



**The Adrian Empire
Imperial Estates Meeting
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Date and Time*:

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(Requirements for actions and approval)

Chancery notes, comments, and explanations.

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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

AGENDA

I. SIGN IN

II. CALL TO ORDER – 9:04 AM PST

III.

ROLL CALL

- A. Seating of qualified members and written proxies *(requires 2/3 to approve)*
 - a. Sir Triston – K3 seated
 - b. Archduchy of Cathair Na Cailte seated
 - c. Dame Adaline – K3 seated

57 votes present, 15 by proxy for a total of 72.

IV.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes of the November 2025 IEM
(Requires majority to approve.)
Approved by Acclimation

V. REPORTS

- A. Executive
 - 1. Crown(s) – Grace period for renewing members till April 30, 2026. New Membership pricing (increase from \$30 to \$35) will take effect starting May 1st, 2026. Chapter Crowns need to send in reports, no Reports then the assumption is all is good.
 - 2. President and Board of Directors – No new business. Will voice their opinion for items listed in this agenda.
- B. Ministers
 - 1. Archery - All is good. Archery is happening, with no problems being reported.

2. Arts and Sciences - All is good, reviewing Rubric for Research and possible recommendation to come.
3. Chancery - One request for interpretation of law, regarding a member revoking their membership and if they are stilled to be part of the Adrian Judicial System. It was determined that if the member has revoked their membership and do not want to be part of the Judicial System then they will be tried by absentia.
4. Hospitaler - Getting reports, Membership on the rise, pushing subdivision to adopt a QR Code.
5. Joust and War - All is good, only one injury reported.
6. Publishing (includes Imperial Webmaster, Chronicler, etc.) - New Arts forms, manuals are on the website. New website has been completed by the company but looking into a concern with the database integration with the new website.
7. Rolls and Lists - Started with 670 events. 200 were approved, 640 events left. Have reviewed 15 StK.
8. Sovereign of Arms - 17 current, LORR to come. Only 2 fails.
9. Steward - 128k within the account, some Quickbook issues arose delaying the taxes, an extension was filed
10. Other Officers – Justicar – 2 Cases. See Judicial Courts section for details.

VI. CROWN BUSINESS

CRB1. Charter Amendments

Chancery Note: These listings are based on the Membership Summary as of the date of publication. This item was tabled at the July meeting.

A. Consider reducing the following Chapters in status due to insufficient numbers: (Requires majority to approve.)

B. Crown announcements regarding Shires

(No approval required. Crowns are providing notification to the Estates.)

C. Requests for change in chartered territory
(Requires majority to approve.)

D. Elevate the following Chapters in status:

(Requires majority to approve.)

Archduchy of Esperance - 67 members

Approved by Acclimation.

VII. CHANCERY BUSINESS

CHB1. Award of Successful Completion of Reign for HIM Puck.

(Requires majority to approve.)

Tabled until the end of HIM Puck's second term (ie March 2027)

CHB2. Court Reports

A. Judicial Courts

Case A.) Charges against Sir Eihbear were found with merit. Mediation was offered, the member removed his membership. The former member was tried in absentia and found guilty. Case has been forwarded to Imperial Crown for review and punishment. Punishment will be posted.

Case B.) Was found with merit. Mediation was offered and failed. This case is ongoing and will be going to trial.

B. Civil Courts

No notices or judgements received.

CHB3. Voting of Special Panel Members

No letters of intent were received, and will be taking floor nominations. (Six members)

Floor Nominations were received and the following were approved by Acclimation.

1. *Princess Pufos of Umbria*
2. *Dame Kedryn of Umbria*
3. *Mistress Aoife the Shrewd of Alhambra*
4. *Baron Lucifero (Lucifer) of Chesapeake*
5. *Ritter Katharina Graw von Baden of Cathair Na Caillte*
6. *Dame Katelyn of Stirling*

CHB4. Voting in of Board of Directors Members

Election of the Board of Directors per the Bylaws V.B. The following positions will become available beginning in March 2026:

- Region 1 (2 year term, Currently held by Donna Ramos)
- Region 2 (2 year term, Currently held by John Bragna)

- Region 3 (2 year term, Currently held by Tracey Hanwell)
- At Large (1 year term, Currently held by Patty Vanik)
- At Large (1 year term, Currently held by Lawrence Wigg)
- Treasurer (2 year term, not currently held)

Please see attachment one (1) for all Letters of Intent
(Requires majority to approve.)

Region 1 Director – Jason Steele passed by acclimation

Region 2 Director – Ryan Nee passed by majority

At Large – John Bragna passed by majority

At Large – Tracy Hanwell passed by acclimation

CHB5. Voting in of Board of Directors Officers

BoD President (insert legal Names)

BoD Vice President (insert legal Names)

BoD Secretary (insert legal Names)

(Requires majority to approve.)

President – Levi Burd passed by majority

Vice President – Jason Steele passed by majority

Secretary – Tracy Hanwell passed by Acclimation

Treasurer – Temporarily Filled by Imperial Steward until a volunteer is approved by the Imperial Estates.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

OB1. Amend IEW#17 I.D. Minimum Ages.

All combatants under the age of 18 must have written parental/guardian approval. The minimum age requirements for combat participation in Adrian tournaments, wars or demonstrations are:

- a. Shinai: 12 years of age
- b. Rapier: 14 years of age
- c. Cut-and-thrust: 16 years of age
- d. Armored: 16 years of age
- e. Synthetic wasters (e.g., Rawlings): 16 years of age, 14 years of age.

Author's commentary: In the Adrian Empire, the minimum age requirements for combat participation vary depending on the type of combat: Shinai (12 years old), Renaissance (16 years old), Armored (16 years old), and Combat Archery (12 years old). All combatants under 18 require written parental/guardian approval. What this means is when we have a younger member who is 12 and has been fighting on the Sergeants list for his required eight participations and graduates to the Knights list he can no longer fight until they are 14. Categorically Shinai and wasters are considered the same. Only the armor requirements differ. I propose that we lower the age requirement to 14, allowing our younger members to continue to advance and train. This will serve multiple purposes; keeping families, engaged and involved. Bringing in younger members that will eventually mature to lifelong members. The empire has always been about inclusion let's remedy this disparity. A minor would still require parental permission and could even have a separate waiver, if it is deemed necessary.

Author: HE Sir Alaric Thorne

Sponsors: Sir Aloysius

(Chancellory note: Chancellor removed E through H as redundant, and line i was updated to e, per friendly amendment at previous meeting)

It is the Board of Director's opinion to not recommend this. It is believed that change of age will trigger an insurance review but armor change does not.

Tabled until while insurance is contacted to determine what could possibly trigger a review of the insurance policy. Tabled by majority.

OB2: Change Armor Requirements for Cut and Thrust style combat:

Head

- a. A three-weapons fencing mask or a fully enclosed helm with fencing mask type mesh. Some fencing masks do not offer adequate throat protection. In this case, additional protection must be added. Masks with snap-in bibs are not sufficient and require neck protection as well.
- b. The back of the head must be covered with semi-rigid material and cover the entire back of the head with no gaps. Rigid protection is recommended.
- c. The openings on the visor shall not be wider than 1/8 inch in any direction.
- d. Metal helms require a minimum of 1/4 inch of padding and chinstraps.
- e. 18-gauge lobster tail helms are recommended, but not required

Neck

- a. A gorget of heavy or rigid material shall be used. Light leather or medium weight fabric with rigid plates attached is also sufficient (See Gorget in the Glossary).
- b. A dog-collar style gorget alone is not sufficient.

Body

- a. A minimum of 1/4 inch thick quilted gambeson, lined medium weight canvas or denim, or leather buff coat is required.
Recommend Padded Fencing Jacket
- b. Kidney protection is recommended, but not required for combatants 18 years of age and older. Rigid kidney protection is required for combatants under the age of 18 years.

Arms & Legs

- a. Rigid Elbow protection is required
- b. Arms are to be covered by at least 1/4 padded material or equivalent.
- c. Rigid Knee protection is required
- d. Semi Rigid Shin protection is required
- e. Semi Rigid Forearm protection is recommended

Hands

- a. Heavy Padded gloves that covers the hand and fingers is required
- b. Gloves must have finger and knuckle protection

Author: Jarl Bjorn Ubbeson and HIM Puck I

Commentary: Cut and Thrust combat is an area in combat that does not get a lot of attention throughout the empire because of its current armor requirements with the advancement of HEMA and other fencing groups that are fighting with similar weapons to our current heavy rapiers they have shown that the different armor requirements can benefit our organization by promoting a better option to be able to cross play with other groups and get their interests involved into Adria as well.

The cost alone to fight C&T with the current armor standards could end up costing close to 2 to 3 thousand dollars whereas the new standards could easily get started in C&T for less than a thousand.

Passed by Acclimation with friendly amendment added (and agreed upon by the authors) to change recommended to required in regards to semi rigid protection for forearm.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1. Amendment to Combat Manual - Synthetic Daggers

Amend Lex Adria to add daggers to synthetic waster combat.
After several years of playtesting with no recorded incidents.
Deletions are indicated by bracketed text in bold, **[bold]**
Insertions indicated by underlined text in bold, **bold**

Adrian Empire – IEW #17 – Combat Manual
III. ARMOR AND WEAPON STANDARDS
F. WEAPONS: SHINAI AND SYNTHETIC WASTERS (E.G., RAWLINGS)

COMBAT

5. SYNTHETIC WASTERS (E.G., RAWLINGS SWORDS)

The recognized synthetic waster swords (Rawlings or similar) for use within the Empire are the synthetic long swords (no metal fittings), synthetic bastard swords (no metal fittings), and synthetic single-hand swords (no metal fittings). Once a standard has been created, all other synthetic waster designs can be compared and judged as to acceptability.

- a. Blades must be made of nylon **or** plastic.
- b. The overall weight of the sword is not to exceed 2 pounds.
- c. No metal fittings or attachments (including quillions and pommel) are permitted.
- d. No sharp edges are permissible – all flashing must be removed.
- e. Only commercially-available attachments (e.g., cross guards, basket hilts, pommels, etc.) are permitted. Any homemade or custom parts must be individually approved by the Imperial Minister of Joust and War.
- f. Blades must have a flex to them of at least 4.5 inches. No stiffer blades will be allowed. The acceptable method for testing flexibility is described in Appendix B. Any blade that retains a sharp bend after being flexed must be permanently removed from the field. A slight bend over the length of the blade is acceptable.

Weapons that do not meet the approval of the Minister of Joust & War or the marshals shall not be allowed on the field. Consult with the local Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War before constructing or purchasing weapons to be use in combat if you are unsure of their suitability. If the Minister of Joust & War or a marshal deems a weapon unsafe, then the marshal has the right to not allow its use, even if it meets the minimum requirements.

6. SYNTHETIC DAGGERS AND KNIVES

Synthetic daggers and knives (for waster combat) for use within the Empire are commercially produced one piece flexible rubber training daggers and knives, sturdy and intended for martial training, and distinct from costume weapons or toys. Like swords, daggers and knives are subject to the approval of the Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and if deemed unsafe, will not be allowed.

Author: Prince William Baine and HG Razzial Orethan Kuss

Commentary: These weapons are commercially available and have been utilized in groups such as SCA and HEMA for sparring. These have also been playtested within the Empire with no need for additional armor requirements

Approved by Acclimation

NB2. Amendment to Lex Adria - Creation of Principality

This proposal would create a Royal Estate of 75 members with the same powers of a Kingdom but one step lower in rank and precedence.

Likewise, adding a retired title, Viscount/Viscountess Royal, a voting member of the Estates Major.

Deletions are indicated by [bold]

Insertions indicated by bold

ARTICLE VIII. ESTATES OF THE EMPIRE

B. 2. A Royal Crown of a Kingdom or Principality must have attained Knightly rank.

D. CHAPTERS

Chapters of the Adrian Empire are Kingdoms, Principalties, Archduchies, Duchies, and Shires.

1. Kingdoms and Principalties

a. Definition

i. A Chapter must be chartered as an Archduchy for at least 6 months before it can become a Kingdom or Principality. This requirement may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Imperial Estates.

ii. A Kingdom is a Chapter with at least 100 6. Count/Countess Royal

The title held by the retired ruler(s) of a Kingdom. Part of the Estates Major (Voting)members[.] a Principality is a Chapter with at least 75 members.

iii. A Kingdom or Principality is styled as a sovereign entity. This shall not imply independent, as a Kingdom or Principality remains an integral part of the Adrian Empire.

iv. A Kingdom or Principality must have well-developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of the Kingdom's or Principality's activities.

v. A Kingdom or Principality must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.

b. Rights and Responsibilities

i. A Kingdom or Principality possesses all the rights and responsibilities accruing to its status as a sovereign entity.

ii. A Kingdom or Principality shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Estates as provided in Article VI.A.

iii. The Royal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Kingdom or Principality.

iv. The Royal Crown shall advise and consult with the Imperial Crown as necessary for the careful administration, good governance, and welfare of the Kingdom or Principality and Empire.

v. The Kingdom's or Principality's ministers shall report routinely to their corresponding Imperial counterparts on the Kingdom's or Principality's activities in their respective areas of ministry.

vi. A Kingdom or Principality shall have the right to enact Royal Writs and Codicils that do not conflict with the Bylaws or Imperial Law, which must be submitted within 30 days of enactment to the Imperial Chancery.

vii. A Kingdom or Principality must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and its charter or may have its charter revoked by a 2/3rds vote of the Imperial Estates.

viii. A Kingdom **or Principality** must meet regularly to allow opportunities for its members to earn monthly Event Points.

 ARTICLE IX. AWARDS, ORDERS, RANKS, TITLES

E. TITLES

3. Prince/Princess

a. Title granted to a retired ruler of the Adrian Empire for a successful term of office, regardless of length of term. An Estate Royal (Voting)

b. The title held by the ruler(s) of a Principality. Part of the Estates Royal (Voting)

c. An Heir Apparent to the Adrian Empire (Non-voting)

d. An Heir Apparent to a Kingdom (Non-voting)

e. A member of the Order of the Fleur-de-lis (Non-voting)

7. Viscount/Viscountess Royal,

The title held by the retired ruler(s) of a Principality. Part of the Estates Major (Voting)

RENUMBER 7-22 as 8-23

 ARTICLE XIV. TERM OF OFFICE

B. KING/QUEEN **or PRINCE/PRINCESS**

Each term of office of the King/Queen **or PRINCE/PRINCESS** shall not be more than one year (measured from the date of coronation, or from the latest date coronation should have occurred pursuant to Article XIV.F, whichever is earlier). The King/Queen **or PRINCE/PRINCESS** may succeed themselves, but their term of office is limited to two consecutive years, removing the Royal Crown Pax Regium in the second year.

F. CORONATIONS

1. Timetable

The Imperial Estates, Kingdoms **or Principalities**, and (with advice and consent of the Imperial Crown) other Chapters, have the right to establish by law their own timetables for coronation of the Heirs Apparent following a Crown War. These timetables shall be made known throughout the Chapter and the Empire.

GLOSSARY

Chapter – Kingdom, **Principality**, Archduchy, Duchy, or Shire.

Crown – Ruler of the Empire, Kingdom, **Principality**, Archduchy, or Duchy.

Estates Major – Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, **Viscount/Viscountess Royal**, Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, and Third-Level Knight.

Estates Royal – King/Queen, Prince/Princess (retired Imperial Crown **and rulers of a Principality**), and (Arch)Duke/(Arch)Duchess.

[Kingdom] Royal Sovereignty – Royal Crowns are not subject to Imperial Crown approval to hold office. Their authority to appoint [Kingdom] Ministers is not subject to Imperial Crown approval.

Kingdoms and Principalities may enact Codicils and Crown and Estates Writs that are not in conflict with the Bylaws without Imperial approval. Royal Crowns have final local authority to interpret Imperial Law, subject to rulings of Civil Courts and appeals as per Imperial Law.

Offices – The following are considered to be the offices of the Empire: Emperor/Empress, King/Queen, **Prince /Princess (rulers of a Principality)**, Duke/Duchess, Viceroy, Chancellor, Minister of Rolls, Steward, Minister of Arms, Chronicler, Minister of Joust & War, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Minister of Physicks, Minister of Archery and Hospitaler.

Royal Crown – Ruler(s) of a Kingdom **or Principality**.

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II. REGALIA AND MODES OF ADDRESS

A. THEORY 2. Coronets and Crowns

b. The difference between a coronet and a crown is the rank of the person wearing it: Emperors, Empresses, Kings, Queens, **Princes and Princesses (rulers of a Principality)**, Archdukes, Archduchesses, Dukes, and Duchesses all are entitled to a crown; all others so entitled wear a coronet. There is no stylistic difference; it is merely a matter of terminology.

B. PRACTICE

6. Principality

Chapter and Estate Royal, ruled by a Prince or Princess. Ruler may wear a crown. Ruler may be addressed as "Your Royal Highness", "Your Highness", or "Your Grace". Ruler may be styled "Prince <name>" or "Princess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation

RENUMBER accordingly

(number following Count/Countess (Royal). **Viscount/Viscountess Royal, Royal Peer and Estate Major in own right. Retirement title granted by the Estates to former rulers of a Principality. May wear a coronet. May be addressed as "Your Grace". May be styled "Viscount <name>" or "Viscountess <name>" according to gender, or may use a non-English translation**

RENUMBER accordingly

Additionally for clarity (as currently numbered):

2. Crown Prince/Crown Princess Imperial

5. Prince /Princess Imperial

6. Crown Prince/Crown Princess Royal

9. Count/Countess Royal

OR

2. **Imperial** Crown Prince/Crown Princess

5. **Imperial** Prince /Princess

6. **Royal** Crown Prince/Crown Princess

9. **Royal** Count/Countess

IEW-40. Adopted July 2005.

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Author: Prince William Baine

Co-sponsors: HRG Sir Siegfried von Aschaffenburg, HE Dame Rose of Aberlone, His Imperial Excellency Baronè Lucifero Justus, Dame Allesandra Shae Mackenzie of Alhambra

Discussed. Secondary option was left out of the proposal (can be found on Imperial Estates Facebook Group by Sir William Baine for review. This item as well as option B will be moved to Old Business for July IEM.

NB3. Amend Codex Adjudicata Section V Letter A Conduct of Judicial Courts to add the following:

If a member, after being notified of a charge or set of charges notifies the Magistrate that they do not wish to participate in the Adrian justice system either by hostile response, a notice to cease further contact, or terminating their membership, it will be considered a pleas of ‘no contest’ and the matter will move directly to sentencing as described in Section VI. (Sentencing Guidelines)

Author: Sir Fafnir Hallgrim

Co-Sponsor: Sir Puck

Authors Commentary:

Merriam-Webster defines harassment as "the act or instance of persistently annoying, troubling, or creating an unpleasant situation for someone through unwelcome verbal or physical conduct."

In two separate occasions in just over a year, we have had two instances of individuals facing charges saying they want no further contact from the Adrian Empire and do not wish to participate in the legal process, with one threatening legal action and another stating that continued contact was causing undue stress and anxiety. Currently our rules require that the Magistrate/Minister of Justice contact the defendant in a defined series of steps (asking for trial dates, defense representatives, etc) with no provisions for members that consider such repeated contact to be harassment. This has necessitated going to the BOD for special dispensation and represents a legal liability for the Empire and should be corrected.

Motion to Combine NB3 and NB4 and to implement immediately. Item was passed by majority.

NB4. Amend Codex Adjudicata Section VI (Sentencing Guidelines) to add the following:

If a member fails to renew or otherwise becomes a non-member while under the duration of a sentence, that sentence shall be held in suspense until the person becomes a member again, and the member will serve out the remaining duration of their sentence at that time.

Author: Sir Fafnir Hallgrim

Co-Sponsor: Sir Puck.

Authors Commentary:

This is just a provision to add to the guidelines to codify into law what has been common practice.

Motion to Combine NB3 and NB4 and to implement immediately. Item was passed by majority.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

X. NEXT MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES

Due to multiple big events in July, Estates has scheduled next Imperial Estates Meeting to be held on August 1st starting at 8 AM PST (11 AM EST) by Zoom.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – ADJOURNED AT 3:30 PM PST/6:30 PM EST

APPENDIX A