

His Majesty's Charter Celebration Speech

1. Story of the Foundation

It was a time of darkness, a time of chaos, a time of uncertainty. There were those who fought for order, there were those who fought for peace, and there were those who fought for both. The Galactic Alliance had fallen, and war plagued every system, as despots, tyrants, opportunists, nobles, reformers and revolutionists alike all raced against each other in the quest for power. Eventually factions emerged, many collapsing almost immediately, others merging together to form larger factions, and eventually the United Factions for Order and Peace was formed, a coalition of factions establishing peace treaties and trade agreements between each other, regulated by a Supreme Council of Faction Leaders and Representatives. The time came for reform, a better government, and the members of the Supreme Council recognized that, though agreement and conformity were yet to be found. After almost a year of much debate, several key faction leaders and other key council members formed together and proposed the creation of a New Order. At first many were against it, until eventually everyone agreed that the New Order would be the best course of action to pursue. The council voted, and the United Factions for Order and Peace were dissolved and merged into a New Order, the Galactic Government of the Imperial Republic. In one unanimous action, the Supreme Council declared:

2. Reading of the Declaration of Sovereignty

We, the members of the Supreme Council of the United Factions for Order and Peace, certify our decision as leaders of the factions, to merge the factions resulting in the creation of a New Order, a new Galactic Government, and do adopt this charter as the legal code and legislation to which our government will operate and to which we and our factions bind ourselves herewith. We acknowledge High Prince James T. Stratus II of Kuat, as the Supreme Ruler of this new government, the Imperial Republic, and pledge our allegiance and that of our factions to him, the House Stratus, and to the government of the Imperial Republic. We acknowledge the dissolution of our factions and the merger of all of them into the new galactic government and His Majesty's New Order. We solemnly decree our loyalty and certify this document in front of the Supreme Council of the United Factions for Order and Peace in front of many witnesses.

(Signed, the members of the Supreme Council of the United Factions for Peace and Order)

This declaration made by the founders of the Imperial Republic began the journey to a new order in the galaxy.

3. Reflection on recent history

I stepped down from the seat of the Throne to travel to the very edge of our galaxy in answer to a call from the *Force*. We saw the results of having the wrong person upon the Imperial Republic Throne for a short period of time. The Senate was dissolved, the High Council deactivated, and a sole dictator controlled everything sending the government and economy to shambles. If I had not returned, it is indeed possible that a civil war could have erupted.

4. The First Charter

This experience was a test of our government system and laws. In this we had failed. The First Charter was designed for a brand new government, giving much power to a single person or

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group. This was done on purpose. In the beginning, in order for there to be order and stability in a time of uncertainty, such power is necessary. The government had to evolve, we had to see what worked and what didn't work, and build a solid foundation by which we could allow the government to evolve more and more to shared government between the civilian and sovereign. Upon my return to the seat of power, it had become apparent that the time for a new regimen of laws and shared powers as well as checks and balances had come.

5. The Grand Revision Process

Thus I invoked the powers of the initial charter authorizing me to revise it. To preserve and protect the sovereign power of the Imperial Republic while allowing for shared powers and protection of the people, I gathered together a small portion of the remaining founders as well as current prominent leaders of excellence. Over the period of many months, many full-length days and long nights our team drafted, redrafted, revised, reviewed under critical eye, compiled, and eventually completed a Grand Revision of the Charter.

6. The Final Product & significance

We then presented this product to the entire High Council and Royal Family of the Imperial Republic. The document was then sent before the full body of the Imperial Republic Senate for its approval. We ensured that passage of the document not only met the requirements set forth in the previous charter, but that it followed the new requirements set forth in the Grand Revision itself. This document not only represents the efforts put into its composition, but more importantly represents the laying down of power, the increase of checks and balances of the Throne, protection of the powers of the Senate and the citizens of the galaxy. We also were able to establish new "treaties" with other sovereign governments who have chosen to operate under this new Charter.

7. Special Recognitions

I don't know where we would be today if it hadn't been for the efforts of our Supreme Chancellor, the Grand Duke Joesebus Alastar Quick of Corellia, who forged the very first alliance of the United Factions for Peace and Order and under his leadership helped to form the Imperial Republic. We are also grateful for his contributions to the Grand Revision of the Charter. I am pleased to present him with the Imperial Republic Cross at this time.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of now Lord Admiral Khyron Overton, whose military leadership has been crucial to many victorious outcomes in times of crisis. I would also like to recognize Grand Marshall Dene Vye Cognatus, Colonel Jared Quinn, and Grand Admiral Locke Firecam for their continuous efforts in ensuring the continuance of prosperity and security of this great government and people. I award each of them a Letter of Commendation and the Imperial Republic Bronze Star.

We cannot forget those who go behind the scenes and keep the government running on a daily basis. For their services and achievements of excellence I award the following:

To General Kaidlen Shan, induction into the Order of the Emperor's Seal, the Imperial Republic

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Gold Star. I also now confer upon her the titles Duchess of Coruscant, and Praetor. She is thereby granted all the power and authority of a Praetor.

To Lady Diandra Devin the Government Cross, the Imperial Republic Bravery Medal, and a Letter of Commendation.

Finally, I am pleased and honored to recognize someone who played a significant role in holding the Imperial Republic Government together during a reign of disaster, who has continuously put out fires and rebuilt and continues to rebuild that which the fires of tragedy have destroyed. Executor Tavria S. Treyson, Duchess of Maires, has been my right hand since my return to power. It is therefore my pleasure to induct her into the Order of the Emperor's Seal. She is a leader of innovation, excellence, and efficiency. This Executor does not sit around and wait for things to fall apart before she fixes them. Executor Treyson finds areas that need or will need (by anticipating their needs) improvement and change for times to come. She carefully plans each model for change, and sticks around to ensure the changes have worked before moving on to the next project. I hereby award the Executor the Commissioner of Betterment Award. Somehow this woman has also managed to handle many of these government reformation projects at a time, and I am constantly amazed at her resilience and energy. Executor Treyson and I spent many hours together working on the Grand Revision, and she contributed more than any other person or entity in the entire Imperial Republic. The Executor is hereby awarded the Imperial Republic Achievement Award. For her recent accomplishments with the reformations of the COMPNOR, I award her the COMPNOR Cross.

8. Vision of the Future (Prophecy)

It is important that we celebrate our accomplishments and successes. However, we must remember that we are not invincible against any enemy or potential tragedy. We must not let our guard down. We must not bask in the light of false security. We are in the recovery process of an economic crisis. We have much to do to ensure the future stability and safety of this great galactic state. *The High Prince suddenly radiated like unto flames emanating from the edges of his body and his eyeballs rolled back into a non-human state. In a voice dark and unhuman, he declared* *War is upon us. An enemy darker than we have beheld.* *His eyeballs rolled back into place and he resumed human normalcy, or as much as could be expected from the Supreme Ruler and Grand Master of the Shadow Jedi Order.*

9. Casual Conclusion (to be followed by Grand Finale)

Let us now take a moment away from the perils of darkness, and enjoy the rest of the evening in song, dance, spirits, and entertainment. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to making this evening possible, and to all those who are in attendance tonight. *May the Force be with you.*