Appendix F

Imperial Writ KIW-1 & KIW-2

The Crowns and Ministers of your regions should have received the new Manual for the College of Arms (Heraldry) and the new Physikers manual. Her Imperial Majesty does hereby issue these 2 manuals as Imperial Writs, KIW-1 and KIW-2, respectively.

Imperial Writ SIW-1

Unto the Estates of the Adrian Empire and it's populace:

Hear now Our voice as we Speak for it is Imperial:

Be it know throughout the lands of Adria that on this day the fourteenth of November in the Year nineteen hundred and ninety eight We do issue this most lawful and just Writ.

That no member of the Adrian Empire may gain more than one tourney win per month for the purpose of gaining rank in the Knightly orders. The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of attending an Imperial Tournament in the same month as a Crown Tournament.

So Say We,

Stefanus Imperator

Tsar of all the Adrias

Imperial Writ SIW-2

We did also issue the following Writ, which just reiterates what the By-Laws already say, SIW-2: Written By Our hand on November 23, 1998.

In any situation where the Adrian By- laws are in direct conflict or violation of Mundane Law, the Adrian By-Laws will be subserviant to existing mundane Law. Mundane Law shall always trump Adrian By-Laws.

Finally, We have issued the following opinion concerning Duchies and the Pax Regium, We apologize to the Chronicler for it's length, but as this is an official opinion, it must be published.

This is Our Official Policy on the Question of do Duchies enjoy a Pax Regium.

First, here is the section of the By-Laws that describes what a Duchy is. You will notice there is no longer a section that pertains to Palantine Duchys.

ARTICLE VIII: SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE
D. CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS.

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 many 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 of 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. Second, What are the rights of the Duc/Duchess, and what are they? Article Six describes Imperial Crowns, Royal Crowns and Ruling Nobles of the Great and Minor Estates. Using these definitions, We would describe a Duc/Duchess as a Royal Crown.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

F. RIGHTS OF THE ESTATES

5. The Crown has the right to:

b. Royal Crowns.

i. to render an opinion concerning any disputed interpretation of local codicil or writ. Within thirty (30) days of a written request for interpretation the Crown shall consult with the Chancellor and review the disputed local codicil or writ and the arguments. The decision of the Imperial Crown is final and binding.

ii. to resolve submitted disputes between subdivisions in the event that the subdivisions are unable to resolve the dispute. The Ruling Noble of either subdivision may ask the Crown to arbitrate. Within thirty (30) days of the written request for arbitration the Crown shall convene a Crown Court and review the dispute and evidence. The decision of an Imperial Crown Court is final and binding.

iii. to make new law that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates General.

iv. to hold crown and ceremonial courts.

v. to give orders, awards and to authorize elevation in rank of any member as advised by their ministers.

vi. to advance a member to knighthood where that member has made an extraordinary contribution to the Adrian Empire meriting special attention and reward. Only one (1) individual of the non-chivalry per reign may be elevated to knighthood without meeting the requirements for knighthood. This advancement is in title only and does not give the member the requirements associated with the title. Only a Knight can make a Knight.

vii. The Crown shall hold a minimum of one (1) court a month.

viii. to make war on other sovereign chartered subdivisions.

ix. to Charter Guilds (not subject to approval of the Estates)

Following is the section of the By-Laws describing Pax Regium. It is clear that the Pax Regium is extended to any Royal Crown.

ARTICLE XV: PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVILWAR

A. PAX REGIUM.

For a period of six (6) months from the date of coronation, the Royal Crown shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time no one may challenge the right of the Royal Crown to their throne. At the end of that time an Interim Civil War may be called. Challenge for the Imperial Throne may only be issued and
done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend on no less than thirty (30) days advance notice as indicated in subsection B(1) below. If no notice is given the Imperial Crown by thirty days before Memorial Day Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (e.g. a Banner War).

Therefore it is Our opinion that Ducs and Duchesses do enjoy a six month Pax Regium from Civil War. This Pax Regium does NOT extend to being removed by the Estates of the region.

Imperial Writ SIW-3

We do hereby issue the following Writ, SIW-3:

Core Values of the Adrian Empire Inc.

Shared commitment to a common purpose, values, and operating principles strengthens the Organization and the relations we share within and through it and makes even our loftiest goals achievable. Therefore, we enthusiastically adopt, and will live by, the following:

Statement of Purpose

We endeavor to enlighten our communities by providing a mechanism to explore the lifestyles and societies of the period of history commonly referred to as The Age of Chivalry.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Fairness
- Loyalty
- Respect

Operating Principles

- Always serve the best interests of our communities.
- Measure actions by what is in the best interests of the Organization.
- Communicate openly, honestly and directly.
- Be visionary: Encourage innovation and learn from our mistakes.
- Be positive: Seek solutions, and be open to the views of others.
- Support each other in balancing work, family and community.
- Support and reward excellence, teamwork, productivity, and growth.
- Be accountable and honor commitments.