



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
July 15 and 16, 2017
Minutes**

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte Airport I-85/I-485, 4238 Business Center Dr., Charlotte NC 28214

(**Note:** This is NOT the Charlotte Airport South/I-77 Tyvola hotel location!)

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast, free wifi, business center, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness center, onsite parking.

Date and Time:

Fri, 14 July:	TBA	BoD Meeting
Sat, 15 July:	8:30 – 9:15	Sign In
	9:30 – 5:00	Imperial Estates Meeting
Sun, 16 July:	9:30 – 5:00	Imperial Estates Meeting (as needed)

Airport:

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)

Shuttle Transportation:

The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from CLT.

Reservations:

Individual Call-in: To ensure group rates, individuals should contact the hotel directly at (704) 395-3600 and tell them you are with the Adrian Empire, Inc. group. Please do not wait to the last minute to make your reservation! **All reservations must be made by June 30, 2017.**

Room Rates:

The base room rate is \$99 plus tax (15.25%) per night.

Early Departure Fee:

In the event that a guest who has reserved a room with this block checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, an early departure fee equal to 50% of one night's room and tax may be charged to that guest's individual account. No fee will apply when notice of early departure is received 24 hours in advance.

Individual Cancellation Fee:

Individual room cancellations can be made up to 7 days prior to the arrival of the reservation within the group. Any reservations cancelled after this time, "without an act of God," will be charged the amount of one night's room and tax.

If you have further questions on the site, please contact Their Imperial Majesties.

Legend:

~~Deleted or replaced text~~

Added or new text

(Requirements for actions and approval)

Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

Author's commentary

Imperial Crown commentary

Requirement for Written Proxies (Lex Adria Imperium, Article VI.H.)

It is the right of any member entitled to a vote to give a written proxy to any other Adrian member attending the meeting.

1. Written proxies are effective when presented to the Chancellor.
2. The proxy-holder may present a copy to the Chancellor when signing in for the meeting, or
3. The proxy-granter may mail or electronically submit a copy to the Chancellor, provided it is received at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

If a proxy is not presented to the Chancery Office by the end of Roll Call, the vote will not be counted.

MINUTES

- I. SIGN IN** **119 (27 Present; 92 Proxy)**
- II. CALL TO ORDER** **10:00 AM, July 15, 2017**
- III. ROLL CALL** **None seated or waived**
- A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies
- B. Petitions to waive as per Article VI.E.6.
(Requires 2/3 to approve.)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **Passed**
- A. Approval of the minutes of the March 2017 IEM
(Requires majority to approve.)
- V. REPORTS**
- A. Executive
1. Crown(s)
 2. President and Board of Directors
- B. Ministers
1. Archery
 - No report
 2. Arts and Sciences
 - Dame Kendra has stepped down due to mundane reasons
 3. Chancery
 - Charters updated
 - Local chancellors, please provide contact information to your Imperial counterpart
 4. Hospitaler
 - Pushed lots of publishing back to the chapter. Some chapters have responded better than others
 - More activity in demos and fairs this year empire wide
 - New shire requests have come in

- Larger media coverage through the cons on a national and international exposure
 - Small chapter support
5. Joust and War
 6. Physicker
 - New manual still in the works
 7. Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.)
 8. Rolls and Lists
 - Report published online
 9. Sovereign of Arms
 - Report published online
 - College of Arms has been released; please forward everything to HIM L'Bete
 10. Steward
 - Financial turn0ins for tax time are better this year than last year
 11. Other Officers

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

Chancery Note: The listing in A. and B. below is based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication.

A. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers:

Kingdoms:

(Requires 2/3rds to approve.)

1. ~~Terre Neuve~~ — 95 *(Made numbers)*

2. ~~Umbria~~ — 90 *(Made numbers)*

While Esperance currently has 51 members, it is ineligible for reduction due to having released lands to Auroch's Fjord in March 2017. Per IEW-46, a Chapter that releases physical territory shall not be reduced in status for one year.

Archduchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

1. Albion-Rayonne 41 – **Tabled (49 at meeting)**

2. Constantinople 45 – **Tabled (46 at meeting)**

3. Var Heim 46 – **Tabled (47 at meeting)**

Duchies:

(Requires majority to approve.)

1. ~~Brandenburg~~ — 13 *(Made numbers)*
2. ~~Burgundy~~ — 17 *(Made numbers)*
3. Gloucester 12 – **Passed**
4. Konigsberg 6 – **Passed**
5. Somerset 9 – **Passed**
6. Wolfendorf 12 – **Passed**

B. The following Shires are being dissolved per Lex Adria Imperium, Article VIII.D.3.b.xi:

(Notification Only; While no action is required, appeals may be made to the Estates which would require 2/3rds to pass.)

Imperial Crown Commentary: Members of the Shire of Murrisk have been stepping up and putting in a great deal of effort to restore their Chapter. Thus, even though they are presently under numbers, we are not dissolving the Shire of Murrisk.

C. Create Shire of Gaelacia.

(Notification only)

The territory of the Shire of Gaelacia will comprise the city limits of the mundane cities of Boise, Meridian, and Nampa, Idaho. Katarina Morgan Fernandez Alvarez will serve as Vicereine.

D. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve.)

1. Auroch's Fjord 109 – **Passed**

Chancery note: The Archduchy of Auroch's Fjord has requested to be elevated to a Kingdom. Auroch's Fjord has been chartered as an Archduchy for longer than the minimum 6 months required for elevation to Kingdom status, and has at least 100 members and a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction. Kingdom charters are considered equivalent to Imperial Estates Writs. Should Auroch's Fjord become a Kingdom, revocation or amendment of its charter shall require a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates under current Adrian Law.

E. Other Amendments

1. Dissolve the charter of Fortriu and amend the charter of Var Heim to include the mundane area of Stevens County, Washington. This proposed charter amendment will merge Fortriu into Var Heim. – **Passed**
(Requires majority to approve.)

Chancery note: The Estates of Fortriu have requested to dissolve their charter and become a canton of Var Heim. The Estates of both chapters have unanimously agreed to this proposal.

2. Amend the charter of the Duchy of Lancaster to release the lands within a 60-mile radius of the mundane city of Charleston, South Carolina to form a new Shire. – **Tabled until November 2017 Estates Meeting**
(Requires 2/3 to approve)

Chancery note: This proposed amendment has been rejected by the Estates of Lancaster. Per the Lex Adria, charter amendments can be approved by a majority of the Imperial Estates if the Local Estates of all involved Chapters have approved the amendment with a supermajority, or by a supermajority of the Imperial Estates if the Local Estates of all involved Chapters have approved the amendment with a majority. In this case, in which the Local Estates of all involved Chapters have NOT approved the amendment, approval of the amendment constitutes an exception to law, and as such requires a supermajority.

See Appendix A for petitioners' commentary.

The petitioners originally requested a 90-mile radius from the center of the mundane city of Charleston, South Carolina. The petitioners have agreed to the Imperial Crown's amendment of this proposed radius to 60 miles.

F. Delinquent Reporting

1. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Steward's reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Stewards shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

All are now current.

2. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Steward's office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Steward of these Chapters. Effective May 31, the Crowns and Steward shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent steward records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

All are now current.

3. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Rolls reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns and Rolls Minister shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

All are now current.

4. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in the Rolls office. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns and Rolls

Minister of these Chapters. Effective May 31, the Crowns and Rolls Minister shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon submission of all delinquent Rolls records, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

All are now current.

5. The following Chapters are delinquent for 2 months of Crown reports. If reports are not received within thirty days of this publication, the Crowns shall have a complaint and be placed on Judicial Ban:

(Notification only.)

- a. Duchy of Somerset – Last Crown report: September 2016

Chancery note: While Somerset has been delinquent for 3 or more months, they are not habitually delinquent in other reporting. As such, the Crowns wish that this publication serve as a warning prior to filing complaints.

6. The following Chapters are delinquent three months or more in Crown reports. The Imperial Crown has filed complaint against the Crowns of these Chapters. Effective May 31, the Crowns shall be placed on Judicial Ban, and they have 30 days to bring reporting current before the complaint becomes a set of charges. Upon receipt of all delinquent Crown reports, the ban shall be lifted and the complaint withdrawn.

(Notification only.)

All are now current.

7. The following Shires have consistently failed to meet primary reporting requirements and will be dissolved.

(Notification only.)

- a. Shire of Chesapeake – Consistently delinquent in all primary reporting. –
Withdrawn

Chancery note: The membership of the Shire of Chesapeake has stepped up and new viceroys have been appointed by the Imperial Crown.

CRB2. Senior Estates Minor

Passed

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

Amend the Lex Adria Imperium and to define “senior members of the Estates Minor,” for the purposes of granting Imperial Estates votes, as ruling nobles of the Landed Estates Minor. Amend IEW-18: Armigerous Rights to consistently categorize 2nd and 3rd level knights as non-landed estates. Amend any other conflicting law and guidance documents accordingly for consistency.

Lex Adria Imperium

Article VI. A. Imperial Governing Bodies; Summoning Meetings

“The governing body of the Adrian Empire is the Imperial Estates (composed of the Imperial Estate, the Estates Royal, the Estates Major, and the two senior ~~members of the~~ landed Estates Minor from each Chapter).”

Article VI. I. Limitation of Votes

“4. ~~For the purposes of this section,~~ S Second and third level Knighthood shall be considered non-landed voting ranks.”

Glossary

“Imperial Estates – The Imperial legislative body consisting of the Imperial Estate, the Estates Royal, the Estates Major, the two senior landed Estates Minor of each Chapter.”

IEW-18: Armigerous Rights

II. B. 12. Knight Third Level

“Imperial Peer, ~~Landed Knight~~ and Estate Major in own right. May wear a blue belt and gold spurs.”

II. B. 18. Knight Second Level

“~~Landed Knight and~~ Estate Minor in own right.”

CRB3. Minimum Requirements for Successful Completion of Reign Adopted as IEW (*Notification of Imperial Crown Writ. Requires majority to adopt as Imperial Estates Writ. Requires majority to reject as Imperial Crown Writ. Requires 2/3 to adopt as amendment to Lex Adria Imperium.*)

A Crown shall not be awarded successful completion of reign if the Chapter’s Crown, Steward, or Rolls reports are delinquent upon completion of the term of office.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

None. Announcement withdrawn.

B. Civil Courts

None.

CHB2. Consideration of Acceptability of Imperial Crown Contenders
(Requires majority to find acceptable.)

Chancery Note: Letter of Intent included in Appendix B.

A. Sir Desmond Wallace and Dame Babette Bryn Corey – Approved

B. ~~Sir Wilhelmus Blizec and HHH Etaine Llywelyn~~ Withdrawn 6/4/17

CHB3. Election of Board of Directors

(Requires majority.)

Current voting members of the Board of Directors: *(Expiring members highlighted.)*

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Imperial Crown	Appointed
Region 1	John Caldwell	Expires Nov. 2018	
Region 1	Lindsay Oleson	Expires Nov. 2017	
		<i>(Crown-appointed replacement for Dan Olsen)</i>	
Region 2	Brandon Grider	Expires Nov. 2018	
Region 2	Christina Cox	Expires Nov. 2017	President
Region 3	Thomas Wilson	Expires Nov. 2018	
Region 3	David Bradtmueller	Expires Nov. 2017	
At Large	Michelle Kout	Expires Nov. 2017	
At Large	Jeffery Kout	Expires Nov. 2017	

Chancery Note: As no letters of intent to serve on the Board of Directors were received, the emergency nomination procedure will be followed and nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting and reviewed at the November meeting. See Bylaws, Article V, E.1.a. Note that Region 1, 2, and 3 BoD members serve 2-year terms, while At Large BoD members serve 1-year terms.

Board of Directors *(highlighted changes effective November 2017)*

Treasurer	Lawrence Moura	Appointed by Imperial Crown
Region 1	John Caldwell	Expires Nov. 2018
Region 1	Leslie Burgess	Expires Nov. 2019
Region 2	Brandon Grider	Expires Nov. 2018
Region 2	Lindsay Oleson	Expires Nov. 2019
Region 3	Thomas Wilson	Expires Nov. 2018
Region 3	Sara Huizenga	Expires Nov. 2019
At Large	Christina Cox	Expires Nov. 2018
At Large	Eric Worrall	Expires Nov. 2018

CHB4. Review of the Current Conversion Policy

(Notification only; no action required.)

Chancery Note: Per Lex Adria Imperium Article VI.E. and Article IX.F.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Add a rapier path to knighthood

Failed

(Requires 2/3 to approve.)

Option A, in which rapier combat points earned past Knight Bachelor can be applied to *either* the Banneret/Champion Path *or* the Fencer/Defense Path, at the option of the combatant.

A. Replace Article IX.D.1.e. Knight Banneret and f. Knight Champion of the Lex Adria Imperium with the following:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

D. Ranks

1. Combatant Roll

e. Banneret/Champion Path

Points toward advancement in Combat beyond Knight Bachelor may be applied to either Path, at the discretion of the Combatant. Once an STK has been audited and approved, the points credited are “frozen” and cannot be applied to another Path.

i. Knight Banneret

- Participation in 18 additional Knights’ Lists (eight must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Five additional wins in the Knights’ Lists (three must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in five additional wars.
- Participation in five additional demonstrations.

ii. Knight Champion

- Participation in 36 additional Knights’ Lists (16 must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Ten additional wins in the Knights’ Lists (six must be in the armored Knights’ Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in 10 additional wars.
- Participation in 15 additional demonstrations.

f. Fencer/Defense Path

Points toward advancement in Combat beyond Knight Bachelor may be applied to either Path, at the discretion of the Combatant. Once an STK has been audited and approved, the points credited are “frozen” and cannot be applied to another Path.

i. Knight Fencer

- Participation in 18 additional rapier Knights’ Lists at Crown events.
- Five additional wins in the rapier Knights’ Lists at Crown events.
- Participation in rapier scenarios in five additional wars.
- Participation in five additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

ii. Knights of Defense

- Participation in 36 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Ten additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Participation in rapier scenarios in 10 additional wars.
- Participation in 15 additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

B. Amend Article IX.E. of the Lex Adria Imperium as follows:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

E. Titles

- 9. Knight Champion, Knights of Defense, Knight Master, Knight Premier, Knight Warden
- 15. Knight Banneret, Knights Fencer, Knight Doctor, Knight Civil, Knight Forester

C. Amend IEW#18 – Armigerous Rights as follows:

II. Regalia and Modes of Address

B. Practice

12. Knight Third Level

Imperial Peer, Landed Knight and Estate Major in own right. May wear a blue belt and gold spurs. May also fly a standard. May be styled "Sir <name>" or "Dame <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation. Includes Knights Champion and Defense (combat), Master (arts), Premier (ministry), and Warden (archery). Knights of Defense may wear a blue scarf on their preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

18. Knight Second Level

Landed Knight and Estate Minor in own right. May wear a blue belt and silver spurs with a gold rowel. May also fly a standard. May be styled "Sir" or "Dame" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation. Includes Knights Banneret and Fencer (combat), Doctor (arts), Civil (ministry), and Forester (archery). Knights Fencer may wear a blue scarf on their preferred sword arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

D. Amend IEW#13 – Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings as follows:

- B. Wins and participations in Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings will count the same ~~as Rapier~~.

E. Amend Applicable Sign-In Forms to Differentiate Rapier Combat

F. Amend Rolls Database to Differentiate Rapier Combat

G. Amend Combat Steps to Knighthood Form to Incorporate Second K2/K3 Path

Option B, in which Rapier points earned past Knight Bachelor can only be applied toward the Fencer/Defense Path.

A. Replace Article IX.D.1.e. Knight Banneret and f. Knight Champion of the Lex Adria Imperium with the following:

IX. Awards, Orders, Ranks, Titles

D. Ranks

1. Combatant Roll

e. Banneret/Champion Path

i. Knight Banneret

- Participation in 18 additional non-rapier Knights' Lists (eight must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- Five additional wins in the non-rapier Knights' Lists (three must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in five additional wars (excluding rapier scenarios).
- Participation in five additional demonstrations (excluding rapier combat).

ii. Knight Champion

- Participation in 36 additional non-rapier Knights' Lists (16 must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- Ten additional wins in the non-rapier Knights' Lists (six must be in the armored Knights' Lists), at Crown events.
- Participation in 10 additional wars (excluding rapier scenarios).
- Participation in 15 additional demonstrations (excluding rapier combat).

f. Fencer/Defense Path

i. Knight Fencer

- Participation in 18 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Five additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Participation in rapier scenarios in five additional wars.
- Participation in five additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

ii. Knight of Defense

- Participation in 36 additional rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Ten additional wins in the rapier Knights' Lists at Crown events.
- Participation in rapier scenarios in 10 additional wars.
- Participation in 15 additional demonstrations involving rapier combat.

Parts B. through G. as described in Option A.

Authors: Baron Vanyev Mikhailovich Betzina, KPr; Dame Cryssida Blackwood of Clan McKlaine, KPr.

Authors' Commentary: *With a resurgence in private Western Martial Arts sword schools, the SCA's addition of a Society-level peerage for unarmored combat, and the continued issue of some combatants being unable to engage in medieval Armored combat (and thus unable to progress beyond Knight Bachelor), but very dedicated to the art of fencing, the time has come to (once again) consider adding an optional STK document to the Adrian combat discipline.*

This optional STK would include only points earned in Rapier combat, and would grant the same sumptuary and armorial rights as existing combat Knighthoods, but not the titles of Knight Banneret or Champion.

This is personal for me and I know some others. I have a unique feature of my skull called a Chiari I malformation that could cause serious issues if heavy shock is applied to the head, and thus cannot fight steel. I know of many others that don't fight Steel due to joint and muscle issues. Additionally, some people simply love the art of fencing; some have late period personas that are legally included in our time frame, for whom Fencing is a perfectly appropriate combat style. Like Steel combat, there is a great body of both period manuals and applied research that makes Renaissance Fencing a rich and engaging lifelong hobby, and in the author's opinion, not merely a stepping stone to Steel combat.

This proposal is not meant in any way to impinge upon or lessen the achievements of our Knights Banneret and Champion, who are rightly held in high regard. It is meant to meet a growing need and is submitted in the spirit of equality that Adria can demonstrate so well. I hope that if this passes, Knights Fencer and Defense will build a unique culture within the order, one that complements the joy of the fight that our steel fighters personify so well.

Option C: Proposed alternative

As needed:

Amend Lex Adria IX.D.1.e.i & ii, and f.i & ii within the parentheses: (... armored Knights' Lists [or equivalents](#))

Amend IEW 13 to add:

IEW-13 Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings [and Armored Knights' Lists Equivalent](#)

D. A combatant shall be allowed to substitute the following to satisfy an armored participation or list win:

1. **A cut-and-thrust or rapier participation and a pre-approved demonstration for an armored list participation:**
 - a. **The combatant shall provide a printed or electronic copy of a historical manual (and English translation) to any two of the following: any Crown, any MoWJ, any Crown Marshal, or a Knight Champion, who shall evaluate the demonstration.**
 - b. **The combatant shall demonstrate elements of the documented historical style including: at least one proper stance, the basic steps, guards (wards, blocks, ...), and strikes.**
 - c. **In each subsequent demonstration, the combatant must demonstrate a different advanced technique of a demonstrated style or an introduction to a different documented style or weapon.**

- d. The panel will determine if the demonstration is acceptable.
- e. A student completing one of the classes below shall have satisfied this requirement if the panel determines his performance is acceptable.
2. A cut-and-thrust or rapier list win and a pre-approved class for an armored list win.
 - a. The combatant shall provide a printed or electronic copy of a historical manual (and English translation) to any two of the following: any Crown, any MoWJ, any Crown Marshal, or a Knight Champion, who shall evaluate the class.
 - b. The combatant shall meet all of the requirements for an approved class except that he may have as few as 4 students.
 - c. The combatant shall teach elements of the documented historical style including: at least one proper stance, the basic steps, guards (wards, blocks, ...), and strikes.
 - d. In each subsequent class, the combatant must teach a different advanced technique of a taught style or an introduction to a different documented style or weapon.
 - e. The panel will determine if the class is acceptable.
 - f. A student taking the class may count it as a demonstration participation or part of the substitution but not both.
3. The demonstration or class combined with the participation or win may not be used to satisfy a demonstration requirement.
4. Combatants desiring to distinguish themselves as scholars of defense may style themselves as Knight Scholar Defense (K1), or Knight Free Scholar Defense (K2), or Knight Provost Defense (K3) or other historical equivalent.

Author's Commentary: This proposal is offered as a compromise to allow non-armored advancement that acknowledges the belief that armored combat demands more from the participant. It is not creating a separate Knighthood. It is intended to be compatible with our educational goals.

The authors hope that, beyond passage for this item, this idea will become a part of other knighthoods in the future.

Sponsors: HIH William Baine; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, Count Royal; HRG Robert LaCroix.

OB2. Amend IEW-13 to include crossbows Tabled until November IEM pending re-write (Requires majority to approve.)

Amend IEW-13 as follows:

IEW-13. Cut-and-Thrust, ~~and~~ Rawlings, and Crossbows

A. Manual Modifications

1. The Imperial Estates direct the Imperial Crown and Their Ministers to modify the Combat Manual to adopt weapons requirements and armor standards for Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings.

2. The Imperial Estates request the Imperial Crown and their Ministers modify the Missile Weapons Guidelines to adopt standards for crossbow archery.

- B. Wins and participations: **in**
1. Cut-and-Thrust and Rawlings will count the same as Rapier.
 2. Crossbow will be counted the same as Archery.
- C. Lists **in**
1. Cut-and-Thrust, Rapier and Rawlings
 2. Bows and Crossbows
- may be held as separate lists and counted at the same event pursuant to any other restrictions in the Bylaws or Writs

***Authors' commentary:** Current research has shown that crossbows are legal in all 50 states but that there are restrictions on their use for hunting in most states.*

Author responses to concerns raised in the discussion from March:

- ***Would result in several conflicts***
If the Chancery, or Estate Holders, can provide specifics, we will gladly address them.
- ***Not equivalent to Archery, not equivalent in skill level***
This is not a problem. Crossbows require a different set of skills, but only compete with other crossbows. We concede that they are more different than long bows, recurves, short bows, but not significantly different than separate competitions between rifles and pistols. Comparing to combat, they are more similar than shinais and rapiers or rapiers and steel. If crossbows are “easier” than hand bows, they are equally “easier” for each participant. No one will be given any particular advantage over anyone else. You can compete with checkers against checkers or chess against chess. We are not permitting checkers to be played against chess. One advantage to crossbows, that makes it more equal “across the board”, is that draw weight is less of an issue, because historical mechanical cocking (drawing) devices allow weaker crossbowmen to compete with stronger crossbowmen, as well as allowing “differently enabled” individuals to participate.
- ***Most chapters can't use crossbows in their local areas***
We do not believe that is accurate. While you may need to go to a private range, it is already the case for any archery in some chapters. We are not saying “you have to”, think of steel combat or combat archery not being permitted in some parks. We do what we can where we can. What you can or cannot do does not adversely affect what I can or cannot do.
- ***Doesn't need another path for archery***
Do we need 5 forms of combat with up to 7 lists/tournament (not including the Imperial Challenge)? Why do we encourage ALL historical arts and research instead of limiting it to one form? Why is ALL service recognized instead of simply one or two jobs? Because Adria is richer for it. The argument is valid, we don't NEED it, but why NOT allow and include it?
- ***Safety of learning/teaching; weapon is easily discharged***
Yes, they are, but hand bows do not have safeties. Knowing the weapon, the concern is addressed in the training. In all the years of intermittent testing,

we have been doing it safely. It is a fact of physics that crossbows are not half as powerful as equivalent draw weight bows.

- ***The insurance company may not accept it***
It has been allowed. If, and when, it isn't, and for so long as it isn't, it would have to be suspended.
- ***Crossbow is historical (target, war and hunting)***
Since the Roman Empire, throughout our entire historical period, crossbows were a significant weapon of war. By ignoring crossbows, we are ignoring a huge portion of the archery history of Europe.
- ***“It has a coolness factor”***
Yes, it does (like steel combat, it draws a crowd, also great in parades, and as court weapons).
- ***Internal conflict without being able to replace the manual at the same time with standards and rules for the discipline.***
No, because the missile weapon manual is a continuing Crown Writ and can be addressed outside IEMs.
- ***No changing war points***
We concur that, that there is no compelling reason to deal with it until it is better established.

Sponsors: *HIH William Baine; HG Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau, Count Royal; HRG Robert LaCroix.*

OB3. Explicitly allow combined lists **Failed**
(Requires majority to approve.)

Option A. Add the following section to IEW-13:

D. Every effort should be made to offer the opportunity to participate in all five forms of combat and all seven lists if time allows and a sufficient number of combatants are available; especially not less than shinai (for new fighters), and steel to meet the requirement for armored combat. The goal is to provide monthly participation in each path to knighthood. But, current law provides that where equal lists are allowed (e.g., Sergeants' Shinai and Rapier; Knights' Cut-and-Thrust, Rapier, and Rawlings) only one needs to be offered at an event. In interpreting Lex Adria V.E., Crowns should be encouraged to offer as many of the available tournaments as practical; however, as few as a single tournament in each discipline – arts, archery, and combat – open to both beginning and advanced participants (i.e., e.g., a single arts competition open to both Journeymen's and Knights' lists, an archery competition in either bow or crossbow where Bowmen are invited to shoot on the Huntsmen's list, and a combat list such as rapier or Rawlings where Sergeants' list participants can be invited to participate on the Knights' list) will satisfy the law.

Option B. Create a new IEW with the verbiage stated above (either Option A or C).

Option C. Amend Option A as below:

D. Every effort ... armored combat. If at least four (4) participants' sign-up for each, shinai, rapier, and steel must be offered. The goal is ...

***Authors' commentary:** This is an explanation of the tournament requirement in Lex Adria V.E. The Lex requires the opportunity to participate in arts, archery, and combat each month, regardless of those opportunities are offered at one event or spread out over several. It is strongly implied that the opportunity will be provided to both beginning and advanced participants, but it is not clear. It is widely assumed that shinai, rapier, steel bowman's and huntsman's and arts lists should, or must, be held each month, and many would add sergeant's and knights rapier and Rawlings, and cut-and-thrust to that list (If crossbow is added, it would be added to that list), but that is NOT what the law says. Previous Imperial Crowns have allowed events which only offered rapier without offering the alternative lists (Rawlings and cut-and-thrust). It is simply not always practical (for reasons of time and endurance) to hold sergeants' shinai, rapier, and Rawlings; and knights' rapier, Rawlings, cut-and-thrust, and armored (steel) combat tournaments (7 separate combat tournaments) at the same event. If crossbow is adopted, it may not always be practical to offer 4 archery tournaments lists (bowman's bow and crossbow, and huntsman's bow and crossbow) either.*

The authors request immediate implementation if this is passed.

***Chancery note:** If rules for crossbow are implemented as proposed in NB3 above, this paragraph would apply to bow and crossbow as well. Currently, the criteria for allowing early participation on a Knights' (or Huntsmen's) list are outlined in IEW-28: Brevetting Policy.*

Author's response to concerns raised in the discussion from March:

- ***Concerned with protections against the lower lists being always rolled into the higher list***
We have amended the language to discourage this.
- ***It's going to crush the steel list, faster than NB1 could. Only need one list, then it would be rapier list and not steel for Knight Combat***
We agree that this should not be encouraged, merely that it is the law and a Crown is acting within Their authority.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- NB1. Amend IEW-17 (Combat Manual C&T Armor reqs) to allow HEMA approved armor equivalents**
(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires majority to approve.)

Amend IEW-17.III.D as follows:

D. ARMOR: CUT-AND-THRUST COMBAT

All references to “steel” indicate mild steel unless otherwise stated.

(Note: 1, 2, & 3 are unchanged)

4. Body

The body must be protected by any one, or a combination of, the following:

a. Buff Coat

- i. A lined medium weight canvas or denim with a 5 oz. leather buff coat, or equivalent, is required. The body protection must include coverage of the buttocks and groin area.
- ii. Extra padding or rigid protection over the kidney area is required.

b. Brigandine or Wisby Coat

- i. A lined medium weight canvas or denim with a coat of plates of rigid material, mounted to leather or heavy canvas, with no gap greater than 1/2 inch. The body protection must include coverage of the buttocks and groin area.
- ii. Any overlap at the sides should be the front over the back.

iii. A heavy-weight jacket, no less than 3 layers of canvas or denim, 2 layers of canvas or denim plus sweat-shirt, or a HEMA approved jacket.

5. Arms and Legs

a. Rigid elbow protection and padding are required.

b. 10 oz. leather or rigid material on the forearms or a heavy-weight jacket, no less than 3 layers of canvas or denim, 2 layers of canvas or denim plus sweat-shirt, or a HEMA approved jacket is required.

c. 1/4 inch quilted padding or semi-rigid material or a heavy-weight chausses, no less than 3 layers of canvas or denim, 2 layers of canvas or denim plus sweat-shirt, or a HEMA approved chausses covering the upper legs is required.

d. Rigid knee protection and padding are required.

e. Rigid shin protection is highly recommended.

6. Hands

a. Heavy leather gloves that extend past the wrist or similar protected by a swept hilt that covers the fingers and back of the hand.

b. Rigid protection for the hand and fingers, including HEMA approved plastic sport gauntlets, is required if not sufficiently protected by the sword guard and hilt. An authorized marshal will determine if the combination of hand protection and sword hilt is sufficient.

c. Demi-gauntlets of heavy leather or 18-gauge steel is highly recommended

Authors' Commentary: HEMA combat has demonstrated the adequacy of the above equivalents. Despite their success with swords equivalent to our steel swords used with superior semi-rigid padded 3 sport masks, we support Adrian standard requirements for face and neck protection.

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NB2. Clarify the Order of Precedence of the Adrian Empire

(Discussion automatic. Requires 2/3 to consider. Requires 2/3 to approve amendments to Lex Adria Imperium and majority to approve amendments to IEW-18.)

A proposal to resolve apparent conflicts between Prince Nigel the Byzantine's Order of Precedence, Imperial Estates Writ 18, Lex Adria IX.E, and "Achievements in the Adrian Empire".

Authors' Commentary:

1. *"Achievements in the Adrian Empire" is a document by HIH Nigel the Byzantine that does not rise to the level of law but is an important reference.*
2. *Lex Adria IX.E is incomplete and is not intended to be an Order of Precedence.*
3. *Prince Nigel's Order of Precedence is the most comprehensive treatment, but it has not been updated and does not address the created chapter level awards.*
4. *IEW-18 does not have Prince Nigel's complete order, and some the awards are not in their correct order.*

Amend IEW-18 as follows:

II.B. PRACTICE

What follows are the regalia and modes of address for each rank ~~in the Order of Precedence which has been registered by the Imperial College of Arms. Titles are listed in descending order of precedence,~~ with Landed Estates listed by the name of the Estate rather than its rulers.

V. Order of Precedence:**A. Ranks & Titles**

1. The Imperial Crown
 - a. The Emperor and Empress
 - b. The Imperial Crown Prince and Princess
2. The Patriarch of the Church of Adria
3. Kingdom Crown (by Chapter precedence)
For each Kingdom
 - a. King/Queen
 - b. Crown Prince/Princess
4. Imperial Prince/Princess
 - a. Retired Imperial Crown (by date of award)
 - b. Member of the Order of the Fleur de Lis (by date of award)
5. The Imperial Ministers
6. Archducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)
For each Archduchy
 - a. Archduke/Archduchess
 - b. Their Excellencies the Heirs Apparent
7. Ducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)
For each Duchy

- a. [Duke/Duchess](#)
- b. [Their Excellencies the Heirs Apparent](#)
8. [Counts and Countesses Royal \(by Chapter precedence then by date of award\)](#)
9. [Marquesses and Marchionesses \(by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation\)](#)
10. [Founding Viscounts and Viscountesses](#)
11. [Knights Third Level: Champion, Master, Premier, Warden](#)
12. [Kingdom Archbishops \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
13. [Kingdom Ministers \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
14. [The Viceroys and Vicereines of Shires](#)
15. [Counts and Countesses \(by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation\)](#)
16. [Viscounts and Viscountesses \(by Chapter precedence then by date of award\)](#)
17. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Table Round \(by date of award\)](#)
18. [Companions of the Imperial Order of St. Joan \(by date of award\)](#)
19. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Croix Fleury \(by date of award\)](#)
20. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Golden Cross \(by date of award\)](#)
21. [Archducal Bishops \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
22. [Archducal Ministers \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
23. [Ducal Bishops \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
24. [Ducal Ministers \(by Chapter precedence\)](#)
25. [Barons and Baronesses \(by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation\)](#)
26. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Comet \(by date of award\)](#)
27. [Barons and Baronesses of the Imperial Crown \(by date of award\)](#)
28. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Nebula \(by date of award\)](#)
29. [Barons and Baronesses of a Kingdom Court \(by Chapter precedence then by date of award\)](#)
30. [Recipients of Chapter awards that grant precedence equal to a Baron/Baroness \(by Chapter precedence then by date of award\)](#)
31. [Knights Second Level: Banneret, Doctor, Civil, Forester](#)
32. [Lords and Ladies \(by Chapter precedence then by date of estate creation\)](#)
33. [Knights First Level: Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer](#)
34. [Lords and Ladies of the Imperial Court \(by date of award\)](#)
35. [Companions of the Imperial Order of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot \(by date of award\)](#)
36. [Lords and Ladies of a Kingdom Court \(by Chapter precedence then by date of award\)](#)

37. Companions of the Orders of the Royal Star, the Crown Companion, the Queen's Guard, and the Empress' Grace (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 38. Companions of the Noble Order of the Crown Guard (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 39. Chapter awards granting precedence equal to a Lord/Lady (by Grantor's precedence then by date of award)
 40. Ladies in Waiting and Gentlemen of the Chamber, Squires, and Men at Arms (in order of their Leige's precedence)
 41. Pages (in order of their Leige's precedence)
 42. Masters
 - a. Masters Third Level: Sergeant, Master, Chamberlain, Marksman (Huntsman)
 - b. Masters Second Level: Guardsman, Journeyman, Rector, Bowman
 - c. Masters First Level: Yeoman, Apprentice, Clarke, Yeoman Archer
- B. Chapter precedence
1. Kingdoms by latest date of elevation
 2. Archduchies by latest date of elevation to Archduchy
 3. Duchies by latest date of elevation to Duchy
 4. Shire by date of (original continuous) creation
 5. All non-extant chapters
- C. Knight precedence
1. Number of 3rd level Knighthoods
 2. Number of 2nd level Knighthoods
 3. Number of 1st level Knighthoods
 4. Date order of 1st highest level Knighthood
- D. Minister precedence
5. The Chancellor
 6. The Steward
 7. The Sovereign/Minister of Arms
 8. The Minister of Rolls
 9. The Minister of Arts and Sciences
 10. The Minister of War and Joust
 11. The Minister of Archery
 12. All other Ministers in order of personal precedence
- E. NOTES:
- i. Companions of precedence bearing Imperial Orders are ranked in precedence within each rank by the date the title was bestowed, except where such Order self-elects its own Master.
 - ii. Companions of Orders given by Imperial, Royal, or Ducal Crowns are ranked in precedence within each rank by the current precedence of the Crown who bestowed the Order, with the exception of the Noble Order of the Crown Guards, who are ranked in precedence by the rank of the Bestowing Noble at the time it was bestowed, then by date the Order was bestowed.

- iii. Non-precedence bearing awards, when listed, should be listed in order of the precedence of the granting Chapter, then by date it was awarded. Domains and Guilds, for the purpose of award precedence, rank after Shires.
- iv. Recognized precedence bearing conversion ranks and titles have Chapter precedence equal to a non-extant Chapter.

Option B. Amend award precedence as follows:

Replace E.ii – iv with:

- ii. Within a given retiring title or award, precedence is by the size/rank/title of the grantor then by the date it was bestowed. Domains and Guilds, for the purpose of award precedence, rank after Shires.
- iii. Recognized precedence bearing conversion ranks and titles have precedence equal to the most equivalent Adrian grantor, e.g. an equivalent award from a Chapter of the same size at the time of the award.

Authors' Commentary: Our personal preferences aside (or irrelevant), the order of precedence has not been reviewed since Prince Nigel passed. We need a policy heralds and members can follow; we further recommend that the missing awards be included in IEW-18.

Option B was added to eliminate the constant fluctuations in established precedence by the ongoing changes in the size of Chapters and the ranks of grantors.

The authors wish to invite constructive criticisms and advice from any and all.

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X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

XI. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

November 4 – 5, 2017; La Quinta at Flamingo/Paradise, Las Vegas, Nevada

XII. ADJOURNMENT

4:30 PM, July 15, 2017

APPENDIX A

Request for Release of Lands from Duchy of Lancaster

Greeting unto the Imperial Estates,

We, HIIH Sir KnightHawk le Treson and Dame Ariana le Treson, are beseeching the Imperial Estates to grant us a small portion of South Carolina.

The Duchy of Lancaster has both North Carolina and South Carolina, the home for events are in Fort Mill, South Carolina which is 2 miles from the North Carolina border.

We live in Charleston, South Carolina in the southern part of South Carolina. We are approximately 187 miles from Fort Mill, which is a 3.5 to 4 hour drive in each direction.

Due to health issues that were unexpected last year, Dame Ariana le Treson has a hard time traveling the distance, she had Colon Cancer removed August 15th, open heart surgery on August 19th, and Liver Cancer removal on December 14th. Cost of fuel and other incidentals are a burden to our finances.

We have a location at the John's Island Equestrian Center that we can hold events at and it has the first public archery range in South Carolina. We have people in this area that interested but cannot travel that distance and prefer the flexibility to attend events that they can go to either before or after work, which is not possible if they must travel 3.5 to 4 hours.

Our events would not interfere with the Duchy of Lancaster events which are held the first Saturday of the month.

We would like to hold events on the second Sunday of the month and everyone will be welcome.

We request the city of Charleston and a 90 mile radius, this is a manageable area for us. This leaves Lancaster with the rest South Carolina and the Columbia and Myrtle Beach area. We will have the southernmost area of South Carolina where we live.

In service to the growth of the Empire,

HIIH Sir KnightHawk le Treson
Dame Ariana le Treson

APPENDIX B

Letters of Intent to Contend for Imperial Crown

Dame Babette Bryn Corey and Sir Desmond Wallace

Good Friends.

We have come together in common purpose, goals, and passions to explore the meaning of the Dream of Adria. Out of these explorations we have become bound in brotherhood with a desire to improve ourselves, leave a worthy legacy for our descendants and make our forebears proud. To accomplish these ends we must often labor arduously for the common good, forge new and exciting bonds, and always be in the service of the people of Adria.

This service is the rent we pay for being, and for us, the joy of the Dream. We, as many of you have taken oaths to shine as a lamp of chivalry unto all the populace, to give fealty with love, and service with honor.

At this time, let this letter serve as a statement of our commitment to the people of Adria, that our oaths hold strong and true. We swear to give all in the service of the populace of The Adrian Empire, and our intent, with the blessing of the people, to serve you, by putting forth our names as contenders for the Imperial Throne and to succeed Their Imperial Majesties Sir L’Bete d’Acmed and Chevaliere Gabriele Silverhand.

Two years ago, we were challenged with a goal of “Getting Adria Back in the Game” and together we have made some amazing strides towards that goal. It has been a noble goal, worthy of our efforts, one we should all be striving towards every day. Our Intention is not to “reinvent the wheel” but to succeed our honored predecessors and continue striving to drive the Dream through service, education, communication and a focused team. We will bring our developed skill sets, as well as reaching out to the members of the Empire, to foster growth, both at the local level and Adria wide. Our intention is to use the tools and resources at our disposal, as well as developing new tools, to

- Maintain a constant stream of information to the people and chapters through dedicated ministers committed to teaching, reporting and sharing.
- Develop processes to streamline the administration side of Adria, allowing us to put more time and energy back into the events themselves.
- Expand and execute our marketing and branding campaign that provides chapters with support and tools to self-promote and grow. In addition, create a more standardized method of Imperial Expansion through the formation of new chapters.
- Promote the Adrian Event, as stated by our predecessors, the Heart of the Dream is in the Events and Demos themselves. And it is back to that Dream we will commit the bulk of our energies.

Imperial Baroness Babette Bryn Corey of the Kingdom of Terre Neuve first came to Adria in 2006 and has served as Consort of Terre Neuve once and Queen of Terre Neuve twice, is a Knight Minister, Knight Civil, held ministry of Arts and Sovereign of Arms positions several times in her kingdom, autocrat of multiple Imperial events, as well as serving as secretary of the Board of Directors.

Mundanely, she is a wife and mom of six kids who are all grown now. Her academic journey of bachelor degree started as a business degree and turned into human services with a business management emphasis, Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. Worked for the County of San Diego for 12 years, did an internship as a Therapist at VVSD recovery home for Veterans for 3 1/2 years, and now absolutely loves being a Clinical Therapist (IMF, MA) working with adults with serious mental illness. Her free time is spent mostly with Adria!

Imperial Baron Desmond of Auroch's Fjord, Knight Premier, Knight Archer, Knight Bachelor, joined Adria in 2001, In that time, he has served as Archduke of Auroch's Fjord 3 times, Imperial Physicar, Imperial Minister of Joust and War, Deputy Chancellor, and Imperial Hospitaler, and is serving on the Board of Directors. Mundanely he is a husband and Father. His Professional career skills he brings with him come from being a former corporate assets protection manager and eventual teacher (where he learned finance and asset management), a competitive analyst (identifying strengths to be expanded on and opportunities to grow from) and a Special Project Coordinator often tasked to creatively think outside the box to come up with new approaches to complete assignments. Beyond that, his free time is spent on hiking, Photography, building (armor, encampment etc) and works with the VA & Team Depot on Veteran Housing projects in the Las Vegas area.

We humble Knights of the realm come before you, the people of Adria, and ask your support in allowing us to serve the Empire; to rise up and stand for you in sincere effort, so that all that wish to follow the dream that is Adria, can do so. If you feel as we feel, if you feel the passion to learn and teach. If you feel your dream of pursuing growth, community and family as we do, then we ask that you rise with us, and stand for the oaths we have all taken. If you feel as we feel, and would do as we do, then take this moment and stand with us. Stand for The Adrian Empire and each other.

In Eternal Service

Dame Babette Bryn Corey and Sir Desmond