

*To the Grandmaster of the Celestial Arch, Ashborn Trosk.*

*Congratulations on your election, we are eager to see what you will achieve with such power.*

*To cut to the chase: after some consideration the ritual you ask for must be rejected. The cost would simply be too high to be of use to either party, and the Lord of Locks could not submit to any request for exclusivity.*

*However there may be another way for the Empire to understand the politics and inner workings of its enemies - a way for the Keeper of the Weir to facilitate contact with foreign and barbarian traitors.*

*The possibility of help with a college of magic is interesting. Basileus Flint would readily serve as patron to a new college, and though he is not inclined to offer resources for construction, he could arrange an opportunity to build one that would not affect the upkeep of the existing imperial colleges of magic.*

*A delegation from the City of Locks will arrive in the Hall of Worlds at 2:30pm on Saturday to discuss these offers in more detail.*

*Once our business is concluded they will also wish to speak with generals, senators, and anyone else with a say in the Imperial war effort.*

*On behalf of the Sovereign Lord of Locks, Basileus Flint,*

*The Scribes of the Black Weir.*