

## **Thirty Three Years, the Grand Revision**

"Members of the Galactic Senate, esteemed members of the High Council, government leaders, and to all my fellow citizens of the Imperial Republic:

I have called you to this assembly through the mouthpiece of the government, our esteemed Supreme Chancellor, an incredible leader and servant of the people, and loyal friend, to address you on a matter of galactic importance. That which I am about to address you concerns the stability of this government, and of the galaxy. Thirty-two years ago I made a similar address, as the Chancellor of the United Factions of Peace and Order, at the inauguration of the New Order and the foundation of the Imperial Republic. I was *elected* to my position by the Supreme Council of the United Factions. I have since done my best to serve you and protect your freedoms, and to maintain order in the galaxy. I know there are many who question my motives, who question my actions, and who question my very authority. I am an imperfect man, and this is an imperfect government run by imperfect people, who strive to do their best. I acknowledge that there are among us, those who have sworn to serve the people and protect their rights, who, are only interested in personal gain and power, and have not or who are not faithfully serving their people or supporting the New Order in its strive for order and stability in the galaxy. I am directing the Ministry of State, COMPNOR, and the Ministry of Defense to respectively seek out those individuals within their lines of jurisdiction and remove them (using authorized and approved means) from high office and restore them to private citizenship where they can do no more harm in government office and fail their people no longer.

We have learned from sad experiences over these past three decades, that our Charter, the very principles that we were founded on, is insufficient in many areas, has many loopholes, and, quite frankly, is outdated. It is a document of our childhood. Now in our thirty-third year, though still young, we have survived and maintained our government with some difficulty. The time has come for us as a people, and as a government and institution to mature, and for that same foundation to be strengthened and improved.

Over the past year, Executor Treyson, myself, Chancellor Quick, Admiral OVERMIND, and others have met in private to discuss how we could make a great contribution to this government by means of improving it. We discussed in great detail what possible changes this government needed to grow, to maintain peace, and to survive the storms ahead. We wanted to further protect the rights of the individual, to establish more checks and balances, and to enforce more accountability of this government's leaders to its people, whom we all have taken an oath to serve and protect. Executor Treyson and I have spent countless hours, entire days and weeks at a time working diligently to compile all of these ideas into one solid piece of legislation. We soon came to realize, however, that it would need to be a piece of legislation so strong that even I myself must be bound to it, unlike our present charter, which binds everyone save the Throne itself. I have conceded powers over my own position, returning my accountability to the same Supreme Council, which will soon be known as the Supreme Electorate, that elected me to this position. The present charter allows me to alter it by simple majority vote of the Royal Family and High Council combined, and does not even bind me to its contents. Think of how easy it would be for us to destroy all that this government was founded on, and all the rights you hold dear, or dream of holding. Let us not forget our history, when times of corruption and instability caused this great assembly to be dissolved, becoming a true Empire rather than a Republic of any kind. Yes, we are a cross between an Empire and a Republic, but we have seen the results of leaning too strongly in either direction, both of which have led without exception to complete and total collapse and ultimate failure, all of which led to galactic instability.

The time has come, for the charter itself to be revised, not replaced outright, but to undergo a Grand Revision, in which the rights of the people are restored, increased, and enforced.

The time is now in which whomever stands in my position, now or in the future, will know that they are accountable to their people, and that should occasion arise that they fail to do so, they will be accountable, as will every member of the Throne, to stand trial and face consequences including removal of power. The time has come to strengthen our very foundation, upon the principles of which that foundation was established, to allow us to weather out the storms of the future, and from following in the footsteps of our predecessors and generations before us.

The results of the Throne's labors, especially Executor Treyson and myself, is just that, it is the Grand Revision of the Imperial Republic Charter. By authority of the present charter, only a majority vote in the High Council and Royal Family, and Senate, *if active*, is required for it to be altered. This new document by my special command will not only require what is presently required by law, but in itself sets new high standards of requirement for alteration, amendment, or revision. I submit the Grand Revision of the Imperial Republic Charter, to the entire Galactic Senate, the Imperial Republic High Council, the Royal Family, the Royal Imperial Throne, the Supreme Electorate, and ultimately to the people of the Imperial Republic, for ratification, approval, endorsement, and for Supreme Election. By doing so, this document will replace its predecessor, and restore the rights of the people, and return the power of the local governments to their own populace, respecting the customs and cultures of the individuals, and promoting peace, order, and stability throughout the galaxy. We the Royal Imperial Throne, ask for your support in voting in the affirmative for this Grand Revision. We cannot do it without you, and we will not do it without you. We invite foreign states and civilizations who are not members of the Imperial Republic to submit their applications of admittance and join us in membership, and in celebrating our rights, freedom, and stability."

High Prince James T. Stratus II  
Supreme Ruler of the Imperial Republic