

Empire of Adammia Office of the Emperor

<u>Decree IV</u> Territory, Provinces and Colonies

This Imperial Decree hereby sets out the laws regarding territory management and organisation within the Empire.

The Empire of Adammia's territory is all the land that it owns. New territory must be first transferred to the Empire by a Treaty of Annexation, to be signed by the Emperor, the previous owner of the land, and the allocated noble. Any piece of land has a governor, known as a noble or landed noble. The title of the noble is determined by the status of the land, to be outlined below.

The highest level of land organisation in the Empire is country. Adammia is currently the only country in the Empire, and its borders are defined as any area that the Emperor can reach with minimal difficulty, or an area where the residents are personally known (in real life, not over the Internet), within the United Kingdom. The noble ruling over Adammia, the country, is automatically the Emperor.

The country is then divided into Regions, of which there are two – West Adammia and East Adammia. The noble ruling over a region has the title of Archduke. The Archduke of West Adammia is the Emperor, and the Archduke of East Adammia is the head of the Hall household, currently Sir Reginald Hall.

Regions are further divided into provinces. West Adammia is comprised of Maternia and the Adammic Home Province, and East Adammia is comprised of Sapientia and Tytannia. The noble ruling over a province has the title of Duke. The Duke of Maternia is Prince Jake, the Duke of the Adammic Home Province is Emperor Father Kevin, the Duke of Tytannia is Crown Prince Daniel, and the Duchess of Sapientia is Winifred Hall. A province can be unofficially referred to as a country.

Any land claimed outside the limits of the country of Adammia is classified as a Colony. The ruler of a colony is by default the founder of that colony and his or hers line of succession, and may choose any title they wish barring one that implies complete sovereignty (e.g. Emperor, or President).

A province is subject to any Decree made by the Emperor or his appointed governors. However, a colony is self-governing and may make its own laws as long as they respect the Supreme Directive. Their leaders, however, are required to report to the Emperor on affairs periodically.

A resident of any land claimed by the Empire who acknowledges the right to the Empire over the land (or their parent/guardian's acknowledgement if they are under age) should be made a citizen of the Empire, and have all rights that go with that status.

Signed,
HIM Emperor Adam I
Imperator Adammiae I
6th May 2013, XXIII day of his reign