

# Lords of the Earth

## CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

### Turn 85

1410 ~ 1413 Anno Domini

813 ~ 816 in the year of the Hegira

4047 (Fire Dog) - 4050 (Earth Ox)

### New for T73

[Noble House rules](#) have been added – please take a look at these here.

New [Spreadsheet](#) for the Renaissance has been created – this can be found here and must be used from now on.

Some tinkering with the [Religious Order rules](#).

I'm going back to standard movement rules – sigh – as it is just taking too much time to rewrite these. Please continue to give your orders in year chunks though – The newly created [spreadsheet](#) should help with this

### New for T59

**Paths to victory:** There are several options open to a player when an NPN has been defeated

1. Take the victory conditions (see NPN rules) available for NPNs and allow the NPN to go its own way. This is a useful option if you do not want to increase your imperial size or bother with the NPNs internal affairs.

2. Keep it as either Pacified or Pacified Tributary. You will not get victory conditions but will get income from the NPNs Homeland/Friendly regions and cities. Also, as the years from conquest marker goes up it may turn Friendly or Tributary. Using this option treats the NPN as a super-region.
3. Old school, you will have to take the regions you want and conquer each in turn. If the capital is taken then some of the NPNs ratings will be added to yours if higher. The NPN will cease to exist.

**Dealing with hordes:** Hordes can be dealt with a number of ways rather than just an outright battle. These are

1. Threaten them. Hordes respond to a show of strength and may leave you alone if confronted with enough force.
2. Bribe them. They are looking for gold and lands to settle or pillage so if you offer them it on a plate they may well go away. They may also just take it and attack anyway.
3. Use diplomacy. It does work and I suggest chucking in a royal princess or two.

You can also use a combination of the above. If the horde becomes a FA or A, you can direct its attacks or its path of migration.

## New for T57

**Non-player rules update:** I've updated the NPN rules to fit better with the Lord's system. Please check them out.

## New for T53

**Restrictions on Royal Marriages:** Due to the complications arising from these rules only K, H or P leaders can benefit from a Royal Marriage. Members of the Royal Family that have not come into play are not considered eligible. Also, Primate, Order and Secret Empire positions are not eligible for marriage bonuses. These are meant to be diplomatic arrangements between sovereign states.

## New for T52

**East – West Split:** I'm going to try to split the East and the West parts of the game so that I can process the orders quicker – don't know if or how it will work yet but lets see if it'll happen

## New for T51

**No Orders:** If I don't get any orders in for a position and the player doesn't answer my emails then I'll put the position back to a NPN and put aside the players cash (if any) until they pick it or another nation up again.

## New for T50

**Request Royal Marriage:** Used to ask a NPN nation for a bride for one of your Princes or a suitor for one of your little Princesses. Cost is 6AP, Charisma based. The leader doesn't have to be in the NPNs capital but if he isn't then he needs to be in your homeland/capital.

## New for T49

**Naval Reaction and Blockade:** Naval Reactions can only occur when there is action in a Sea Zone that the fleet is based at. The fleet has to be based from a port and not the Sea Zone. Also, the Reaction can only occur when your own lands or those of an ally benefiting from a Defensive Pact marriage bonus are attacked. It also applies to any merchant fleets you operate through the Sea Zone in the case of piracy. Naval Blockade's only work if your fleet is based in the same Sea Zone as the target port and you spend all (every single one) of your APs in the blockade. The fleet must be based from a port and not a Sea Zone.

## New for T48

**The use of fleets for Reaction and mitigating the effects of Pirates:** My understanding has now changed since we GMs have had some discussion on the list. The use of Reaction has been explained on the Wiki and Patrol is no longer used in the Base Rules.

### Reaction

- Take a look at this link for more info  
[http://www.throneworld.com/wiki/index.php?title=Basic\\_Rules\\_Leaders\\_and\\_Army\\_Actions#Reaction](http://www.throneworld.com/wiki/index.php?title=Basic_Rules_Leaders_and_Army_Actions#Reaction)

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### Trade Route Escorts

- This is specific to Lords 24. Units can be assigned to a trade route to act as static convoy escort using the G type leader. Note this is not as good as patrol as the warships assigned will only reduce the effects of piracy, not capture or destroy the pirates themselves.

**Updated NPN and Primacy rules:** Yep, been tinkering again but I feel a almost serene sense of satisfaction with my latest offering. See what you think.

**Added the ability to hire mercenary captain when there is no mercenary company available:** See the mercenary tables

## **New for T47**

**Improved cultivation at TL5:** If a nation has reached the dizzy heights of TL5 than it can benefit from improved cultivation. You can Improve a cultivated homeland region from 2GPv to 3GPv, or any other controlled cultivated region from 1GPv to 2GPv. This is a level one megalithic construction.

## **New for T46**

**NPNS:** I've tweaked the NPN and Primacy/Order rules a little to make them fit better with the 24 game. I've also reduced their overall RRV to make diplomacy easier.

## **New for T45**

**New Rivers:** I've added in some new possible rivers onto the map. These are rivers that were once passable by light traffic (remember Cogs cannot travel on rivers) and have now become silted up. You can dredge a stretch of the river (along one region border edge) as a 0.5 level project.

### **Gripes:**

Agro as conversion – this has restrictions (see 2.11.5.3) which I will be enforcing from now on.

Rivers can only support light ships – as far as I know Cogs cannot travel on rivers. This also includes Cogs built for trade.

**New Primates:** We have two new Primate positions this turn. Jumal Skyfather, which is an Estonian god and the Coptic Church based out of Axum.

## **New for T44**

**Minor islands and City States:** I'll be allowing minor islands (Corfu, Jerba, Wight etc) and city states to be used as locations from T44. Just let me know the rationale behind why you want it separate and if reasonable I'll add it in. Once they are created as locations, they obey all the rules of islands etc. However, their Gpv cannot go above 0.

**Flooding:** The last few turns have seen a massive increase in the amount of flooding that has occurred. It appears that the years are getting warmer and wetter. As a result of this some of the minor rivers on the map are once again becoming passable to river traffic.

**Denmark:** Following on from the Minor Islands stuff, you can see that Denmark is now separated out to Jutland and Syaland (Zeeland).

## Announcements and items of note

**General Stuff:** Please use my Paypal account ([stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk)) for all Lords' 24 payments. If you cannot use this facility then please let me know and I will see what I can do about filtering US funds to my account. I may also stop using the throneworld email address due to the mass of spam I'm getting!

**Order Form:** Please use the [standard excel order form](#) from now on. I'll update the site with a link to it next week when I get some time. This is important as it helps me process the turn more quickly. THIS IS NOW MANDATORY.

**Non-Payment:** some of you still owe me some cash. Although it may come as surprise that this is not my main source of income, I see it only polite that you pay for the occasionally night out. So, if you're under zero next turn I'll not process you orders.

**Version 6:** Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

**The Map:** The map now includes India as well as Europe, Central Asia and Africa. I've greyed out repeated areas on the maps to make my life easier. However, this means some player nations are split across more than one map. I may increase the size of the main map but I'll have to think on this.

**Tithes and Tribute:** I think these are automatically updated by the stats program, so no need to declare them in your orders.

**Control of the Papacy and Religious Orders:** In Lords 24 we will not always have a player Pope (or Caliph etc for that matter) and the following rules are used to determine which player faction controls the Pope's actions, Papacy Rules. I've also added some stuff about gaining support from their armies

### How to make your GM happy (PLEASE READ! REALLY!):

Please send any and all Lords24 correspondence to [stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk) .

### LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at:  
<http://lords.throneworld.com/lote24/index.html>

All of the on-line resources, including order forms, mailing lists and web-sites for Lords of the Earth are summarized on this page:  
[http://lords.throneworld.com/?page\\_id=2](http://lords.throneworld.com/?page_id=2)

You can subscribe to the Lords 24 mailing list by pointing your web-browser at:  
<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/lote24>

...and following the instructions on that page.

### **VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES**

At the moment the turns cost \$5 – please pay up if you owe

We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

# Africa and Moslem Spain



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## The Akramid Caliphate

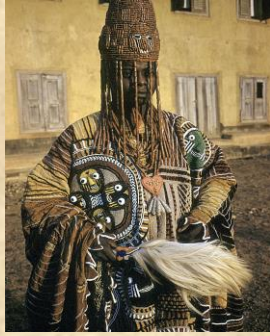
(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)  
*Tiroman V, Caliph of the Akramids*



Taking a wife from amongst the House of Andalusia, Tiroman V continued to rule his Caliphate. The ageing Akramid fleet was refitted with new Caravels and the old triremes, dhows and warships broken from parts and scrap. Cordoba was to outgrow its massive walls as the Akramid population continued to grow; the stone from the walls being used to build more houses. Tiroman was also to receive his son, also called Tiroman, at the Akramid court. The young Prince was renowned for his martial skills and courtly charm, although his tutors feared he had little taste for the world of grand diplomacy. His work in Salamanca complete, Tomas travelled to Santiago with Hisham to gain the full support of the city. Mikhail was to be appointed the new fleet admiral and took command of the newly commissioned caravels at Seville. Fever was to strike down first Marinon and then Tarkhan as they continued their work in Zirid. Once again missionaries were dispatched to Liguria and Tuscany to continue the conversion of the Infidels. The Pope prevented any further converts in Tuscany but in Liguria the growing numbers of Christian converts were returned to Allah.

## Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)  
*Bamadi, Oni of Ibo*



Dispatching Prince Bunta and Kin'Wala to Nupe, King Bamadi was content to rule over the Onium from Ibo. His attempts to find more information on the Ogboni were thwarted as several of his investigators either turned up dead or simply disappeared. This did not stop Bamadi ordering another purge of the peasants sheltering the criminals though. In Nupe, Bunta was able to secure a new bride for the king as well as a solid alliance with the province and the House of Nupe. The northern borders were protected by the able general K'Tunta from his base in the Sudan. These years also saw the cities of Akwanga, Jumagi, Bekwai, Akan, Gourouol and Zaria grow in size. King Bamadi's new bride was able to provide him with a young heir soon after her arrival at the Ibo court.

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# Arabia and the Middle East



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## The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)  
*Naj Muhammad, Sultan of the Buwayids*



Naj Muhammad declared that Prince Lamman will become his heir and that Prince Alseem would join him at the Buwayid court. The young Prince Lamman was married to a young girl from the ancient House of Zaid as Muhammad started to heal the rift caused by his annexation of their lands. As in previous years, the cities of the sultanate were once again to grow in size with Baghdad reaching its old city limits from before the Plague. The Sultan began to ail during the latter part of 1413 but was still a strong presence at court. He girted Mohammad Abin Sol the city of El Aqabah as his demesne as well as gifting Faras to Kafar Jassan. Yamain Sa Iban once again tried to improve on the Cilician alliance but was again unsuccessful. To protect the western borders, General Omar Sin Abul was dispatched to take command of the garrison in Syria.

## The Glorious Khwarzīm

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)  
*Quteb, Khan of Khwarzīm*

Extremely conscious that he had no heir, Quteb declared that the charismatic Abdul was to marry his daughter Yadosa once she reached womanhood. The now Prince Abdul travelled back from the west to assist Quteb at the Khwarzimi court. Leaving Sadu to attempt to improve relations with the Cuman, General Abdulla escorted Prince Abdul back to Khwarzim before augmenting his force with the garrison of the province. He then led an attack on the Kul'Sary in the deserts to the north. Although Abdulla outnumbered the Kul'Sary horsemen he was unable to make inroads into the province as the desert warriors cut into his infantry. Abdulla was forced back to Khazakh with losses numbering over four thousand men. The lands of Arbiliq and Saksiny were put under the plough and the wilderness pushed back

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# Western Europe



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## Norman Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Phillippe, King of France*



Phillippe continued to rule from Paris but was now assisted by his uncle the Regent Louis. Sadly, his wife Eleanor of Burgundy was unable to provide the young king with an heir during these years as two young sons were stillbirths. Thibault took the short journey to the city of Burgone in Burgundy but was unable to improve on the long standing alliance already in place with the city. The south of the kingdom was once again protected by Enguerrand as he patrolled from Aquitaine with the French army. Some of France's large treasury was spent on improving the Burgundian lands and the independently minded city of Burgone. Despite their best efforts, French missionaries to Liguria were still to make little progress in converting the Moslem majority there.

## The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Sigismund, King of the Germans*



Sigismund founded the cities of Zurich in Switzerland and Achensee in the Tyrol. The royal highway was completed to connect the new cities to Bavaria and onto Hanover. Before finally bringing Cannes fully into the kingdom, Heinrich oversaw the commissioning of eighty warships in the city's docks. Karlmann travelled to Lyonnais where he was able to gain full tribute from the province. Sigismund dispatched Frederick to pacify the independent province of Holstein. The general took

command of weight thousand men out of Hanover and moved to quell any opposition in the province. The Holsteiners proved a stubborn enemy but outnumbering them four to one meant that they were gradually being worn down. It was the sudden death of Frederick during a skirmish outside of Kiel that saw some relief for the defenders as the German's were forced to pull back to Saxony. Albert was to have little luck in his attack on Lausatia with his three thousand foot when he was captured by Lausatian irregulars and held prisoner. His men, now leaderless, retreated to Saxony.

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# Scandia and the Out Isles



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## Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

*Linnea I, Queen of Orkney and the Isles*



Great fortresses were built in the Hebrides and to control entrance to the Skaggerak at Agder. Queen Linnea continued to send gold east to Kiev and to support Le Marteau Order. She also busied herself were the kingdom's mercantile affairs before ruling from Kirkval. She was blessed with three young children during these years with her husband, Prince Ewan of Caithness. The prince remained with the Queen throughout these years and occupied himself with recruiting mercenary cavalry for the army. The bastard prince Latrell was sent to the Order to become a Brother; his life now turned full circle as he joins the Order of his father. Calder returned from the Faeroes and travelled south to Amsterdam where he assisted Ovar in gaining a claim on the city. Both lords returned to the Orkney court in late 1413. Wotan took a small escort from the Faroos to Caithness where he persuaded the redoubtable Fergus to provide gold to the Orkney treasury. Before his death in 1412, Brother Tirancourt travelled with Innu Spirit-Speak to the lands of the Iroquois where the pair were able to convert the tribes to Catholicism. Tirancourt was buried in those far lands before Innu returned to the lands of the Mohawk. To further assist the Order, Queen Linnea ordered that a Preceptory be built in Hordland but missionary work in Musa came to nothing as the Jumali's continued to resist conversion. Before his death in 1410, Skagga was to bring home the army in Norway as with the death of the perfidious Sanfrida the fear of a Svear attack abated.

## La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Constantin, Hammer of God*



With their reach now stretching to the new lands to the west, the Order built a fortress on the Naskapi coast called Avant-poste de Dieu. Grandmaster Constantin accepted Prince Latrell back into the Order after being adopted by the Orkney Queen. Relations were to resume with the Svear after Sanfrida's death and trade re-established with the northern kingdom. Brother Tanguy was to improve the Order's knowledge of the southern seas as he successfully mapped the route through the Sea of Portugal before returning to Brest. Once the Naskapi fortress was completed, Brother Brian and Brother Henri returned home to Kirkval. Some progress was made in converting the Jumali's in Viipuri and Houses for the Order were raised in Alsace and Gdansk as the Order also spread to the east.

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# Eastern Europe



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## The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

*Peter, King of the Rus*



Before his death in 1410, King Fedor had ordered that rutters to known to the Varangians be sent to both Constantinople and Kirkval. With Peter become king at such a young age he was pleased to enlist the aid of his younger brother Prince Ragnar to support him in the affairs of state. He was also to enlist the aid of his fried the lord of Smolensk. Count Peter was to travel to Pereaslavl with Osberic in order to gain the support of the province that had been independent far too long. One of King Peter's first acts was to ensure the defence of the kingdom by building a series of fortifications throughout his provinces.

## The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

*Michael, Emperor of East Rome*



The Emperor ordered that the Noble House of Byzantium was to receive accurate copies of the rutters for the Black Sea, the Gulf of Cyprus and the Ionian Sea to enable the traders to grow their businesses. Gold was also sent to the Knights of Malta in the understanding that they would vacate the city of Athena and leave it open for Roman occupation. The Emperor further aided the Knights cause by raising a House of the Order in the Kyklades but missionaries in Rhodes made little headway in converting the few remaining Moslems on the island. Several coastal forts were built in Rhodes to deter any Al'Bahri aggression. The Emperor then

remained in Constantinople to oversee affairs of court and to be with his family. Before his death in 1413, Duke Alexius continued to patrol the waters off the coast of Nikopolis. Duke Demetrius was to die in the summer of 1410 before he could achieve much success in Attica. However, the Knights withdrawal from the city of Athena saw the Empire gain their allegiance.

### **The Order of St Vladimir**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Dmitry, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir*



Dmitry was to send copies of the Order's rutters to the Roman's in Constantinople and his Varangian allies. The Grandmaster then travelled to Perograd in Pereaslavl to support his agents in investigating the city for any cultist activity. However, little evidence was found that anything suspicious was underway there. With Ragnar dispatched to Atelzuko to protect the Order's southern possessions, Harald travelled to Constata to aid Sigurd completing the construction of the Order's House in the city.

### **The Knights of Malta**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Stephan, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta*



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### **The Noble House of Byzantium**

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

*Anastasius Makrembolites, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium*



Rutters were received for the Seas around the Mediterranean from Makrembolites sponsors in Constantinople and trade established with the Hungarians to their outpost in Constanta. Makrembolites himself travelled though Thessaly to Morea establishing connections for the trader in both the regions.



