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Unto the Good Lords and Ladies of York: **{PLEASE READ}**

Do to recent transgressions at the Canton of Shea this past weekend; the following is being presented for your edification:

All persons, especially Ministers, must keep in mind, as with any organization (and yes, we are one), there are rules that must be followed. The heads of these organizations, and those put in the positions to oversee the rules (ministers), are responsible for ensuring these rules are followed and may be liable if they are not. This is especially true for combat. If the Minister of Joust & War (MJW) does not follow the guidelines for enforcing the safety standards, he may be held liable. With that in mind, the MJW has my total support in fulfilling his function. If he deems any armor unsafe, it will not take the field. Arguments of the like "I have fought with this for years and never been hurt" does not hold water and will not be accepted. Just as the Archery Minister does not allow members to walk in front of arrows, the MJW should not allow members to fight with substandard armor!

Item number 1 is especially important, as a member, this past weekend, fought, although refused to sign a waiver!! Items 2 and 3 were recently discussed at the July Imperial Estates meeting and presented to the populace, by me, at the August event. I am putting this out again, with additions, so that there will be no excuse for any member not knowing or following the rules. All members are also encouraged to read the Bylaws and Combat manual, as you are responsible for the contents therein.

1. In order to participate in our Group, you must sign the participation waiver. There are no exceptions. If you do not sign the waiver, you cannot participate in any Adrian sponsored event, period.
2. If your membership has lapsed greater than 30 days, you start back at the beginning... of everything, IE, if you were fighting Knight's Ren and let your membership lapse, you must start back at Shinai, as if you were a new member. In order to obtain your previous rank, you must petition the Imperials and the Imperials only. Only they can reinstate you. Part of reinstatement is submitting monies for time missed, IE, if you were gone for two years, you must pay for the two years missed.
3. The Minister of Rolls is not required to maintain or hold the files and records of expired or non-members. Therefore, by allowing your membership to lapse you take a chance, that although you may regain your Knightly rank, you may lose all participations and wins received while you were a member, especially if you were gone for a long time. If you return from a lapse and petition the Imperials for a reinstatement, you will have to accept what is in your file, points wise, if the file is located.
4. If the Minister of Joust & War, the Deputy Minister of Joust & War, or one of his Crown Marshals, is not familiar with or cannot verify with the Minister of Rolls, the current status of a combatant, IE, sergeants or knights list, the combatant will either fight on the sergeants list or not fight at all. Combatants will not be elevated to a higher level on the word of others.

Yours In Service,

Elricus Rex Eboraci