



The Adrian Empire

What follows is the charter for the
Duchy of Chesapeake

as executed in
June, 2002

by
Maedb, Empress
Karl, Kaiser

Shire borders approved by the Imperial Estates in
November 1997

To the best of Our ability, We attest to its accuracy and completeness.

So say We,

Maedb Hawkins, Empress
Karl von Katzburg, Kaiser

June 5, 2002





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Meadb and Karl, by the Grace of God and the Will of the Estates, Empress and Emperor of the Catholic and Sovereign Empire of Adria, Kings of Aleon, Navarre, and Pembroke, Dukes of Annelynerose, Brittany, Calais, Isle-de-Fleur, and Snowden, Barons of Isenwold, Grenfeld, Hanover, and Lyon, Lords of the Outlands and Islands, and Sovereigns of all Their other Lands and Territories, to Their Archbishops, Bishops, and Clerics; Kings, Princes, and Dukes; Earls, Viceroys, and Viscounts; Champions, Masters, Premiers, and Wardens; Justiciaries, Sheriffs, and Governors; Knights, Masters, and Ministers; and Their faithful subjects:

Greetings.

Be it known to all to whom these presents may come that We, Meadb and Karl, Empress and Emperor of all Adria do hereby grant Our Charter to the Duchy of Chesapeake according to Our Laws and Customs.

We do hereby charge Sir Aerindane McLorie and Dame Kelda RuddCatha, current Ducal Crown of Chesapeake, to hold their office until the Duchy's regular Crown War and Coronation, at which point a new Ducal Crown shall be crowned under this Charter. All of this shall be in accordance with the Laws and Customs of the Adrian Empire and the Duchy of Chesapeake.

We do hereby grant unto the Ducal Crown the power to appoint Ministers necessary for the functioning of the Duchy's government as outlined in Article VII of the Bylaws of this Empire. Said Ministers must report to their Crowns and their corresponding Imperial Minister at the intervals specified by that Imperial Minister, the Imperial Crown, or the Imperial Estates. The Ducal Crown will have the power to create local Estates in accordance with Adrian Law and Customs.

The Ducal Crown shall enjoy all the rights accorded to said Crowns. The Ducal Crown shall remain in office until the regular Ducal Crown War, the Ducal Estates deem fit to replace them, Civil War is declared and the Ducal Crown is defeated, the Duchy petitions for reduction to Shire status, the Imperial Crown reduces the Duchy to a Shire, the Ducal Crown themselves decide to retire, or the duchy fails to retain membership sufficient for or otherwise meet the criteria for Duchy status. All these conditions will be in accordance with Adrian Law and Custom.

We, according to Our Laws, do hereby fix the territory of this Duchy to be the mundane state of Maryland.

It is also sworn, both on Our part, and on that of the Estates, that all the aforesaid shall be observed in good faith, and without any evil intention.



By Our hand this v day of June, anno ludus xv, being mmij in the Common Era.

Maedb Hawkins, Empress

Karl von Katzburg, Kaiser