

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL  
OF THE ADRIAN EMPIRE, INC.  
1 and 2 November 1997

I. Call to Order:

A. Roll Call to establish quorum

B. **Determination of the proper seating of the following Estates:**

Duchess Dame Rose of Desert Rose. The issue is that her membership is back-dated to allow her to have had six months continuous membership in the Adrian Empire. She has had several years continuous experience in the Empire of Chivalry and Steel (with which Adria shares common origins), and is currently Queen of Vega, the ECS Kingdom centered in the Las Vegas area (as is Desert Rose).

Baron de Mortis Sir Arthur de Powella. Same issue. He is the Count de Mortis in the ECS. Houses have no minimum membership length requirement, and at a minimum, the Barony might be recognized as a senior house.

Sire de Draconis Sir Camillo de Lombardi. No issue.

C. **Summon an Imperial Bylaw Convention. (2/3 vote required)**

II. Minutes

A. **Approval of Senate Minutes of July 19, 1997 (Senate Only)**

B. **Approval of Grand Assembly response as tallied by the Imperial Chancellor listed as follows (Grand Assembly Only):**

Results of the Referendum [by Sir Jehan]

I received back seven (7) Ballots; the rest of the Grand Assemblors implied consent of the Senate's action. Of the seven Ballots, the voting on the items was as follows:

By-Laws revision [regarding Article IX.C.2.-- the  
Robe Roll: 4 yea; 0 nay; 3 need to meet  
\$400.00 for travel: 7 yea; 0 nay; 0 need to meet  
\$1800.00 War site fee: 5 yea; 1 nay; 1 need to meet  
\$750.00 Feast money: 5 yea; 2 nay; 0 need to meet

Obviously, all measures were approved by the Assembly

C. **Approval of Grand Assembly Minutes of August 30, 1997, simply stating that a quorum was established, and all candidates for the Imperial Throne were found acceptable. (Grand Assembly only)**

D. **Approval of the Minutes of the Imperial Estates General for 2/3 November 1996.**



1. Per Sir Tremaine, the minutes should be corrected as follows: On page 2, section IV.2., the exact text of the amendment (Article IX.C.) should be included and should read as follows:

"Any member may become a knight, regardless of age (particularly minors in the Robe and Ministry disciplines), if that member has met the requirements. The opportunity to participate **in at least one discipline** shall be afforded to members of all ages; **however participation in a given discipline may be limited, restricted or even barred by appropriate laws or manuals.** Nevertheless, all members are guaranteed the opportunity to participate and progress in rank in at least one discipline, regardless of age."

The unbolded language is the language currently used in the Bylaws. The additional bold language would clarify that 6-year-olds could properly be barred from the armored lists. This reflects the intent of the Estates, and if this correction is approved, it will NOT constitute a change to the Bylaws. Nevertheless, the next edition of the Bylaws should contain any new language which is approved.

2. Per Sir Nikolai, the minutes should be corrected as follows: On page 4, section VI.2.E., the minutes should read as follows:

"e. Article VI.F.: **Withdrawn to be resubmitted consistent with the rewrite of Proposal 2.a. (above).** Proposed rewrite: Strike the words "call for a general meeting" from Articles VI.F.1.a., 2.b., and 3.b.

f. Article VI.G.: Passed.

e. **(revisited) Article VI.F.: Reintroduced with the proposed rewrite in light of the amendment to Article VI.G. Passed.**

The language in bold represents the changes. The 1996 Bylaws correctly reflect the actual vote, however, when I recently prepared the minutes, I missed the fact that Article VI.F. was voted on twice. Sorry.

### III. Banking and Post Office Resolutions (historically done by all the Estates as a whole, but probably requiring Senate approval only)

These are necessary to change the signatories on the signature cards for the bank and post office. They should reflect the new officers of the corporation (President Denice Nossett, Vice-President Robert Harrell, and the Secretary/Treasurer).

### IV. Report of the Imperial Crowns, Manuals, and Ministers' reports

The Imperial Crowns shall give a report on the State of the Empire. The following manuals are submitted for approval as continuing Writs of the Imperial Crown (Senate Only). The affect of approval is that said Writs will continue until modified or repealed by the Imperial Crown. The effect of disapproval is that there will be no law in the area unless the Imperial Crown makes another Writ. It would be considered bad form for the Imperial Crown to make a Writ in direct defiance of the disfavor of the Imperial Estates. Ministry reports shall be given concurrently with the presentation of manuals:

#### A. Physicker Manual [Dame Lizbet; report by Dame Tachelle]



B. **Rolls Manual** [Sir Terrance; report by Dame Katherine/Brynna] **PASSED**

1. Rolls report: Per the Senate, the Roll's Manual has been revised to reflect what happens if a Local Rolls Minister fails to make his/her reports to the Imperial Steward. The Manual, still a continuing Imperial Writ, now has the following additional language:

- a. Failing on receiving a response within 30 days, the Minister in question shall issue a written warning to the violating Minister, their Crown, and corresponding Chancellor, to be mailed return receipt signed.
- b. Failing to receive a response within 60 days (30 days after the letter) the matter shall be tendered to the Imperial Chancellor's Office, who will then conduct a full investigation of the matter and, if any wrongdoing has occurred, will press appropriate charges.

The Grand Assembly was not polled on the above language. If adopted by the Imperial Estates General, the language (and perhaps the Rolls Manual as a whole) might be an Imperial Estates Writ. That will be for the Imperial Estates General to decide.

2. General Rolls report

C. ~~Herald's Manual 1996 (Authorized guidelines not rising to the level of law) [Captain Del Shaley]~~ **Removed**

D. **Manual(s) from the College of Arms** [Dame Dorothea]

1. **Approval of Writ:** By Imperial Writ, the section reflecting a reservation of the fleur-de-lis, the black heart, and the red dragon in the old heraldry manual has been changed to reflect a reservation of the fleur-de-lis only. Said Writ may be submitted for independent approval at the Will of the Thrones.

E. **Herald's Manual 1997 [Lord Nigel]** (may be taken up later in the agenda, out of order, if Lord Nigel is not yet present. He has made arrangements to arrive later to accommodate a mundane activity.)

1. **Proposed Bylaw changes [by Lord Nigel]** relating to the College of Arms (submitted with the proposed manual).

The following manuals belong to the Imperial Estates General as a whole, and have the strength of By-Laws. Changes are being proposed. If the Estates pass the changes, we shall have new law. If the changes fail, the old law will continue.

F. **Arts and Science Manual** [Dame Katyana]

1. **Proposed Bylaw Change:** That Article IX.C.2.d be amended to require a masterwork project for first level knighthood in the arts

Reasons:

- a. A masterwork project, if done correctly, is a tool to teach a potential knight



the skills needed to teach others, one of the primary functions of an arts knight.

- b. To ensure children have the right to participate and become arts knights at any age, if they have the proper skills of teaching.

**B. Manual of Combat** [Sir Thomas and Sir Dave; reports from Sir William de Gardenier and Sir Trakx Greenwood, including progress on possible rules for heavy renn].

The following Ministers may not have manuals to present, but they may have reports:

**C. Chancery:**

1. **Submitted for approval for the Imperial Estates General are the sentences pronounced November 23, 1996 on the three defendants, Chienne, Phillipe, and Terrance:**  
[Published January 1997]

**TRIAL OF THE DEFENDANTS, CHIENNE, PHILLIPE, AND TERRANCE**

Nearly eighteen months after the original charges of treason were filed against Chienne and Phillipe, a trial was finally had on November 23, 1996.

Terrance had already been charged for crimes up to March 2, 1996, tried on April 6, 1996, and sentenced by Sir Mathghamhain as Lord Protector on April 18, 1996. Said sentence included banishment for three years and a day; stripping of all ranks, titles, awards, and honors; permanent judicial ban; and striking of arms. For Terrance, the trial of November 23, 1996 was for allegations of crimes committed after March 2, 1996.

Chienne and Phillipe had been charged with treason against the Empire for their attempt at causing the secession of Snowden, Slivowitz, and York in July of last year. Furthermore, Chienne and Phillipe were charged along with KnightHawk, Thingold, and Terrance for the crimes outlined in the charges set forth in January of this year, as detailed in prior newsletters.

All defendants received renewed notice of the charges soon after the Imperial Estates Meeting of July (wherein it was determined that the prosecution of the defendants would be pursued, and that Sir Stefan Belski would be named Special Prosecutor). Trial was set for November 23, 1996.

On that day, the defendants submitted to the protection of Captain Squire Johann Warhammer, where they were kept safe from harm from hostile onlookers. The defendants opted not to speak on their own behalf and to refrain from offering evidence in their defense. Nevertheless, pursuant to Adrian Law, Her Imperial Highness, Dame Isabeau de Ravenne stepped forward to speak on their behalf and demand a Court of Chivalry. King Sir William Ce'Wolf acted as Magistrate. Sir Stefan, the Prosecutor, chose Sir Gareth Vassale as Judge. Dame Isabeau chose Queen Dame Aleta O'Barry. The two appointed Judges appointed Sir Eric the Awful as Third Judge.

Much testimony and documentary evidence was submitted. The trial took about four hours. The advocates for the Prosecution and the Defense made their



closing arguments. Then, as Grandmaster of the Dream, Sir Francois de Coucy had the last word, and spoke on behalf of the defendants. The Judges then adjourned and deliberated.

As this was a Court of Chivalry and not a Court of Law, the rulings made herein may guide future courts, but are not binding. The recommendations of the court were as follows:

TERRANCE (a.k.a William Terry Newman in all his personas played in the Adrian Empire): That he be found guilty of multiple counts of treason. The court determined that there were so many individual treasonous acts that it was difficult to determine where one act of treason began and another ended. Thus the court recommended that maximum sentences be imposed. The court found lesser included multiple offenses of sedition, disruption of the harmony of the Empire, and conduct unbecoming a knight. The court found points in aggravation including fraud, impersonating an officer of the Empire, attempting the dissolution of the Empire and the theft of its assets, and conspiracy with others toward those ends. No favorable points (points in mitigation) were found.

PHILLIPE (a.k.a Mark A.W. Smith in all his personas played in the Adrian Empire): The same recommendation was made as to Phillipe. A further point in aggravation found against Phillipe was that he was feudal overlord of the other two defendants (as Thane of CoirNoir) from September 1995 to November 3, 1996 (when CoirNoir ceased to be recognized by the Empire as a Domain), and was therefore responsible for their actions as well.

CHIENNE (a.k.a. Karen Smith in all her personas played in the Adrian Empire): The same recommendation was made as to Chienne. A further point in aggravation against Chienne was that she was feudal overlord of the other two defendants (as Thane of CoirNoir) from July 1995 (when the original charges were filed against her and Phillipe) to September of 1995. The court found Chienne to be the prime mover with regards to the charges, and to be ultimately responsible.

With regards to sentences, the following was recommended:

1) Stripped of all ranks, titles, awards, and honors; striking of arms: **ALL DEFENDANTS**

2) Permanent Judicial Ban: **ALL DEFENDANTS**

3) Revocation of membership, with a recommendation that said revocation be made Law by the Imperial Estates at the next Imperial Estates Meeting: **ALL DEFENDANTS** (Terrance expired as of November 30, 1996 in any event-- with regard to Chienne, the unused portion of her \$250 membership would be refunded to her [\$250 - \$25/year]. As she had been in the game for seven years, her refund would be \$75. Membership, once revoked, may only be reinstated by the Imperial Throne. If revocation has been ratified by a majority of the Imperial Estates, only a majority of said Estates may undo the revocation. If the revocation is made Law by two thirds of the Senate, and not vetoed by the Grand Assembly, it shall be written into our Bylaws.)

3) Banishment: Three years and one day, with a recommendation that the Imperial



Estates make the banishment permanent: ALL DEFENDANTS (With regard to Terrance, this sentence would run consecutively with his prior sentence, thus making his banishment for six years and two days. The period of banishment would be counted from the date of reinstatement of membership [if ever]. Yes, this means that the defendants would likely have to pay dues for the period of their banishment before being allowed to play again, assuming their dues would even be accepted. The Imperial Estates may make a banishment permanent by unanimous vote.)

4) Death: CHIENNE AND TERRANCE ONLY (Based on Prince Sir Francois' pleas, which may not be denied, Phillipe was allowed to live. The effect of this is that if Phillipe ever successfully petitioned to be allowed to play again, he would be able to play under the name, Phillipe le CoirNoir.)

AT THE HALL OF OUR FINAL COURT, WE, NIKOLAI II, EMPEROR OF ADRIA, DID DECLARE THAT WE ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COURT IN WHOLE. WE DID CHARGE CAPTAIN SQUIRE JOHANN WARHAMMER TO KEEP CHIENNE AND TERRANCE IN HIS CUSTODY PENDING APPEAL TO THE GRAND ASSEMBLY, REVIEW BY THE SENATE, AND REVIEW BY THE IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL. WE CHARGED THE GOOD CAPTAIN TO LET PHILLIPE GO FREE, AWAY FROM THE ADRIAN EMPIRE, TO LIVE OUT HIS HONORLESS EXISTENCE OUT OF OUR SIGHT. WE DID CHARGE THAT ALL SENTENCES TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY EXCEPT THE EXECUTIONS OF CHIENNE AND TERRANCE WHICH WOULD BE STAYED PENDING A DECISION OF THE GRAND ASSEMBLY, SENATE, AND IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL.

Immediately thereafter, We called upon the Table Round to meet regarding the membership of the Defendants. All active members were present. They met, conferred, and unanimously proclaimed that the Defendants would no longer be members of the Table Round.

We called upon the Imperial Order of Saint Joan to meet regarding the membership of Chienne. All active members were present except Dame Lyonene la Rose Noir (who might be vouched for by Dame Dorothea) They met, conferred, and those present unanimously proclaimed that Chienne would no longer be a member of that Order.

We conferred with Her Imperial Majesty, Dame Dorothea II, and we agreed that Chienne and Phillipe would no longer be considered Our Crown Companions.

Her Imperial Majesty declared Terrance not fit to be a member of the Queen's Guard, and discharged him. As there were no active members of the Queen's Guard left in Adria, Sir Francois, who was already a Crown Companion, requested to be recognized as the Premier Knight of that Order. Her Imperial Majesty found him acceptable, and he was so recognized.

In consultation with Her Imperial Majesty, the award of the Imperial Nebula (made in 1993) was withdrawn from Phillipe. The above proclamations having been made, the Defendants were left without honors, awards, or titles from any source within the Empire. They are no longer knights of any rank.

We then asked the new Patriarch of the Church of Adria, His Holiness, Sir Jehan,



what the Church's disposition would be regarding the Defendants. He proclaimed as follows: The Defendants would be given thirty days after receiving notice of the proceedings herein during which time they would be allowed to recant their sins. Failure to do so would result in a recommendation for excommunication, decanonization (Chienne and Phillipe), and deveneration (Terrance). May the Dream have mercy on their souls.

[The current Imperial Crowns originally intended to execute Chienne and Terrance at the Imperial War. Although Sir Nikolai has originally remanded their sentences for review by the Imperial Estates, the current Imperial Crowns declined to wait. The reason for this was that when the defendants were given notice of their sentences, rather than file their appeal, they did write a most disturbing and insulting missive to their Imperial Majesties (on which they may elaborate at the Meeting) indicating that they might be willing to return to Adria if the proper obeisance were made them. They were wholly unrepentant for the acts of which they were guilty; acts which nearly destroyed the Empire-- and would have, had they had their way. As fate would have it, there was insufficient time at the Imperial War to execute Terrance and Chienne, and thus, their fates are in the hands of the Estates. Those who feel insufficiently advised as to the crimes of the Defendants may abstain.]

#### Miscellaneous Chancery Reports:

2. 501(c)(3) progress

3. Meetings

a. Abstentions: In the April meeting of the Imperial Estates General in 1996, it was determined that abstentions did not affect the outcome of a vote. For example, if 30 Estates are eligible, and one votes "aye" and 29 abstain, the vote is unanimous. Abstaining is simply deciding not to vote either way. It is refraining from casting a vote. This should be clarified in the Bylaws. **A section should be added (Article VI.B.1.).** Also, it should be clarified in that section that once a meeting begins, those who held votes at the beginning of the meeting, hold the same votes throughout (even if there is a change in crowns or some such).

b. Freezing Estates: In fact, there is a proposal on the table from the last Meeting of the Imperial Estates General that Article VI.E. be amended so that once a meeting is called, all Estates "freeze". That is to say, that those who had votes as of the calling of the meeting would retain those votes, regardless of changes during the pendency of the meeting. The proposal was tabled last year for rewrite. The new proposed language is as follows:

In Article VI.E., immediately after the sentence, "Members entitled... will be denied a seat," insert the following language, "The membership entitled to vote at a Meeting of a Given Body is fixed as of the summoning of the meeting and may not be subsequently altered by any means, including expiration of dues, judicial ban, non-participation, formation of new Estates, or change in Estate



held by a given member until the meeting is concluded. A meeting is deemed summoned when the time and date of the meeting is set by a Crown or by the summoning Estates, or sixty days before the meeting (thirty days if it is a meeting of the Estates General), whichever comes LATER."

Last year, we agreed that a change was necessary for two reasons: 1) to avoid last-minute changes in membership, which would cause controversy in the voting, and impede the efficiency of getting agendas out to people in advance. 2) to prevent the membership of a body of Estates from being deliberately manipulated just prior to a Meeting to try to rig a vote. Manipulation could be done by creation of frivolous Estates or through judicial ban on trumped-up charges. The limitation on when a meeting is "summoned" is to prevent meetings from being summoned years in advance, and thus freezing the Estates for unrealistic periods of time.

**c. Meeting of the Estates:**

Last year, on March 2, 1996, the Court determined that a meeting occurs when a quorum is assembled (Article VI.B.) and may be summoned without leave of the Crown by two thirds of those present (Article VI.G.). This was true regardless of whether or not the Crown does its Bylaw-mandated duty of convening them. To reflect this interpretation of the Law, Article VI.E. should be amended to avoid confusion. This should have been done last year, but it was overlooked. The first sentence should read:

"A meeting of a given body of Estates occurs when a quorum is established."

4. **Approval of Imperial Writ:** On July 19, 1997, the Senate did mandate that the Imperial Chancellor and the Imperial Crown be responsible to oversee the collection of all Imperial Records such that they could be made available through the Imperial Hospitaier on the internet via our web page. This was never ratified by the Grand Assembly, and may be considered a continuing Imperial Writ or Senate Resolution, unless made law by the Imperial Estates General.
5. **Chancellor's power to dismiss complaints:** According to the Codex (Section 9), Chancellors have the power to dismiss a complaint that is "without merit". I agree with this, but I am concerned about possible abuse of this power, and I think that perhaps the power needs to be further defined. I propose that the Codex be amended to clarify that "without merit" means, quite simply, that the charge is not a crime. It does NOT mean that the charge is not true. Chancellors should be specifically barred for dismissing complaints based on their own knowledge of the facts or based on personal investigations. That is for the court to do.
6. There has been a misperception that a member under Judicial Ban loses the right to bring charges of his/her own. This is outrageous. It could



mean that a person who is merely accused of a crime, could then be a victim of a crime and have no recourse. The By-laws and Codex need to be modified to make it absolutely clear that even folks under Judicial Ban retain the right to have access to the courts. They have the right to sue. The effects of Judicial Ban are strictly limited to those expressed in the Bylaws and Codex.

7. HoMeRwatch ("Adria" name registration)
8. **Request that the Chancellor be authorized and directed to review the Bylaws** for redundancies, excess or misleading language, language requiring clarification, and typographical errors for the purpose of revision in accord with current law; and that the Chancellor make those corrections which are appropriate so long as no actual changes are made to the law. [This is so we don't have to pass every typo correction by a two thirds vote of the Estates.]
9. Senate Meetings: The Senate has resolved to meet each year on the third weekend of July. The next Chancellor may or may not wish to place this Senate Resolution as a footnote or appendix the Bylaws.

G. Chronicler

H. Hospitaler

1. **Approval of Writ:** Per the Senate, the Hospitaler is also involved in making all Imperial Records available through the website. This was not ratified by the Grand Assembly, and may be considered a continuing Imperial Writ or Senate Resolution, unless made law by the Imperial Estates General.

I. Steward:

1. **Per the Senate, the Imperial Estates General should consider a specific means by which a Steward may be replaced** (other than by dismissal of a Crown or the judicial process). If the body feels such a means is necessary, perhaps a committee might be created.
2. **Budget and Financial report.** Pursuant to Article VI.F.3.d., as the Imperial Crown did not publish any expenditures to the Grand Assembly 60 days in advance of any of any meeting during this reign, all expenditures of the reign (including those passed by the Senate earlier this year) shall be up for review by the Imperial Estates General. As of the preparation of this agenda, the financial report had yet to be submitted to this office.
3. Last year, the following Resolution was passed:

"It is the responsibility of the Imperial Government to keep current the corporate records (both internal and those filed with the necessary government agencies) including, but not limited to the current Board of Directors. This list changes every time there is a new Emperor, Empress, King, Queen, or Duc. It must however, be kept current.

It is the ongoing responsibility of the various Royal Governments to provide



the Imperial government with a current list of Senators and Assembly members from their Chartered Subdivision.

It is the responsibility of the Imperial Government to cause to be published in the Imperial Newsletter a complete list of current Senators and Assembly members. This list shall be published in each issue, and shall include contact information.

At the conclusion of an Imperial Reign, it is the responsibility of the Imperial Throne to provide for a smooth transition of not only the Imperial Government, but of the Offices of the Corporation."

The Imperial Steward was authorized and directed to propose a revision to the Steward's Manual consistent with this resolution and review it with the Imperial Throne. It was to be submitted at this meeting. Failing that, the Resolution should be appended as is to the current Steward's Manual, as a Resolution only.

V. Charters

- A. **Tierra del Fuego** (as modified by agreement between the Duc and the Viceroy of the Valley of Kings) [Senate only]
- B. **Dragon's Mist** (Shire advanced to Duchy with all limitations as to powers removed, and said powers limited only by the Bylaws, but with borders the same as reflected in the enclosed Shire Charter) [Senate only]
- C. **Desert Rose/Umbria** (all Imperial Estates General)

Emergency meeting of the Estates of Umbria as reported by Sir Ian MacIntosh, Chancellor of Umbria:

October 15, 1997 at Encanto Park in Phoenix, AZ beginning 8:30 p.m.

All waived notice

Motion: Cede all lands outside of the legal boundaries (geographical) of Arizona (Canton of Desert Rose) to the Imperium for the purpose of establishing a Chartered Subdivision in the general geographic area of Las Vegas.

Estates:

Clan MacIntosh	[Sir Ian MacIntosh by proxy held by Sq. Draca MacIntosh]
Barony of the Red Wyvern	[Baroness Diana Lockerby by proxy held by Hansel von Brandenburg]
Barony of Thundercloud	[Baron Sir Angus MacAllister]
Duchy of Umbria	[HRG Francesca I by proxy held by Sir Angus]
County of Dragonstar	[Count Roland of the Icелands]
House Fallingstar	[Sq. Argentine McCowan by proxy held by Count Roland]
Ducal Hostyl House	[HRG Cedrik I by proxy held by Sir Angus]
House Tripsicord	[Absent]
Sir Frederick	[Sir Frederick von Burg]

Passed unanimously.



THE MEMBERSHIP OF DESERT ROSE HAVING EXCEEDED 25 MEMBERS AS REQUIRED BY THE IMPERIAL CROWN, AND HAVING A WELL-DEFINED TERRITORY (EXTENDED IN A 100-MILE RADIUS FROM THE LAS VEGAS MAIN POST OFFICE ON SUNSET, BUT WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA), AND HAVING A WELL-ORGANIZED MINISTRY, BY THE POWER INVESTED IN US AS THE HIGH CROWNS OF THE ADRIAN EMPIRE, WE SIR MATHGHAMHAIN KILSHANNIG II AND DAME ISABEAU DE RAVENNE II, DO CREATE A NEW DUCHY. IT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE DUCHY OF DESERT ROSE. IT SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES AS DEFINED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE ADRIAN EMPIRE.

VI. Warrants (with reports from each Shire, no approval necessary by the Estates)

- A. Valley of Kings (Fresno, CA area)
- B. Georgia
- C. North Carolina
- D. Annelynnrose (Kansas City area)
- E. Isenwold (Springfield, Missouri area)
- F. Avalon (San Antonio area, Texas)
- G. Chesapeake (Maryland)
- H. Drakul (Parts of Mississippi and Tennessee)
- I. Topeka (withdrawn, but there may be a report)
- J. Blue Nose (Iceland)
- K. Alba (New Jersey-- formed in a prior reign, but which may have a report)

VII. Writs (if approved by the Senate only, they become continuing Imperial Writs, subject to the whim of the next Imperial Throne until the next Senate Meeting. If approved by the Imperial Estates General by majority vote, they become Imperial Estates Writs and shall be appended to the Bylaws.)

A. Continuing Writs from the prior reign:

- 1. Imperial Writ REGARDING PROTECTION OF MINORS AND MEMBERS [Sir Nikolaï]:  
Mundane law establishes an age at which a person may use tobacco or alcohol. Adria's policy is that no under-age person may use tobacco or alcohol (or be under the influence thereof) at an Adrian even site. No person shall use controlled substances or be under the influence thereof at an Adrian event site. No person shall use alcohol or be under the influence thereof at a dry site.  
Any person who violates the above guidelines shall be asked to leave the event site. Those unable to leave on their own shall be taken off site to an appropriate location by another person as designated by the event autocrat of Crown or other member of appropriate authority. Inability to leave on one's own can be due to



- 1) Too drunk to drive or walk
- 2) Dependent on another for a ride
- 3) Other

Minors may not spend the night at an Adrian event site unless accompanied by a responsible adult who shall not be under the influence of any judgment-inhibiting substances. Minors shall be supervised at all times by an adult. Minors found unsupervised shall be asked to leave along with the adult responsible for them.

Adria has a system whereby a person may confidentially report to the Crown any improper sexual or violent activity. If the Crown finds there to be a reasonable suspicion that the report is accurate, the Crown may suspend the accused person from spending the night at Adrian even sites. The Crown, if local, shall notify the Imperial Crown, who shall determine whether the suspension shall apply Empire-wide. Spending the night at an Adrian event is a privilege, not a right, and thus, the accused need not be proven guilty in an Adrian or mundane court. The accused may petition the appropriate Crown to revoke the suspension at any time. The accused retains all other rights under Adrian and mundane law. The entire process contained in this paragraph is confidential. **UNLESS LEGAL ACTION IS TAKEN** (either in Adrian or mundane court). Neither the reporting person nor the accused may discuss the matter with anyone but the appropriate Crown. The Crown may only discuss the matter with the Imperial Crown and the individual parties. If the overnight suspension is to be applied with the Empire-wide, the Imperial Crown shall notify all local Crowns, who shall make disclosure to autocrats on a need-to-know basis.

The purpose of the previous paragraph is to provide the utmost protection without sacrificing for everyone the fun of overnight events. As being barred from an overnight event can be embarrassing and discouraging, **ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH THE UTMOST CHIVALRY**. It is best to conduct oneself in a manner such that there are no misunderstandings. Potential victims of sexual and violent attacks should protect themselves by avoiding vulnerable and private situations. Potential victims of vindictive false reports should take steps to protect themselves by doing the same. **BE AWARE. BE CAREFUL.**

**THE EVEN AUTOCRAT(S) AND SANCTIONING CROWNS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THESE RULES. IF MEMBERS FAIL TO COOPERATE, CALL THE MUNDANE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY. USE COMMON SENSE. ACT RESPONSIBLY.**

**FAILURE OF AN AUTOCRAT OR SANCTIONING CROWN TO FOLLOW THESE RULES EXPOSES THE EMPIRE TO LIABILITY. THE EMPIRE SHALL HOLD PERSONALLY AND LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE ANY CROWN OR AUTOCRAT WHO CAUSES THIS TO HAPPEN.**

**THESE RULES SHALL BE PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY, AND SHALL BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO ALL OVERNIGHT EVENTS.**

[Should it be acceptable to the body, the foregoing is submitted for acceptance as an Imperial Estates Writ. It was continued at the meeting of 2/3 November 1996, and thence by the current Imperial Crowns.]

2. **Imperial Writ regarding competition in the combatant lists [Dame Dorothea and Sir Nikolai]:**



An issue has arisen regarding the qualification of new members for the armored (knight's) combat list. The 1992 combat manual simply states (on the first page) that a combatant is responsible to be sufficiently trained before entering a list. The new 1996 manual says that the qualifying knight or marshal is responsible to see that the combatant is sufficiently trained. The manual does not say what "sufficiently trained" means. For that, one must go to the bylaws. Under the combatant section of the knightly ranks, it is clear that the intent was that members were not to compete in armored combat until attaining the rank of sergeant. This is implicit in the fact that to attain the rank of sergeant, one must compete in a certain number of sergeant's lists, but no knight lists. Also implicit in this section is the rule that once attaining the level of sergeant, the combatant may no longer compete in the sergeant's list. The intent is to let beginners have their own training list in shinai and light renn before graduating to advanced light renn and armored combat. But what of those with years of armored combat experience outside of Adria? Are they to take off their armor and start over? Is that the intent of the bylaws? No. In the spirit of the bylaws, this writ is made.

Members may not enter the armored combat lists until they have achieved the rank of sergeant or above. Non-members may only enter the armored combat list if they have achieved the equivalent level of sergeant's experience in another forum or game AND they have signed a combat waiver.

Non-members are not covered by our insurance. New members who have achieved the equivalent level of sergeant in another forum or game may, after being approved by the local Minister of Joust, compete in the armored combat list.

"Equivalent" of sergeant rank means that the combatant has gone through a period of training equivalent in duration and intensity as provided for a sergeant in our bylaws.

Members who are qualified for the knight's list but who have not yet attained the rank of sergeant must still earn the same participations as any other member, but they must do so on the knight's list. Otherwise there is no difference. Yes, the effect of this is that new members might have to win the knight's list twice (as opposed to once) before attaining knighthood.

In the past, especially in Pembroke, there has been a practice of qualifying new members for the knights's list right away. This was often for political reasons in order to increase the size of a depleted army. Sometimes a combatant would simply be promoted to sergeant immediately upon being steel qualified, and NEVER have to go through the shinai or sergeant's renn lists. **This is not Adrian law and should not continue.** We insist that knighthoods be earned, and We insist that our fighters be fully trained in our combat styles. We insist on safety.

[First published December 1996 and continued by the current Imperial Crowns. It is submitted for placement in the Manual of Combat.]

B. Writs from the current reign:

1. Collegiums (they are legal) [Slightly changed in form from that approved at the Senate Meeting].
  - a. Notice must be published 30 days in advance.
  - b. Whoever holds the collegium must provide the basic teaching material for the collegium.
  - c. There must be at least 10 people attending the collegium. This can be accumulated.
  - d. No individual may do more than 2 collegiums per year for points.



- e. Each collegium a person gives within a twelve month period must be on a different subject.
- f. The documentation syllabus must be approved by a Crown prior to the collegium.
- g. It is requested that all Knights hold one collegium per year. This according to the oath they themselves give on their Blue Belt.

Those holding the collegium will garner a demo-initiation point. Those attending will garner participation points. After all, we are working for a non-profit educational status.

[May be submitted for approval as any Estates Writ or simply as a continuing Writ of the Crown]

- 2. **Elbow protection is required for all forms of combat.** [Submitted for addition to the Manual of Combat, or as a continuing Imperial Writ]

#### VIII. Committee reports (and appropriate proposals)

##### A. ECS committee (ECS and Adrians)

- 1. General report by members (ECS and Adrians)

A. Next ECS Imperial Estates Meeting is 1/24/98 in Texas. The last one was on September 13 and 14, 1997, and was attended by Adrians. Ostgard (Texas) has been attempting to establish some relationship with the Duchies and Shires of Eastern Adria (Alba, York, Dragon's Mist, Georgia and North Carolina). Sir Thomas FitzShokes may make a report on his proposal for fundamental changes regarding points and participation, etc. (referred to ECS committee last year).

The following proposals are specifically designed to open our arms to our brethren in the ECS. It is a method short of merger which would allow us to legally do what we are already doing in our hearts, giving them full credit for their accomplishments when they travel with us. It is our hope that they would do the same for us, but we do not require it. We who were one, shall reunite. Note that the above proposal is totally discretionary. We don't have to do anything.

- 2. **Proposal [by Sir Nikolai]: Add Article III.B.4.:**

Associate membership. An entity which is an organization, or a Chartered Subdivision thereof (or equivalent) may purchase associate membership for all its members. The dues for said membership per member would be set by the Imperial Crown in consideration of the number of memberships requested, and the cost of providing them with Imperial Services. To induce discount, the entity could assume the burden of certain Imperial Services, for example, the entity could duplicate and deliver its own newsletters. The dues per member for associate membership shall be reviewed by the Imperial Senate at its regular meeting on the third weekend of July (but not subject to review by the Grand Assembly), and by the Imperial Estates General at their regular meeting on the first weekend of November, at which time, the level of dues may be approved or modified.

The purpose of the above is to allow whole regions to join the Empire without necessarily leaving their parent organization. We do not force them to choose.



Rather than compete for members, we share the Dream. Note that the proposal is totally discretionary. We don't have to do anything.

3. **Proposal [by Sir Nikolai]: The following language should be added to Article IX.C:**

The Imperial Crown shall have the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion such that members who have participated in activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire, even prior to membership in the Adrian Empire, may gain credit toward their ranks based on said participation. In developing such systems, the Imperial Crowns shall be equitable and just, taking into consideration such factors as whether the member should be obligated to pay dues for the period for which that member may be given credit toward rank. Said systems shall be reviewed by the Imperial Senate (at its discretion) at its regular meeting on the third weekend of July.

Commentary: A system was developed to convert the elder Adrians points (under the old system which was nearly identical to the system currently used by the ECS) to the current participation system. I went through that conversion process. It didn't hurt.

The above proposal allows members of similar organizations to join Adria without having to start all over for no good reason. We value their accomplishments.

4. **Proposal [by Sir Nikolai]: The following language should be added to Article IX.D. [TITLES: which incidentally, is listed as IX.B. due to a typo]:**

The Imperial Crown shall have the authority and discretion to develop systems of conversion such that members who have gained titles due to activities analogous to activities in the Adrian Empire, even prior to membership in the Adrian Empire, may hold titles in the Adrian Empire equivalent to those titles held abroad. In developing such systems, the Imperial Crowns shall be equitable and just, taking into consideration such factors as whether the member should be obligated to pay dues for the period for which that member may have earned a title. Said systems shall be reviewed by the Imperial Senate (at its discretion) at its regular meeting on the third weekend of July.

5. **Proposal [by Sir Nikolai]: The following should be added to the Bylaws as ARTICLE XVI.**

**ARTICLE XVI: RECOGNITION OF THE EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL**

A. The Adrian Empire recognizes its common origins with the Empire of Chivalry and Steel (ECS) and maintains as its goal the encouragement of cross-participation between the two Empires, perhaps with a view toward ultimate reunification. It is the policy of the Adrian Empire to cooperate with the ECS with regard to recruitment, and to discourage competition between the Empires for membership.

B. To that end, a joint body of Estates is formed. The Imperial Senate of the Adrian Empire and the Imperial Estates of the ECS shall together form a joint body known as the Council. The Adrian Senate shall have 100 votes, and each active Senator, whether or not present at a Council Meeting, shall



have a proportionate share thereof (e.g., if there are 20 Senators, each would have 5 votes; if 22 Senators, each would have 4 and 20/22 votes). The ECS Imperial Estates shall have 100 votes, and each Estate, whether or not present at a Council Meeting, shall have a proportionate share thereof.

C. The Council shall have the power to:

1. by a simple majority vote (more than half), create law not in conflict with the Imperial Bylaws or Imperial Estates Writs, and approve expenditure of treasury funds not to exceed \$500 only insofar as such concern issues jointly relating to the two Empires.
2. by a 2/3rd's majority amend, alter, or otherwise amplify the Imperial bylaws (except Article VI) or change the dues structure only insofar as said bylaws or dues relate to the two Empires.

D. The Council may be called into session by the President of either corporation with the same notice and quorum (of the 200 votes outstanding) requirements as the Imperial Senate, except that if the ECS Imperial Estates as a body decline to participate in the Council, the Imperial Senate shall have all the powers designated to the Council.

E. Those who hold votes on both the Adrian Imperial Senate and the ECS Imperial Estates may cast both sets of votes. [In the alternative, they must choose].

6. **Proposed Resolution from the Senate Table:** That the Adrian Empire embark on a policy to create a new "Umbrella Corporation" with the Empire of Chivalry and Steel. That this Umbrella organization shall be headed by a board of directors composed of members of both organizations and shall be empowered to deal with the mundane dealings of this new corporation [Sir Stefan].

IX. Ducal Committee report (and two proposals)

Although the idea of a Ducal retirement title was referred to the Ducal Committee, no proposal was made this year. The issue remains on the table.

A. **Proposal A [Sir Jehan]:**

That Article VIII: Subdivision of the Empire be amended as follows:

[N.B.: Insertions are set off by \*...\* and deletions by <...>]

Article VIII.B.1.c. to be deleted. <Has a current membership and not less than one year continuous membership (Crowns), not less than six months continuous membership (Ruling Nobles), and are a member (Household Sires) as determined by the Steward;> and to be replaced with

\*c. Meets the following membership criteria as applicable and determined by the Imperial Steward:

- i. Imperial and Royal Crowns must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than one year
- ii. Ducal Crowns and Ruling Nobles must hold a membership that is current and has been maintained continuously for not less than 6 months.
- iii. Household Sires must hold a current membership.\*



Article VIII.B.1.h. to be amended as follows: Is not the immediate predecessor to the Crown (\*Imperial and Royal\* Crowns).

Article VIII.D. Chartered Subdivisions to be deleted in its entirety.

The following to be substituted in its place:

\*Chartered subdivisions of the Adrian Empire are Kingdoms, Duchies and Shires.

1. Shires

a. Definition

- i. A Shire is considered the entry-level subdivision to the Adrian Empire.
- ii. A Shire shall consist of at least one member.
- iii. A Shire shall be governed by a Viceroy appointed by the Imperial Crown.
- iv. A Shire must have a generally-defined territory of geographical jurisdiction which does not overlap with the borders of any other Chartered Subdivision or region.

b. Rights and Responsibilities

- i. A Shire shall have as its goal the development of a fully functioning government with well-developed ministries. Until such time as these ministries are developed, the Imperial Crown, with the approval of the Imperial Senate, may waive strict compliance with the corresponding sections of the By-Laws.
- ii. A Shire shall have the right to one vote on the Imperial Grand Assembly.
- iii. The Viceroy of a Shire shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the Imperial Senate but shall not hold a vote on that body.
  - iv. The Viceroy serves at the pleasure of the Imperial Crown in consultation with the populace of the region and is responsible for the administration of the Shire.
  - v. The Viceroy shall report routinely to the Imperial Crown on the Shire's activities.
  - vi. Any ministers appointed in the Shire shall report routinely to their Imperial counterparts on the Shire's activities in their respective areas of ministry.
  - vii. The decisions of the Viceroy and the Estates of the Shire shall be subject to the approval of the Imperial Crown.
  - viii. The Viceroy may not distribute awards, honors nor titles without the prior approval of the Imperial Crown.
  - ix. The Viceroy may not create Knights by prerogative.
  - x. During the first year following the chartering of a Shire, the Imperial Crown may, at its own discretion, place up to three members who have shown outstanding medieval accomplishments within the Combatant, Robe, or Ministerial Orders up to the beginning of the Sergeant, Master, or Chamberlain rank, with no more than one per knightly discipline. This advancement waives the normal requirements for advancement to that rank.
  - xi. A Shire must continue to meet all requirements of this Article and its charter or may have the charter revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Senate.

2. Duchies

a. Definition

- i. A chartered subdivision must be in continuous existence for at



- least 6 months in order to become a Duchy.
- ii. A Duchy must have at least 20 members.
- iii. A Duchy must have well developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of its activities.
- iv. A Duchy must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.
- b. Rights and Responsibilities
  - i. A Duchy has the right to choose a Ducal Crown or Crowns.
  - ii. A Duchy shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Grand Assembly as provided in these By-Laws, Article VI.A.
  - iii. A Ducal Crown shall have rights on the Imperial Senate as provided below.
    - a) The Ducal crown from a Duchy consisting of between 20 and 49 members shall have the right to attend and advise the Imperial Senate but shall carry no vote on that body. The Ducal Crown shall further have the right to speak and vote on any committees to which the Ducal Crown may be appointed by the Imperial Senate.
    - b) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members shall have all rights of the Royal Estates to sit on the Imperial Senate.
  - iv. The Ducal Crown shall be styled as follows;
    - a) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 20-49 member shall be styled Duc or Duchess.
    - b) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members shall be styled Duc or Duchess Elector. A Duc or Duchess Elector must have achieved the rank of Knight (Bachelor, Robe or Minister) unless no qualified person who wishes to hold the position can be found within the Duchy.
  - v. The Ducal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Duchy.
  - vi. The Ducal Crown shall report routinely to the Imperial Crown on the Duchy's activities.
  - vii. The Duchy's ministers shall report routinely to their corresponding Imperial counterparts on the Duchy's activities in their respective areas of ministry.
  - viii. Ducal Codicils and Writs must be approved by the Imperial Crown.
  - ix. The Ducal Crown may not create Knights by prerogative.
  - x. A Duchy must continue to meet all the requirements this Article and of its charter or may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Senate.
  - xi. A Duchy that has existed for at least one (1) year and demonstrated an ability to govern its affairs well may be granted increased sovereignty in local matters.

### 3. Kingdoms

#### a. Definition

- i. A chartered subdivision must be chartered as a Duchy for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Senate.



- ii. A Kingdom is a chartered subdivision with at least 100 members.
- iii. A Kingdom is a sovereign entity with all the rights and responsibilities appertaining thereto.
- iv. A Kingdom must have well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of the Kingdom's activities.
- v. A Kingdom must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.
- b. Rights and Responsibilities
  - i. A Kingdom possesses all the rights and responsibilities accruing to its status as a sovereign entity.
  - ii. A Kingdom shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Grand Assembly as provided in these By-Laws, Article VI.A.
  - iii. A Royal Crown shall be entitled to a seat on the Imperial Senate as provided in these By-Laws, Article VI.A.
  - iv. The Royal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Kingdom.
  - v. The Royal Crown shall advise and consult with the Imperial Crown as necessary for the careful administration, good governance and welfare of the Kingdom and Empire.
  - vi. The Kingdom's ministers shall report routinely to their corresponding Imperial counterparts on the Kingdom's activities in their respective areas of ministry.
  - vii. A Kingdom shall have the right to enact Royal Writs and Codicils insofar as they do not conflict with the By-Laws nor Imperial Law.
  - viii. A Kingdom must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and its charter or may have its charter revoked by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates General.
- 4. Implementation
  - a. Any Duchy chartered prior to 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 may, at its own discretion, continue to be governed under the provisions of the Article which this Article replaces. Any Duchy chartered after 12:01 a.m. on 1 February 1998 shall conform to the provisions of this Article.
  - b. This Article authorizes such changes in the By-Laws as are necessary to bring any conflicting Articles into conformity with its provisions.

**B. Proposal B [by Sir Phelan Kell]**

Title: Shires Deserve a vote.

The Empire has practiced granting Shires for a number of years. Each shire gets a charter to allow it to hold events, create estates (with Imperial approval), and collect dues from its members and send said dues to the Imperium.

A shire is given a charter explaining exactly what ministries it is allowed to fill, and the authority that it has. Though a Shire is not clearly defined in the bylaws. It holds a charter but is not a chartered subdivision and thus is not entitled to a seat on the grand assembly. A Duchy however, is a chartered subdivision according to the bylaws and is entitled to a seat on the Imperial Senate and it's two senior estates are entitled to a seat on the Imperial Grand Assembly.

PROPOSAL:



I propose that the Grand Assembly pass a resolution granting Shires a seat on the assembly for it's Viceroy and it's two senior Estates.

X. From the Table of the Imperial Estates General

A. Proposal [by Sir Nikolai and Sir Stefan]:

That Article VI.A. be amended as follows:

Prior to the last sentence("If in the last twelve..."), the following language should be inserted:

\*A meeting of the Senate or Grand Assembly may also be summoned by any three members of the body to be summoned. The Senate and Grand Assembly may also be summoned jointly by any three members of the joint body. The three members must reside in different Chartered Subdivisions, and the meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a location in a Chartered Subdivision in which none of the summoning members resides.\*

The latter restriction is to satisfy Sir Stefan's concern that the power to summon meetings could be abused. If the Estates were to summon themselves, Sir Stefan wished it to be just hard enough so that the Estates would take the process seriously and only use it when necessary. On the other hand, we agreed that the process needed to be easy enough to prevent tyranny by the Imperium and its ministers. In this very Imperial Reign, the Queen of Esperance did call for an Imperial Estates Meeting, but was unable to gather the quorum required. It is currently much too difficult to call a Meeting in the face of Imperial opposition, and it is absolutely essential that the Estates be able to express their will over those Imperial Acts which are subject to their approval.

B. Proposal [by Sir Nikolai]:

That Article VI.D. shall be amended. After the third sentence ("Meetings of the Estates..."), insert the following: "A Meeting of the Estates General may also be summoned by three members of that body. The meeting must be summoned by unanimous agreement of the three summoning members for a time and location within the Chartered Subdivision."

C. Proposal [by Sir Nikolai] (parliamentary immunity):

That the following language be added to Article VI.K.:

"Furthermore, investigations or comments regarding alleged wrongdoing of the Imperial Government, or that of any Chartered Subdivision, or Subdivision shall not be actionable by those governmental bodies, or their Ruling Nobles."

D. Earls and Comtessas (Sir Caliban)

The Grand Assembly shall convene at the conclusion of the reign of an Imperial Throne and shall review all Earls and Comtessas to determine by simple majority vote whether each shall retain his/her privilege to vote. Their titles shall remain regardless of the decision. All Earls and Comtessas shall be reviewed. 2/3 of the Grand Assembly may reinstate a vote which was previously denied. The votes of the reviewed Earls and Comtessas will remain in effect (even if denied) until all Earls and Comtessas have been reviewed.



**E. Proposal [by Sir Dimitri]:**

Article X.B.5 shall be amended as follows: Strike the last two sentences beginning with "The Complainant shall have..." and replace it with the following language:

"The ultimate court of appeal shall be the Grand Assembly, reviewing the decisions of the Imperium. The Grand Assembly is empowered to review any case referred up from the Imperium and, acting as its own Chancellor, to hear a case brought against a sitting Imperial Crown. [from then-Baron Roland] For the purposes of expediency, the Grand Assembly may appoint a judicial committee to act on its behalf. The parameters of said judicial committee (term of office, powers, etc.) would be determined exclusively by the Grand Assembly, and might be published as an appendix to the Codex Adjudicata. The Grand Assembly is not automatically called into session by the submission of an appeal. The Grand Assembly may only be called into session pursuant to Article VI; however, a judicial committee may be convened pursuant to whatever rules the Grand Assembly dictates."

The Chancellor should be authorized to amend the Codex where necessary to conform with the Bylaws with regard to this amendment and otherwise.

**XI. New Stuff**

**A. Membership**

Problem: Our group is supposedly made up of people who share a common interest: that being to interact and to "recreate" a life in the middle ages (1150-1550, of course). Unfortunately, there are those who are enjoying a membership in this group but are not active by own choice- or are just there to make up numbers; thus we call them "paper members".

Proposal [by Il-Khan Temjur Jhitan of York]: Myself and others would like to see it written into the Bylaws that every person who enjoys membership (be it personal, group, or life) be required to actively (not just attending "Opening Court" and then leaving) participate in one event-meaning in full garb, for a good portion of the day, and playing some role in the activities at the event- at least one event every four months. This should be a requirement for membership in our organization and should be stated in our Bylaws.

**B. Coronations**

The following is intended to provide the chartered subdivisions with greater freedom and autonomy in the area of coronations. (For example, Esperance in the past has combined the Coronation with the Yule Feast, often more than 30 days after the Crown War. So far there have been no challenges, but this allows the Kingdom to develop its own traditions without worrying about a technicality in the By-Laws. The Imperial Coronation is established as 2 months following victory. This brings greater concordance between this section and the other.)

Proposed [by Sir Jehan]: That Article XIV.E. Coronations be amended to read as follows:

**E. Coronations**

1. The Estates General of Duchies, with advice and consent of the Imperial Crown, of Sovereign Kingdoms, on their own authority, and of the



Imperium shall have the right to establish by law their own timetables for the Coronation of the Heir or Heirs Apparent following a Crown War. These timetables shall be published and made known throughout the region and Empire.

2. If the Heir or Heirs Apparent fail to follow the timetable established by the Duchy, Kingdom or Imperium, on the first day following the date that the Coronation ought to have occurred any qualified candidate may challenge the Heir or Heirs Apparent for the Crown until such time as a Coronation takes place.
3. In the event that a Duchy, Sovereign Kingdom or the Empire does not establish and publish its own timetable for Coronation following a Crown War, said Coronation shall take place not later than thirty (30) days from the date of election, determination or victory in war. If the Coronation has not taken place within thirty (30) days of said date, beginning on the thirty-first (31st) day any qualified candidate may challenge the Heir or Heirs Apparent for the Crown until such time as a Coronation takes place.

C. **Knighthood [Sir Angus and Lady Dame Francesca]**

Proposed Resolution: That a committee be formed to create language for a Bylaw amendment to be proposed at the next meeting of the Imperial Senate or the Imperial Estates General. Proposal idea: That all Knights, upon meeting the requirements, be subject to the a council of the chivalry. The purpose of the council would be to determine whether the Knight candidate was ready to don the blue belt. The requirements already being met, the council's job is to basically prepare the Knight candidate for the responsibility he/she is about to accept. The mechanics of how the council would be determined by the committee. Any suggestions would be entertained.

Suggestions of Sir Angus: For Knighthoods, I suggest that a council or "peer circle" of Knights be called to council the Knight candidate before they don the blue belt. A council of say five Knights would be brought together just before a knighting to council, answer questions, and make sure the Knight candidate is aware of the responsibilities he/she is about to accept.

One way a council could be chosen would be for the Knight candidate to choose two Knights, The Local Crown or Noble would choose two Knights, and these four Knights would get together to choose a fifth Knight to act as a chairperson for the circle. This would do away with some of the "good old SCA boys network" that we are so concerned with, while giving an outlet for the Knights in the region to have some input in the actual Knighting process.

Another idea would be to have all the Knights in the particular area the candidate is knighting in come together, offer counseling, and allow some say in who is being allowed into their circle. This does not necessarily have to be a pass/fail system. It could just be used as a tool to help the Knight candidate on his way to Knighthood. I know we pride ourselves on our earned Knighthoods, and rightly so, but a peer circle would not take that away. It would just make our Knighthoods better.

D. **Ministry Knighthood/Holding office [Dame Francesca and Sir Angus]**

- 1) **Proposed Resolution:** That the Imperial Estates General refer the following issue to the Imperial Chancellor for a ruling or for a referral of the matter to another



appropriate legislative or judicial authority. The issue is clarification of the following: For the ministry knighthood it states in the by-laws that the requirements are to hold office for 18 months. The question is: What is considered holding office? And how does this effect members approaching their ministry knighthood? [N.B. Hitherto, interpretation of "holding office" has been interpreted as performing any duty meriting a ministry participation for a given month. The determination of "merit" has always been done by the Crowns.]

Comments by Sir Angus: SUGGESTED BY-LAWS REVISION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW BY THE IMPERIAL ESTATES GENERAL OF THE ADRIAN EMPIRE PROPOSAL TO CLARIFY AND MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACHIEVING KNIGHTHOOD IN MINISTRY WITHIN THE ADRIAN EMPIRE SUBMITTED BY LORD SIR ANGUS MCLEOD MCALLISTER, Kb, Km ON THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, XL ANNO ADRIA

THIS PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED TO CLARIFY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS PROPOSING CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE A KNIGHTHOOD IN MINISTRY WITHIN THE ADRIAN EMPIRE

- a) Clarification: The present edition of the by-laws states that the primary requirement for Knighthood in ministry is a person must HOLD AN OFFICE for eighteen months.(article IX,c3 by-laws December 1996).
  - i). The question now arises, "what does holding an office mean?" Is it the traditional estates and ministry offices i.e. rolls, steward, household sire, etc., or does holding an office mean scribe for an arts judge, water bearer, or Marshall on the field? If it does mean that the only way to achieve your knighthood is through a holding a traditional ministry office, why then do we give a ministry point every month to water bearers, Marshalls, or scribes when it does nothing to help them achieve their knightly estate?
  - ii) Now shall we keep the old wording, and allow only official ministry officers to garner points every month, or shall we amend the by-laws to account for the minor ministry positions that are open during events?
- 2) **Proposed Bylaw change by Sir Angus (for consideration by the Imperial Estates General):** The third option would be to change the system completely, and work off of a slanted point system. Holding one of the traditional ministry offices would garner 5 points per month, while judging, and marshalling would earn 2 points, and water bearers and scribes would earn 1 point per month. A 10 point per month maximum would be put in place, and 180 points would be required to attain a first level Knighthood in ministry, 360 points for second level, and 720 points for third. This would not change the minimum length of time to attain each of the Knighthoods, and would simplify record keeping while making it just a bit more difficult to achieve a ministry Knighthood, thus making more equal the differences in attaining any of the three Knighthoods within the Empire.

#### **E. Demo initiations [Sir Angus]**

- 1. Proposed change in the demo initiation requirement for ministry Knighthood.



- a. The by-laws presently state that demo initiations are required for ministry Knighthood. This proposal would suggest that be changed to a requirement to autocrat events to attain ministry Knighthood. For smaller regions where demos are hard to set up, this would make things a bit more fair for a ministry Knight candidate to achieve.
- b. Second, any major event is infinitely more difficult to plan and orchestrate than a standard demo, making it again harder to achieve the Knighthood. It would also open up feasts, wars, and major tourneys into the realm of possibilities. It should also do away with some of the demo abuse seen in the past.
- c. Ministry, or the behind the scenes running of the game, is an important and necessary aspect to make the game fun for all. That does not mean, however, that it should be the easiest Knighthood to attain. That cheapens the knighthood and brings less respect to the people earning it. Let us as a group pass these changes, and make ministry equal with the other Knighthoods. [N.B. The proposal could be worded such that demos and collegia would be examples of events which a member might autocrat.]

**F. Scrapping the By-Laws [Dame Francesca]**

Proposed Resolution: that a committee be formed to draft proposed By-Laws and Codicils for review at the next meeting of the Imperial Estates General convened as a By-Law convention (no later than the first weekend of next year), and that said By-Laws and Codicils be in accord with the following parameters:

[Comments by Dame Francesca] I would recommend that the current by-laws be thrown out. The purpose of the By-Laws convention would be to take the current confusion and split the Corporate entity from the Game entity and completely rewrite two documents. The By-Laws to address the issues the Corporation needs to take responsibility for (AZ corporation Commission Papers, Insurance, et.). The other document, or the Codicils would be the guidelines by which the populace plays.

**G. Proposed Bylaw changes [by Sir Thomas, see Appendix]**

**XII. Approval of proposed Protectors of the Dream:**

The following folks were nominated into the Order of the Protectors of the Dream (Article IX.B.1.C) by Sir François de Coucy:

Sir Jehan, Sir Nikolai, Sir Stefan, Sir William Baine, and Sir Mathghamhain. They shall be voted on separately.

**XIII. Trial of Their Imperial Majesties (see attached charges)**

A trial will be held based on charged brought by their Imperial Majesties against themselves regarding the Imperial War, and regarding other matters as presented by Sir Frederick von Burg.

**XIV. Approval of Reign of Their Imperial Majesties**



For review of their Reign, Dame Isabeau and Sir Mathghamhain present themselves. If their Reign was successful, they shall retire as Prince and Princess. They shall be voted on separately.

**XV. Presentation and Approval of New Ministers**

Currently, the only minister known as of the preparation of this agenda is Sir Dilvish (Imperial Chancellor). The others will be presented at that time.

**XVI. Miscellaneous Resolutions:**

**A. The Nikolite Proposal regarding next year's Imperial War**

I propose that we have the Imperial War at **two** sites next year. I would like an Eastern Imperial War to involve those Chartered Subdivisions in the East which never get to substantially participate in the selection of our Imperial Thrones. The Imperial Throne should be authorized and directed, in consultation with its ministers, to determine scenarios which would allow for a two-site war. The simplest solution which comes to mind, of course, is that each war point be divided (e.g. half a point for Renn champions in the East, half a point in the West). Of course, points need not be divided 50/50. Dividing in approximate proportion to population would be just as legitimate a way. Like national elections, the progress of the War would be mysterious until the end. Regardless, to be fair, if we are going to do this, the proposal should be published no later than March of next year. That way, we all have time to prepare.

By the way, at least one Knight Minister is working on possible nautical combat scenarios. Ship-to-ship combat! I propose that the Imperial Thrones be urged to experiment with such scenarios (published well in advance, of course).

The Imperial Thrones do not necessarily need our approval to do the above, but our encouragement probably wouldn't hurt. Our Game is growing, and we must accommodate everyone.

**XVII. Setting the next meeting**

We need not meet again until next year. Or we can set another meeting now. I recommend the following rules for the next meeting:

Deadline for submission of agenda items 90 days before the meeting, with the agenda out no later than 60 days before the meeting.

If new ministers need to be approved, those should be out to the Estates no later than 30 days before the meeting.

Any financial report out 60 days before the meeting, with any subsequent expenditures to be reviewed at the following meeting of the Senate of Imperial Estates General (depending on what is appropriate).

**XVIII. Announcements**

**XIX. Cleanup: Did we miss anything?**

**XX. Adjournment**