TO BE elevated to Kingdom status.
(Voteable item, 2/3 Majority)

Item D. The dissolution of the Duchy of Kincora.

Item E. Umbria is requesting the following lands to be released for the Creation of a New Subdivision with the exception that if the new subdivision shall ever dissolve that the lands automatically revert back to Umbrian control. (Voteable item, Majority)

Borders: From the Arizona-California border on I-40 east to the I-93 north to the Nevada state line on the Colorado river following the Colorado river south back to the I-40 on the Arizona-California border.

Item F. Amend the Charter of Umbria to grant different land to the Duchy of Cyprus in exchange for the previous chartered lands of Cyprus. (Voteable item, Majority)

Borders: Western border of the 143 south to I-10 east to the I-60 to include the city limits of Maimi, Claypool, Central Heights-Midland City and Globe in Arizona. Continuing on the I-60/77 to the Salt river. From the Salt river through Theodore Roosevelt Lake through Apache Lake, through Canyon Lake through Saguaro Lake to North Bush Highway to the 87 heading west to North Center Rd to east Thomas road continuing west to north 48th street south to east McDowell road west back to the 143

CRB2. Imperial Bid Due Dates (30 days prior to required announcement dates)

To be added to the Lex Adria, Imperial Estates Writ 21, Section D.

Imperial Estates Meeting – March – Bid due no later than the first weekend in December

Imperial Estates Meeting – July - Bid due no later than the second weekend in April
 Imperial Estates Meeting – November - Bid due no later than the first weekend in October
 Banner War – May - Bid due no later than February 1st
 Imperial Crown War – September - Bid due no later than May 1st

All bids must be submitted to the Imperial Crowns and/or publicly on the Adria Imperial Estates egroup.

Commentary: This allows 30 days for the Imperial Crowns, the Imperial Steward and the autocrat to work out any details, sign contracts and pay for sites.

Announcement of events and site locations (Already set in law per Lex Adria)

Imperial Estates Meeting – March – must be announced by first weekend in January

Imperial Estates Meeting – July - must be announced by second weekend in May

Imperial Estates Meeting – November - must be announced by first weekend in September

Imperial Banner/Civil War – May - must be announced by March 1st

Imperial Crown War – September - must be announced by June 1st

CRB3. Modify Lex Adria, Article XVI B 1

Option A. To remove the following in the Lex Adria, Article XVI B 1:

iii. The sites of the Imperial Crown War shall be in Chartered Subdivisions other than that in which the Imperial Crown resides. (Featherly Park and Prado Park in Yorba Linda, California shall be exceptions to this requirement.)

Option B. Add the word “contender” after the Imperial Crown:

iii. The sites of the Imperial Crown War shall be in Chartered Subdivisions other than that in which the Imperial Crown Contender resides. (Featherly Park and Prado Park in Yorba Linda, California shall be exceptions to this requirement.)

Option C. Add as another exception Quiet Waters Park in Florida

Option D. Change exceptions to allow for one site in each region to be used as a backup in case no other bids are received.

CRB4. Records Storage and Maintenance

Item A. Identification and approval for one storage site for all Adrian Records.

Item B. The creation of a new position for the Empire, Imperial Minister of Archives.

The minister’s responsibility would be for the upkeep/scanning and maintenance of all records for each reign.

Establish a date of completion for each reign.

Option 1) The Archiver has to have all records from the previous reign scanned and saved before the March Imperial Estates Meeting when the Retirement Titles are voted.

Option 2) The Archiver has to have all records from the previous reign scanned and saved before the Annual Reporting has to be done in July.

Commentary: With the Scanning Project, there is no need to be transferring the paper records from one location to another. The records have been scanned into PDF files and saved to the Empire’s portable hard drive, and sets

of disks have been made. Disks can be sent to whoever needs (Imperial Crowns, Imperial Ministers, etc) or requests them. It's the exact same information that is on the paper. Original records are safe, confined, but all information is still transportable and available upon request. This saves the Empire thousands of dollars shipping all the boxes.

Item C. Identify who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Imperial chattel goods and assign and approve a storage site(s) for all Adrian chattel goods.

CRB5. Crown Budget Update

To be done during Crown Report

CRB6. Incoming Crown Budget

See Addendum "Proposed 2011-2012 Imperial Budget"

CRB7. Associate Memberships Review

See Addendum "Associate Membership proposal"

VI. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CH1. Judicial Decisions

None Received

CH2. Ratify past Civil Courts.

None Received

CH3. Define Startup Expenses to be added to this Writ.

Restricted fund to be used for startup or state registration expenses for those Chapters unable to finance these costs when due. This fund to be initiated by rolling over restricted funds no longer required by closed or defunct Chapters at the end of two years. In addition, those Chapters who were subsidized from this account would agree to repay the fund.

Passed into law July 2008 (105 in favor)

Commentary: The original commentary stated "We have not registered in states we are currently doing business in. This is being corrected by registering in California, and Oregon to date. Cambridge has been unable to collect site fees or hold fund raisers as required by State of New York and New Jersey. As they have not been able to hold fund raisers, they need the initial set up cost. By establishing and maintaining this restricted fund, we would be able to assist in the state registration or other viable start up fees and not affect current budgets." There is no defined sense of what Startup Expenses are. Does this allow for the purchase of combat gear or feast gear which would then become Imperial Chattel goods until it is repaid to the Empire. Or is it just to cover the expense of state registrations and possibly pay for sites so events can be held?

CH4. Election of the President of the Board of Directors for the Adrian Empire, Inc.

The following have been nominated for the Position of President:

Rita Torres (AKA Dame Margarita)

James Sheppard (AKA Sir Puck)

CH5. Modify General Requirements for Crown/Ruling Noble

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 Viceroy) 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.

OPTION 1

 - Royal Crowns, Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold current membership within the same subdivision they wish to rule.

OPTION 2

 - Royal Crowns, Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold current membership within the same subdivision they wish to rule. Royal Crowns no less than 12 months and Ducal Crowns no less than 6 months.

OPTION 3

 - Royal Crowns, Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold current membership within the same subdivision they wish to rule. Royal Crowns no less than 12 months and Ducal Crowns no less than 6 months, unless the candidate is approved by the estates by a 2/3 super majority vote.
 - 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 Viceroy 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.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

OB 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

OB 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

OB 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

OB 4. 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

OB 5. 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

OB 6. 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

OB 7. 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
DameWyn

VIII. New Business

NB1. Amend Lex Adria- Lock Agenda 72 hours prior to meeting

Add to Law where appropriate (ie Lex Adria & the Chancellors Manual, etc). No changes to the Agenda items can be made within 72 hours of the opening of the meeting. Any item being changed or added during the meeting must be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as Old Business. To make exceptions (for pressing matters) to this requires a 2/3 vote to consider & then a majority to make exception.

Commentary:

As all discussion for items to be voted on should have been done prior to the meeting. Making a change to an item during the meeting could change the vote of the proxy writer. We had a prime example of this at the July meeting when nominations for the BoD were taken from the floor. The item had to be tabled to give people time to contact their proxy writers.

Author: Dorn das Schwarz Brause, Knight Premiere

Sponsors: Felicia "The Bold" das Schwarz Brause, Knight Premiere; Seraphine McLaren of the O'Neill Mor, Knight Premiere; Doom Solig, Knight Premiere

NB2. Modify membership "Freeze" for Active Duty Service Members

Add to Law where appropriate; (Ref OB3 Mar2011) includes the memberships of all family members traveling overseas with the Service Member.

Authors: Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause & Dame Etaine Llywelyn
Sponsor: Dame Felicia das Schwarz Brause

NB3. Charter amendment for Terre Neuve, as voted upon and passed by the estates of Terre Neuve.
REMOVED AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUTHOR

Discussion Items

None Offered

Next meeting of the Imperial Estates General

November 2011

Meeting Dates: Saturday, March, 2012
Sunday, March, 2012

Location: TBA

Recommended information for Bids

What event are you bidding for?

- Imperial Estates Meeting – Month of March
- Imperial Estates Meeting – July, third weekend
- Imperial Estates Meeting – November, first weekend
- Imperial Banner/Civil War – May, Memorial Day Weekend
- Imperial Crown War – September, Labor Day Weekend

Who will be hosting the event?

- Who is/are the autocrat(s)
- Who will be the contact for the event?
- How will you be able to be contacted? (cell phone, home phone, pay phone)
- Mailing Address of Contact for tokens to be mailed to?

Where will the event be located? (Physical address, name of facility)

For bids requiring Hotel

- When does the contract need to be in place by?
- What is the cost of the meeting room per day?
- Is there a deposit? If so, how much, when is it required by and is it refundable?
- Is food/drink required? If so, what kind and how much?
- Is there WiFi in the meeting room?
- What is the cost of the individual hotel rooms?
- What is the end date for obtaining the hotel rooms?
- Does the hotel allow outside food/drink to be brought into the meeting room?
- What hours is the meeting room available?
- Is there a restaurant onsite?
- Are there restaurants/fast food nearby? If so, how far?
- Is there a grocery/convenience store nearby?

For bids for other sites

- When does the contract need to be in place by?
- Will the site need to be added as an additional insured?
- Is there a cost for use of the site?
- Is there a deposit? If so, how much, when is it required by and is it refundable?
- What extra items will be needed for the event? (Port-a-johns, shelters)
- Does the site charge a fee per person? (ie. Camping fee, park entrance fee)
- Are there any specified hours of operation or special noise restrictions? (ie. Does the park have hours that they don't allow people in?)
- Is camping allowed?
- Are pets allowed? Are there any restrictions on types of pets? (ie. Cats, lemurs, ferrets, etc.)
- Do members have to reserve anything on their own? (Camp sites, RV sites, cabins, beds, etc.)
- Is there potable water or do members need to bring their own?
- Are there toilets and showers on site?
- Is there a group gathering area available?
- Is there a grocery/convenience store nearby?

Imperial Budget

Description	Imperial Budget			2011-2012 Proposed Budget
	Actuals 2008-2009	Actuals 2009-2010	Actuals* 2010-2011	
Income				
Canada Imperial War	\$0	\$350.00	?	\$200.00
NE Imperial war	\$350.00	\$638.00	\$58.50	\$800.00
NW Imperial War	\$597.00	\$770.00	\$372.00	\$650.00
SE Imperial War	\$335.00	\$375.00	\$1,865.00	\$1,300.00
SW Imperial War	\$1,168.00	\$1,498.00	\$876.10	\$1,500.00
Subtotal	\$2,450.00	\$3,631.00	\$3,171.60	\$4,450.00
Canada Banner War	\$0	\$0	\$95.00	\$200.00
NE Banner War	\$1,736.98	\$1,673.00	\$135.00	\$600.00
NW Banner War	\$1,012.27	\$758.00	\$235.11	\$600.00
SE Banner War	\$502.68	\$483.75	\$970.00	\$1,000.00
SW Banner War	\$1,496.50	\$1,567.28	\$1,270.81	\$1,400.00
Subtotal	\$4,748.43	\$4,482.03	\$2,705.92	\$3,800.00
Fundraising	\$523.00	\$78.00	\$502.00	\$300.00
Special Events	\$0	\$347.00	\$0	\$0
Imperial Coronation	\$0	\$525.00	?	\$2,000.00
Imperial Travel FR	\$286.00	\$300.00	\$0	\$0
Memberships	\$26,159.15	\$33,016.55	\$29,212.00	\$30,000.00
Interest	\$217.70	\$7.94	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$27,185.85	\$34,266.55	\$29,714.00	\$32,300.00
Total Income	\$34,384.28	\$42,379.58	\$35,591.52	\$40,550.00
Costs				
Canada Imperial War	\$0	\$0	\$50.14	\$100.00
NE Imperial War	\$390.14	\$675.00	\$550.14	\$800.00
NW Imperial War	\$191.30	\$428.82	\$622.13	\$600.00
SE Imperial War	\$402.88	\$35.00	\$1,012.47	\$700.00
SW Imperial War	\$637.16	\$551.51	\$997.38	\$800.00
Subtotal	\$1,621.48	\$1,690.33	\$3,232.26	\$3,000.00
Canada Banner War	\$0	\$0	?	\$100.00
NE Banner War	\$1,007.00	\$1,353.65	\$477.94	\$600.00
NW Banner War	\$600.30	\$155.89	\$549.46	\$600.00

SE Banner War	\$171.16	\$192.23	\$1,047.32	\$700.00
SW Banner War	\$682.63	\$878.71	\$526.21	\$800.00
Subtotal	\$2,461.09	\$2,580.48	\$2,600.93	\$2,800.00
Special Events	\$0	\$428.77	\$0	\$0
Imperial Coronation	\$0	\$704.45	?	\$2,000.00
Subtotal	\$0	\$1,133.22	?	\$2,000.00
Subtotal all Costs	\$4,082.57	\$5,404.03	\$5,833.19*	\$7,800.00
Operating Expenses				
Imperial Travel Crowns	\$3,279.29*	\$3,783.85*	\$3,278.91*	\$4,000.00
Imperial Travel Ministers	*	*	*	\$2,000.00
Corporate Travel	\$266.90	\$981.63	\$1,429.52	\$2,000.00
Administration	\$426.51	\$1,109.74	\$706.15	\$1,000.00
IEMs	\$2,094.32	\$1,154.52	\$1,489.88	\$3,000.00
Accounting Taxes	\$2,500.00*	\$850.00	\$175.00	\$800.00
Accounting Audit Fund	*	-	-	\$850.00
Quickbooks	-	-	\$412.41	\$420.00
Bank Charges	\$53.00	\$157.63	-	\$160.00
Bad Checks	-	\$301.00	\$40.00	\$250.00
Insurance- E&O	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$690.00
Insurance- Liability	\$13,525.00	\$8,156.95	\$8,457.50	\$8,900.00
PO Box	\$125.00	\$178.00	\$133.00	\$250.00
State Registrations	\$95.00	\$500.00	\$195.00	\$600.00
Storage Units	-	\$1,273.20	\$669.30	\$1,500.00
Website	\$230.97	-	-	\$325.00
Imperial Phone	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200.00
Startup Small				
Subdivisions	\$0	\$0	-	\$300.00
Contingency Fund	\$0	\$1,860.52	\$0	\$3,000.00
Legal Review for BOD	\$0	\$1,740.50	\$0	-
Subtotal	\$23,285.99	\$22,737.54	17706.67*	\$31,245.00
Total Costs & Expenses	\$27,368.56	\$28,141.57	\$23,539.86*	\$39,045.00

Notes: Under imperial Travel the previous budgets did not separate Crowns from ministers as we did, so that is noted by an asterisk. The accounting line is the same way as the two separate items were combined previously.

The 2010-2011 actuals are incomplete (as there is still one more IEM and other items undone), so we went with the information we have received so far.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

What I would like to bring forward for consideration, discussion, and possible approval is this:

The Adrian Empire, Inc would extend the current accepted groups for associate memberships to include the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, members and troupe leaders, at the current associate member rate of \$15 per member. There would be NO conversion from activities within the Boy and Girl Scouts towards knighthoods, associate members from this organization would pursue knighthood pursuant to the rules of Lex Adria.

This would not extend to the families of members of the Boys and Girls Club. If family members wished to join, they would need to follow the existing rules for family membership, with one member a participating member, and the family under that member.

Reasoning:

Recently, on the Adrian Empire forum, it was brought up for consideration extending Associate Memberships to groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts. Our current rules state:

4. Associate Membership:

A member of any Imperially approved organization (or a Chartered Subdivision or equivalent thereof) with activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire, may qualify for associate membership. The rights of participating membership extend to associate members.

The dues for said membership per member are set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested and shall be reviewed by the Imperial Estates General at their regular meeting in November, at which time the level of dues may be approved or modified. (Note: The current pre-approved organizations are the ECS, RMS, and SCA. The Imperial Crown may consider other organizations.)

While there is a belief that this means only other medieval re-creation groups, there is a second belief, one shared by members across the empire as that conversation showed, that it should also be extended to NON medieval groups that have similar goals and activities as our own. It is our belief and argument that activities and goals parallel to the Adrian Empire could and should extend to not-for-profit organizations that focus on education, leadership, and the pursuit of essentially our core values.

The groups in question here are the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. These groups are not-for-profit organizations that use educational activities such as Archery,

Arts, physical activities, cooking, etc, to help promote skills, abilities, and leadership in the youth of America. These goals are similar to our upholding our core values of Integrity, Fairness, Loyalty and Respect. Activities of these organizations include arts, sciences, archery, cooking, and leadership opportunities. These are all functions that could be serviced and enhanced by an association with the Adrian Empire, Inc. These organizations teach traditional archery, not compound archery.

One concern to be addressed for associate memberships for the members of the Boy and Girl Scouts is the issue of temporary custody, if the parent or guardian is not present at the event. If we are able to extend associate memberships to these organizations, and arrange events to be held in conjunction with them, that concern is already addressed by Boy and Girl Scout policies. When a scout is brought to a scouting event, the Troupe Leader has temporary custody for the duration of the event.

The discussion on the Imperial Forum showed that there is interest, and I know in our chapter we have significant and immediate interest from the local troupes. In my time in Cambridge and my original time in York and Castilles, we have had demonstrations with the Boy and Girl Scouts, and in the North East we work with the Boy and Girl Scouts for sites for our wars. This would be a way to work with these organizations, bring in their members to teach arts, leadership, archery, to enhance their own activities, and to work with them in their goals.

We feel that extending the associate membership, with the provision no conversion points towards knighthood, would be beneficial to Adria and the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. We bring this forward for discussion and consideration, and hope it is given extensive consideration to advise the Imperial Crowns on the will of the Estates regarding this important issue.

In Service,

Dame Ariana Neville,
Knight Premiere

Sir Henry Neville,
Duke of Cambridge