

East Kingdom Curia
Sunday, 25 January 2015, 10:00 a.m.
at Birka in the Barony of Stonemarche (Manchester, NH)

Agenda

prepared 19 January 2015, 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Curia Opening**
- 2. Old Business**
- 3. New Business** (for all proposed changes, see Agenda Details below)
 - 3.1. Baronial Polling Process (pp 2, 4)
Revisions to VII.C. and VII.G. regarding the polling process timeline, joint baronial seats, and technical revisions.
 - 3.2. Events Outside a Group's Borders (p 7)
Revision to VIII.G. to codify the existing Runnymede Accord.
 - 3.3. Polling Orders (p 10)
Revision to IX.E. reducing the period of a valid polling.
 - 3.4. Kingdom Events (p 6)
Revisions to VIII.A. Regarding bid due dates.
 - 3.5. Award Names (p 7)
Revisions to certain award names in IX.D. to bring them into forms which can be registered, as required by recent Corpora clarifications; also restoration of original intent in the Queen's Award of Esteem (Honour of Distinction).
 - 3.6. Complaint Procedures (p 10)
Revision to X.K. to allow complaints against the Heirs.
 - 3.7. Residency (pp 2, 7)
Revision to VII.A. to provide a process for branches that wish to allow non-residents to hold office in the branch; and related change to VIII.E.
 - 3.8. Thrown Weapons Champions (pp 2, 7)
Additions to V.C. and V.D., and VIII.A. to formalize the standing of the Thrown Weapons Champion(s) and Tourney(s).
- 4. Officer Reports**
- 5. Curia Closure**

EK Law Section III.I. The Agenda for the Curia Regis

1. Any items that The Crown chooses to add to the agenda after the Curia has been called will be added to the agenda under "New Business".
2. If a Curia notice has been sent according to East Kingdom Law, but another Curia needs to be held before the previously announced one, any items of business held over from the earliest Curia will be automatically added to the agenda of the subsequent Curia under "Old Business".

Agenda Details

(Text proposed to be added is underlined; text proposed to be deleted is ~~struck through~~. Only revised sections are listed; all other sections remain unchanged)

V. Court Appointments

C. The King's and Queen's Champions

1. Will consist of:
 - a. The King's and Queen's Champions of Arms, also simply referred to as the King's and Queen's Champions.
 - b. The King's and Queen's Archery Champions.
 - c. The King's and Queen's Fencing Champions.
 - d. The King's and Queen's Equestrian Champions.
 - e. The King's and Queen's Bards.
 - f. The King's and Queen's Arts and Sciences Champions.
 - g. The King's and Queen's Thrown Weapons Champions.

[no change to V.C.2. through V.C.4.]

V. Court Appointments

D. The Queen's Guard

1. Will be composed of fighters, archers, fencers, ~~and equestrians,~~ and throwers who are not Peers. They will be chosen for their skill at arms and exemplary courtesy, one of whom will be selected to serve as Captain of the Guard.

[no change to V.D.2. through V.D.4.]

VII. Branches

A. Residency

If a branch wishes to allow members who reside outside the formally approved boundaries of that branch to hold office for that branch, the branch must establish and ratify procedures to elect and remove officers and to determine rules of eligibility to hold office, and file those with the Kingdom Seneschal. In the event that a non-resident officer is selected, or a branch officer becomes a non-resident during their term, the branch Seneschal, superior Kingdom-level officer, and the Kingdom Seneschal must promptly be notified in writing.

~~No gentle residing outside the formally approved boundaries of a branch may hold Office for that branch.~~

VII. Branches

C. Polling Procedures

The Crown may poll any land group at any given time for any reason they see fit. The Heirs may poll any land group at any given time for any reason they see fit with the permission of The Crown. Polling processes mandated by East Kingdom Law must adhere to the following criteria.

1. A gentle may ~~can~~ participate in the polling who:
 - a. Holds a current Society membership. Any gentle who joins the SCA or cures a lapse in Society membership during a polling process will not be sent a ballot but may obtain one from the Officer administering the poll, if they provide proof of Society

- membership and residence.
- b. Resides within the formally approved boundaries of the branch.
- ~~2. A candidate for any Baronial Seat must:~~
 - ~~a. Be at least eighteen years of age.~~
 - ~~b. Hold a current Society membership throughout the course of the Baronial Seat selection process.~~
 - ~~c. Reside within the formally approved boundaries of the branch.~~
 - ~~d. Not hold any Baronial Office during the course of their candidacy, except at the discretion of The Crown.~~
- 2. Ballots and the Polling Process
 - a. The members of a branch must be polled by ballots mailed via the postal system.
 - i. Ballots must be prepared by the Local Seneschal in accordance with one of the Kingdom ballot templates (available on the Documents page of the Kingdom Seneschal's website), and be approved by the Kingdom Seneschal or his appointed Deputy.
 - ii. Expenses of preparing and mailing the ballots will be borne by the branch. However, a branch may petition the Kingdom Seneschal and the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer to have the costs covered by the Kingdom.
 - iii. Ballots must be mailed to the voting members no less than 30 days but no more than 45 days before the closing date of the polling.
 - iv. A voting member may obtain a ballot from the Local Seneschal if one was not received by mail.
 - b. Ballots must be printed with:
 - i. A statement of the purpose of the polling.
 - ii. The closing date of the polling.
 - iii. Instructions for completing and returning the ballot.
 - iv. The recipient and address to which the completed ballots must be returned.
 - v. A choice of statements allowing the ballot recipient to certify whether or not they are at least fourteen years of age.
 - vi. A list of candidates or choices, including the option to abstain.
 - vii. Spaces for the ballot recipient to fill in their Society membership number and legal name.
 - viii. A space for the ballot recipient's legal signature.
 - c. For ballots to be counted, they must:
 - i. Be returned to the Branch Polling Deputy and received, in a sealed envelope, by the closing date of the polling as printed on the ballot.
 - ii. Be properly completed and signed with the voting member's legal name legibly printed on it.
 - d. At a minimum, ballots will be tallied by the Branch Polling Deputy, a Regional Seneschal, and the Kingdom Seneschal (or designate). Talliers must not reside in the branch conducting the polling or have any other conflict of interest regarding the polling. Returned ballots may only be viewed by the talliers, the Kingdom Seneschal and/or the Kingdom Seneschal's designates, and The Crown.
 - e. At least one-half (50%) of the polled members must respond to the polling for a polling to be considered valid. If a polling fails to be valid by this criterion, the

- disposition of the polling falls to The Crown.
- i. Properly executed ballots from members less than 14 years old shall count to establish the polling validity.
 - ii. Only properly executed ballots from members 14 years old or more shall count toward the preference tally.
 - iii. Any ballot returned by a member which is not properly executed shall be declared invalid and shall not count at all.
- f. The outcome of the polling will be determined by a simple majority of valid returned ballots. If a polling fails to result in such a simple majority, the disposition of the polling falls to The Crown.
 - g. The results of the polling must be reported to The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal within three weeks of the closing date of the polling completion of the process.
 - h. Upon The Crown's receipt of the results of the polling, The Crown has four weeks to announce which of the candidate(s) presented in the poll has been selected as the new Baron/Baroness. Should the four-week period overlap the Coronation of Their Heirs, the current Crown may either make the selection, or defer to the Heirs. If the selection is deferred, the new Crown shall make the selection within four weeks after their Coronation.
 - i. The selection of a Baronial Seat once made shall be binding, regardless of the date of the Baronial Investiture.
 - j. If the Kingdom Seneschal and The Crown agree that a variance from this process is reasonable and will not impact the integrity of the process, one may be granted.
3. Proxies
- a. Proxies are not valid for use in any polling mandated by East Kingdom Law.
 - b. The use of proxies in local voting is discouraged. However, if local policy or custom allows their use, proxies must:
 - i. Be signed and legibly printed with the signatory's legal name.
 - ii. Be dated.
 - iii. Be worded for use for one or several specific issues that will be addressed at a specific date or meeting.
 - iv. Be accompanied by proof of the signatory's Society membership, if local policy or custom requires Society membership for the matter being voted upon.

VII. Branches

G. Baronies

[no change to VII.G.1. through VII.G.5.]

6. Appointment and Investiture of Territorial Barons/Baronesses
 - a. New candidate(s) for Territorial Barons/Baronesses must be selected for presentation to The Crown using the polling procedures as set forth in Section VII.C. When a branch is granted Baronial status, the branch will present a petition to The Crown naming candidate(s) chosen for the Baronial Seat using the polling procedures as set forth in Section VII.C.
 - b. A Barony has the option, at any time, to choose a Baroness/Baron to rule with its current sole Baron/Baroness. The Barony will petition The Crown for the appointment of the chosen candidate as in Section VII.F.6.a.

- i. The new (additional) Baron/Baroness will be selected for presentation to The Crown using the polling procedures as set forth in Section VII.C.
- ii. The new (additional) Baron/Baroness will share the current full or partial term of the currently-seated Baron/Baroness, and the terms will end concurrently.
- iii. The Crown is not required to attend an investiture of an additional Baron/Baroness.
- c. The Crown will work with the incoming Baron/Baroness, the current Territorial Baron/Baroness, and that barony's Seneschal to determine a mutually-convenient time and place for the investiture.
- d. A candidate for any Baronial Seat must:
 - i. Be at least eighteen years of age.
 - ii. Hold a current Society membership throughout the course of the Baronial Seat selection process.
 - iii. Reside within the formally approved boundaries of the branch.
 - iv. Not hold any Baronial Office during the course of their candidacy, except at the discretion of The Crown.

7. Limitation of Baronial Seat Terms

- a. A Territorial Baron/Baroness may sit for a period not to exceed six consecutive years.
 - i. Unless provided otherwise by baronial charter, Territorial Barons and Baronesses will sit for a term of three years (default term), which begins the date of investiture.
 - ii. A second (consecutive) three-year term may be granted if affirmed by a vote of confidence of the baronial officers.
 - iii. A barony may provide, by charter, for term(s) other than three years; however, the sum of such term(s) may not exceed six years.

Upon investiture, the Territorial Baron/Baroness is required to notify the Chronicler of the date the term will expire to be listed in the Regnum of the Pikestaff.

- b. In the final year of the Territorial Baron/Baroness's term, the Barony will commence selection of its heir(s) in accordance with Polling Procedures (Section VII.C.).
- c. The Territorial Baron/Baroness may not succeed themselves after having sat for a maximum of six years. A minimum interval of two years must elapse before the former Baron/Baroness may seek to resume the seat.
- d. Residents of a Barony may at any time submit written comments to The Crown regarding the performance of their Baron/Baroness. Likewise, The Crown may at any time choose to take action against the Baron/Baroness of a Barony, in accordance with the Governing Documents of the Society.
 - i. In order to be considered, letters must be signed and contain contact information for the sender. An electronic signature in the form of /s/ before the sender's legal name will be deemed acceptable.

- ~~e. Unless selection occurs after the date this law goes into effect, the current Territorial Barons/Baronesses who have already been in place for six years will begin the process of selecting successors in the following order:~~

~~Summer Reign, 2014—Concordia~~

~~Winter Reign, 2014—Dragonship Haven~~

~~Winter Reign, 2015—Carillion~~

~~Summer Reign, 2016 Ruantallan, Bridge~~
~~Winter Reign, 2016 Isle du Dragon Dormant~~
~~Summer Reign 2017 Østgardr~~

8. Replacement of Territorial Barons/Baronesses

- ~~a. If a Baron/Baroness wishes to or must relinquish the Baronial Seat and a new candidate must be selected for presentation to The Crown, that candidate will be selected using the polling procedures as set forth in Section VII.C.~~
- a. If a Baronial Seat is to be relinquished voluntarily, the outgoing Baron/Baroness may continue to hold the Baronial Seat until the investiture of their successors.
- b. If a Barony is left without a ruling Baron/Baroness, these procedures must be followed.
- i. The out-going Baron/Baroness will appoint a Vicar as a temporary replacement, after consultation with The Crown. If circumstances so warrant, the Vicar may be appointed by The Crown. The Vicar must reside in the Barony, and under no circumstances may the Vicar be a Baronial Officer.
 - ii. Within six months of the appointment of a Vicar, the voting members of the branch will be polled using the polling procedures as set forth in Section VII.C. to determine the future status of the branch: to remain a Barony, to transfer to a Province, to be lowered to Shire status, or to dissolve the branch. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of The Crown.
 - iii. Should the Barony choose to continue as a Barony, the selection of a new Baron/Baroness must take place within the next eighteen months.

VIII. Events

A. Kingdom Events

[no change to VIII.A.1.]

2. Coronations

- c. The preferred date for Spring Coronation is the first Saturday in April, with the second Saturday in April serving as an alternate date. Written bids must be sent by December ~~15th 1st~~. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by January ~~31st 15th~~.
- d. The preferred date for Fall Coronation is the first Saturday in October, with the last Saturday in September serving as an alternate date. Written bids must be sent by June ~~15th 1st~~. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by July ~~31st 15th~~.

[no change to VIII.A.3.]

4. East Kingdom Twelfth Night will be held on the first or second Saturday after January 1st. Written bids must be sent by ~~August June~~ 1st of the preceding year. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by ~~September July~~ 15th of the preceding year.

[no change to VIII.A.5 or VIII.A.6.]

7. King's and Queen's Fencing Champions Tourney(s) will be held during the months of October – December, if possible. Written bids must be sent by ~~July 15th June 1st~~. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by ~~August 31st July 15th~~.
8. ~~For~~ King's and Queen's Equestrian Champions Tourney(s) will be held during the summer reign. Written bids must be sent by ~~February December~~ 1st of the preceding year. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by ~~March January~~ 15th.
9. King's and Queen's Bardic Champions ~~Bards'~~ Tourney(s) will be held during the months

of February or March, if possible. Written bids must be sent by October 1st. The Crown, elevated at Fall Coronation, must choose from the eligible bids by November 15th.

[no change to VIII.A.10.]

11. King's and Queen's Thrown Weapons Champions Tourney(s) will be held during the months of June or July, if possible. Written bids must be sent by February 1st. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by March 15th.

[former section VIII.A.11. renumbered; no change to content]

VIII. Events

E. Event Supervision

The individual in charge of an event (often called "autocrat"):

1. Must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
2. Must be eligible to be an Officer ~~reside within the boundaries~~ of the group sponsoring the event.
3. Is to be considered an officer of the sponsoring group, for the period of time between the group's acceptance of the event proposal and the completion of the event.

VIII. Events

G. Using an event site outside a group's borders

Groups may not use sites outside of their boundaries except by mutual agreement with the group in which the site lies.

- ~~1. A local group can hold and sponsor an event outside its borders, but cannot hold a Baronial Court at that event, except with permission of the 'lending' group. Pennsic is exempt from this law.~~
- ~~2. The seneschal of the group sponsoring the event (the requesting group) will send in advance a written notice to the seneschal of the group where the event site is located (the lending group). This notice will state the intent of using said site, along with the dates for which the site will be used for the event. This notification is to be made prior to publication of the event.~~
- ~~3. The lending group cannot deny permission to a requesting group to use their lands, except if the event site is used by the lending group at the same dates. If another valid reason arises, the lending group can appeal to the Kingdom Seneschal, who will present the request to deny to The Crown.~~

IX. Awards

D. Other East Kingdom Awards

[no change to IX.D.1. through IX.D.4.]

5. The Queen's Award of Esteem ~~Honour of Distinction~~ (established by edict October 6 A.S. 31, 1996, by Elspeth; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)
 - a. The Queen's Award of Esteem ~~Honour of Distinction~~ may be awarded by the Queen, for any reason She deems worthy, in order to recognize an act, a series of acts, or general behavior that is not already properly recognized by other East Kingdom awards.
 - b. The token of the Queen's Award of Esteem ~~Honour of Distinction~~ is not defined, but will be specified in each Reign by the Queen and will be fashioned by the Queen's

- ~~hand. Although it has traditionally been fashioned by the Queen's own hand, this will not be required.~~
- c. ~~This award will be given solely at the Queen's discretion. Recommendations for this honor will not be requested or entertained.~~
 - d. A gentle may receive the Queen's Award of Esteem Honour of Distinction more than once, and no upper or lower limits on the number to be awarded per Reign will be imposed.
 - e. The Queen's Award of Esteem includes all gentles who previously received the Queen's Honour of Distinction.
 - f. A scroll is optional.
6. The King's ~~Award of Esteem of Merit~~ (established January 31 A.S. 44, 2010, by Konrad II and Brenwen II; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)
 - a. The King's ~~Award of Esteem of Merit~~ may be awarded by the King, for any reason He deems worthy, to acknowledge special merit in an act, a series of acts, or general behavior that is not already properly recognized by other East Kingdom awards.
 - b. The token of the King's ~~Award of Esteem of Merit~~ is not defined, but will be specified in each Reign by the King.
 - c. ~~Recommendations for this honor will not be requested or entertained.~~
 - d. A gentle may receive the King's ~~Award of Esteem of Merit~~ more than once, and no upper or lower limit on the number to be awarded per Reign will be imposed.
 - e. The King's Award of Esteem includes all gentles who previously received the King's Esteem of Merit.
 - f. A scroll is optional.
 7. The ~~Order of Valor of the East Tyger of Valor~~ (established September 29 A.S. 37, 2002, by Andreas II and Isabella II; renamed September 25 A.S. 40, 2005, by Darius III and Roxane III; renamed January 25 A.S.42, 2008, by Andreas III and Gabriella; renamed January 26 A.S. 48, 2014, by Kenric II and Avelina II; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)
 - a. The ~~Order of Valor of the East Tyger of Valor~~ may be awarded by the King to honor individual members of the armies of the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves in either of the following ways.
 - i. By displaying extraordinary command excellence on the battlefield at an Inter-Kingdom War.
 - ii. By displaying extraordinary actions of valor on the battlefield at an Inter-Kingdom War.
 - b. The ~~Order of Valor of the East Tyger of Valor~~ may be awarded no more than three times during any one reign.
 - c. The ~~Order of Valor of the East Tyger of Valor~~ includes all gentles who were:
 - i. Inducted into the King's Order of the Tyger of Valor
 - ii. Inducted into the previous Order of the Valiant Tyger
 - iii. Inducted into the Tyger of Valor
 - d. A scroll is optional.
 8. The ~~Award Gift~~ of the Golden Lyre (established April 26 A.S. 37, 2003, by Darius II and Roxane II; renamed January 25 A.S. 42, 2008, by Andreas III and Gabriella; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)

- a. The Award Gift of the Golden Lyre may be awarded to acknowledge any individual or group whose single work or performance, either publicly displayed or exhibited in an arts & sciences display at a Royal Progress, in The Crown's sole opinion and discretion, manifests and represents the fire and passion of the East Kingdom arts.
- b. The basis for bestowing the Award Gift of the Golden Lyre will rely on the artistic use of period mediums, creativity, and/or inspirational value of the work or performance. The work or performance may be a work in progress. Documentation is not required, but is highly recommended.
- c. The Award Gift of the Golden Lyre may be awarded to an individual or group more than once during a reign, but not for the same work or performance.
- d. The Award Gift of the Golden Lyre may be awarded by the King or Queen, together or individually.
- e. The badge token of the Gift of the Golden Lyre is: A tyger rampant azure sustaining a lyre Or. will be: ~~(Fieldless) A Tyger rampant, azure, Maintaining a Lyre, Or. Said-token~~ A token bearing this badge may be given personally or placed with such meritorious work.
- f. The Award Gift of the Golden Lyre includes all gentles who were previously awarded with the Gift of the Golden Lyre and the Gift of the Golden Tyger.

[no change to IX.D.9.]

10. The Company of the Pennon of the East Tyger of Foreign Legions (established June 19 A.S. 40, 2005, by Gaufréd Kelson II and Geneviere II; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)
 - a. The Company of the Pennon of the East Tyger of Foreign Legions may be awarded by the King and Queen to any East Kingdom gentle that has demonstrated exceptional martial prowess on the field, field support, staff, or other gentles who support the East Kingdom at events held in another Kingdom.
 - b. A Gentle may be inducted into the Company of the Pennon of the East ~~receive the Tyger of Foreign Legions Distinction~~ more than once, and no upper or lower limits on the number of gentles to be inducted ~~to be awarded~~ per reign will be imposed.
 - c. The token given will be a small pennon or streamer, able to be either worn on the person or attached to a banner, bearing the initials of the awarding Crown. The colors of such token will reflect the host Kingdom of the foreign war for which the award is given; such as the blue, gold, and/or white of Atenveldt for the Estrella War.
 - d. The Company of the Pennon of the East includes all gentles who previously received the Tyger of Foreign Legions.
 - e. A scroll is optional.
11. The Award of Gilder Golden Kinder (established July 18 A.S. 44, 2009, by Andreas IV and Gabriella II; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II)
 - a. The Award of Gilder Order of the Golden Kinder shall be given by the King and Queen to children of the East Kingdom under the age of 18 who display or perform works of Arts & Sciences that manifest the spirit of the East Kingdom Arts.
 - b. The token of the Award of Gilder Golden Kinder shall be a coin displaying the initials of the awarding Royalty.
 - c. The Award of Gilder includes all gentles who previously received the Order of the Golden Kinder.

- d. A scroll may be given acknowledging this award.

IX. Awards

E. Polling Orders

The Peerage Orders (Chivalry, Laurel, and Pelican), the Order of the Rose, and Orders of High Merit (Silver Crescent, Maunche, Tygers Combatant, Sagittarius, and Golden Rapier) are Polling Orders.

1. While the decision to induct gentles into Polling Orders lies with The Crown or Heirs, prior to doing so They are required to request comments from the Companions of Their Polling Orders regarding candidates for induction into the Orders. These requests or comments will take the form of written polls as described below. A polling, once completed, shall be valid for the entire reign of the Crown that conducted the polling and for the entirety of the following ~~two~~ reigns. No candidate may be inducted into a Polling Order without first being included on such a valid poll.
 - a. Written Pollings will be prepared by The Crown or Heirs and distributed to the active Companions of the Order.
 - b. Written Pollings will be distributed electronically. If the Companion so chooses, they may be received by paper copies distributed in person or sent by mail. The Crown or Heirs may require stamped, self-addressed envelopes from Companions of the Polling Orders who choose to receive their polls by mail. If The Crown chooses this option, they will place a notice in the Pikestaff at least one month before their first polling appears, to notify the Companions that stamped, self-addressed envelopes will be required.

[no change to IX.E.2. through IX.E.7]

X. Rights of Subjects

K. Complaint Procedure

1. Complaint Regulations
 - c. Any individual, or group of individuals, who are either directly involved in or witnessed the incident(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Complainant(s)") may file a complaint. The Royalty, Kingdom Seneschal, or a Kingdom Officer under whose purview the incident occurred may also file a complaint. A complaint may be filed by any of the above individual(s) so long as the Complainant(s) and all individuals against whom the complaint is filed (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent(s)") are legal adults or emancipated minors. No complaint may be filed against The Crown ~~the Royalty~~.

[all other sections of X.K. continue unchanged]