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**An Act relating to the Codification of His Imperial
Majesty's Privy Council**

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BE IT ENACTED, by the Office of the Prime Minister of the New Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions, with the advice and consent of the Imperial Parliament thereof, as follows:

The Privy Council in the Constitution

1. “Whereas the New Sarovian Empire holds and maintains the privileges of numerous fiefdoms and hereditary and non-hereditary nobility positions, all official noble titles recorded in the ledger will assemble to create the Assembly of Peers, which then in place allow the Crown to assemble the Privy Council of the Crown, a council of selected nobles, division leaders and members of the Stefanic clergy.

This Privy Council may assemble the 1st of every Month, to discuss the state of the Realm, to discuss the inevitabilities of problematic issues within their jurisdiction, such as private property, economic status, social and cultural movement, and more domestic policy.

This Privy Council is assembled as an advisory board, and does not have the ability to produce legislation, propose bills, or force the Crown to deliver Imperial Edicts. The Privy Council is guided by the Privy Council Charter.”

The Constitution cements the creation of His Imperial Majesty’s Privy Council as well as safeguards its ability to amend its Charter, procedure and elements. The Constitution likewise safeguards and establishes the ability of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor to control all aspects of the Council, from the appointments of Privy Counsellors, to the procedure of the Council, the topics it discusses, and more.

Eligibility of Privy Council Membership

2. All members in the New Sarovian Empire are eligible to be granted entry to HIM Privy Council. This includes the lowest ranks and civilians, members of Parliament and more. However, it is custom that HIM the Emperor appoint members of the Peerage, trusted advisors, and more to the Council. Upon appointment to HIM Privy Council, all Privy Counsellors must swear the Oath of the Privy Council:

I, [name], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I shall be a true and faithful servant to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Constantine IX (or specify simply to The Crown) as a member of His Imperial Majesty's Privy Council. I will in all things to be treated, debated and

resolved in the Privy Council, faithfully, honestly and truly declare my mind and my opinion. I shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed to me in this capacity, or that shall be secretly treated in Council. Generally, in all things I shall do as a faithful and true servant ought to do for His Imperial Majesty.

HIM the Emperor will appoint a Lord President of the Privy Council to guide the motions of the Council.

The Organisation of the Privy Council

3. The Privy Council shall consist of three committees with varying roles, purposes and makeups. These three committees shall be known as His Imperial Majesty's Advisory Committee, His Imperial Majesty's Executive Committee and His Imperial Majesty's Household Committee.

The Advisory Committee is the most senior committee of the Privy Council and shall consist of the most esteemed advisors of the Crown. Counsellors are most often inducted due to their secondary civil positions in His Imperial Majesty's realms, such as Governor-Generals, Prime Ministers, senior military and ecclesiastical positions and more. The purpose, hence the name, is to advise the monarch on all necessary policy updates. During monthly meetings of the Advisory Committee, all Counsellors are required to prepare a report of a minimum of one page detailing their concerns, recommendations and advice.

The Executive Committee is the second committee of the Privy Council and is informally known as the Cabinet. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Prime Minister of the New Sarovian Empire, who takes the role of President of the Executive Committee (though is never called this in any official documentation.) The Executive Committee prepares policy changes through their powers as Ministers of the Imperial Government, of which the monarch agrees or disagrees with.

The most junior committee is the Household Committee, which is in charge of all forms of ceremony, pomp, circumstance and etiquette. It is in charge of all the traditions that make the New Sarovian Empire special, along with the rigid social structure and classes.

In charge of the entire Privy Council is the Lord President of the Privy Council, who directly oversees both the Advisory and Household Committee (unless delegated to another in an Acting status), and informally oversees the Executive Committee. The Lord President, henceforth referred to as simply President, is signified by a large white rod of office. The Lord President of the Privy Council is directly appointed by His Imperial Majesty to serve at His pleasure.

Meeting Grounds of the Privy Council

4. The Council is much akin to an itinerant court, allowing the Council to move freely from place to place, residence to residence, to debate, resolve and discuss matters of state. HIM the Emperor however declares that the following residences be ranked in precedence.

- a) Leda Palace, public palace of HIM the Emperor,
- b) Oxenstierna Palace, private residence of HIH the Prince of Kiev
- c) Stenhammer Palace, private residence of HIM the Emperor.
- d) Rosendal Palace, private residence of HIM the Emperor.

Perks of Privy Council Membership

5. All members of HIM Privy Council are eligible for the following perks and benefits to be awarded to them:

- a) The right to the post nominals *PC*,
- b) The style *The Right Honourable* for the remainder of their time in Sarovia,
- c) Each Privy Counsellor has the right of personal access to the Crown. Peers were considered to enjoy this right individually; members of the House of Commons possess the right collectively. In each case, personal access may only be used to tender advice on public affairs.

Procedure of the Privy Council

6. The Privy Council is assembled by either HIM the Emperor or the President of the Privy Council on the 1st of every month. Meetings may happen more regularly (should they occur, it shall be on the 8th, 18th and 28th of the month). All members of the Privy Council shall enter the chamber and *sit*. Once a quorum is reached (3 members), HIM the Emperor will enter, and all members of the Council shall stand behind their seat. The Counsellors will bow until the Emperor sits, and address him in the proper style.

The President shall read out a list of the orders of the day, and this reading out shall take no longer than 5 minutes. The goal of the President is to ensure the meeting of the Privy Council takes no longer than 30 minutes and the President may *not* introduce his own topics. Once the President is done, HIM the Emperor will simply say "Proceed." The first speaker will speak, with the Emperor granting or denying approval, and then the next speaker will speak, so on and so forth until all have spoken. Once all have spoken, the President will ask the Emperor if all situations are resolved satisfactorily. If his answer is yes, the Privy Council is adjourned and the Counsellors bow as HIM the Emperor leaves. If the answer is no, the meeting will enter a debate period, chaired by the President.

Customs of the Privy Council

7. The following are the customs, conventions and traditions of HIM Privy Council for future reference, and all are expected to be followed:

- a) All Privy Counsellors are expected to stand and not sit when HIM the Emperor is in the room.
- b) All Privy Counsellors are expected to bow to HIM the Emperor when he enters the Chamber.
- c) All Privy Counsellors will go clockwise from the Crown and spend no more than 3 minutes outlining their issues and/or report. A physical copy may be made and handed to HIM the Emperor consisting no more than three pages.
- d) All Privy Counsellors are expected to wear a full white tie outfit to the meeting, complete with tophats and all, or their Privy Council Civil uniform.
- e) HIM the Emperor, if given a request by a member of HIM Privy Council, will simply say “Approved” or “Denied”. He may offer a more elaborate response should he need to, though an approval or denial is necessary to proceed.