



# LAWS OF THE EAST KINGDOM

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# Section I. Laws of the East Kingdom

## A. Body of Laws

1. All Laws not listed in East Kingdom Law are repealed. Only the Laws listed herein along with the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. are in effect in the East Kingdom.
2. In the case of any conflict between East Kingdom Law and the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., including definitions of terms, the Governing Documents take precedence.

## B. Crown's Word

The Crown's word has the force of Law except where it conflicts with East Kingdom Law or the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.

## C. Laws and Edicts

1. Laws may be enacted, amended, or repealed only by The Crown, after consultation with the Curia Regis. Once enacted, Laws remain part of East Kingdom Law until amended or repealed.
2. Edicts are issued by The Crown. They last for the duration of the Reign only, and may not repeal or suspend East Kingdom Law.
3. Laws and Edicts take effect upon announcement at an event and publication in Pikestaff.
4. Any changes to East Kingdom Law must be received by the Kingdom Chronicler no later than thirty days after the Curia Regis at which the changes were decided. Changes received after this deadline will not be published and therefore will not take effect.
5. The Kingdom Chronicler may not publish any changes to East Kingdom Law without the signatures of the Sovereign, Consort, and Kingdom Seneschal.

## D. Current Version Maintenance

The current version of the East Kingdom Law will be maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal including a Table of Contents and Index and made available on the Kingdom webpage.

## E. Official Language

The official written language of the East Kingdom is English. There is nothing to prohibit or prevent Laws, policies, reports, or other materials from being translated into other languages, but in case of discrepancies between the original English documents and any translations, the English language version will take precedence and serve as the official version.

# Section II. The Crown

## A. Duties and Powers

1. The Crown must know and uphold East Kingdom Law and the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
2. The Crown will chair the Curia Regis.
3. The Crown must attend Their Coronation, The Crown Tourney to determine Their Heirs, and the Coronation of Their Heirs.
4. No Sovereign or Consort may hold any Office or Court Appointment, with the exception of the position of Territorial Baron or Baroness, at any time during Their Reign. Any such Office or Appointment, with accompanying files, must be turned over to a deputy or successor before Coronation.
5. Within one month following the Coronation of their successors, the former Crown will relinquish all Royal files in their possession, either to the new Crown or to the Kingdom Archivist as appropriate.
6. The Crown may oversee treaties between the East and other Kingdoms according to the following procedures.
  - a. The Royalty and Heirs of the East Kingdom must all specifically agree, in writing, to the wording of a proposed treaty.

- b. The Royalty and Heirs must then consult with no fewer than six Royal Peers of Ducal or County rank who reside in the East Kingdom regarding the wording of the proposed treaty. A list of the Royal Peers thus consulted will be kept on file with the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - c. If, after consulting with the Royal Peers, The Crown chooses to alter the wording of the proposed treaty, the process will begin again.
  - d. To be enacted, a treaty must be signed by the Sovereign and Consort of the East Kingdom. The treaty may also be signed by any other parties as deemed necessary or appropriate by The Crown of the East Kingdom or by The Crown or Law of the Kingdom with which the treaty is established.
  - e. Once signed by the above listed parties, a copy of the treaty will be kept on file with the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - f. Treaties may only be amended or revoked by following the same procedures outlined above.
  - g. Treaties may not be enacted, amended, or revoked at any time when there are fewer than four Royals in the East Kingdom.
  - h. Treaties may be renewed when there are fewer than four Royals in the East Kingdom, provided that no changes are made.
7. The Crown designates Their Heirs as Prince and Princess of The Crown Principality of Tir Mara as well as Prince and Princess of the East. This designation is ceremonial in nature, and does not confer any ability to warrant subordinate officers, proclaim banishments, or bestow armigerous awards, without specific Crown approval for specific recipients. During the period between Their Coronation and The Crown Tourney to select Their successors, the Monarchs will serve as Regents of The Crown Principality of Tir Mara.

## **B. Crown Tourney**

1. Eligibility
  - a. Gentles may enter a Crown Tourney only as couples, with one entrant the combatant and the other the consort. A gentle may only be part of one entrant couple and may be neither champion nor consort for any other gentle, save that the gentles comprising any entrant couple may champion each other. (Said gentles hereinafter referred to as a combatant couple.)
  - b. No gentle will enter a Crown Tourney without intending an honorable attempt to compete for The Crown.
  - c. All entrants must be acceptable to The Crown.
  - d. All entrants must be at least eighteen years of age.
  - e. Each entrant must be a Society member with access to Pikestaff at his/her residence, and must be able to provide proof of Society membership to The Crown or Their designated representative.
  - f. Each entrant must have resided in the East Kingdom for at least one year immediately prior to The Crown Tourney and must be able to demonstrate reasonable levels of participation in diverse activities in the Kingdom during that period. If an entrant does not meet this requirement, but is able to demonstrate to The Crown's satisfaction by his/her own words or by recommendation of peers of the Kingdom that s/he has sufficient familiarity with East Kingdom Law and custom, The Crown may waive this requirement.
  - g. The Kingdom Seneschal, and the Kingdom Minister of the Lists may not enter a Crown Tourney except for the last regularly scheduled Crown Tourney held during their last terms in Office. Before participating in The Crown Tourney, the Kingdom Seneschal or Kingdom Minister of the Lists must appoint a deputy who will assume the duties of the Office at that Crown Tourney.
  - h. The Kingdom Earl Marshal may enter a Crown Tourney provided a deputy acceptable to The Crown or Their designated representative has been appointed to assume the duties of Kingdom Earl Marshal, if necessary. He must appoint a marshal in charge that is acceptable to The Crown.
  - i. No Royal of the East Kingdom or of any of its Principalities may enter any Crown or Coronet Tourney.
  - j. All entrants must submit a letter of intent by letter or email to The Crown Prince and Princess and Kingdom Seneschal no later than thirty days prior to Crown Tourney. This requirement may be waived, on a case-by-case basis, by The Crown Prince and Princess.
    - i. The letter of intent must include the Society name, legal name, postal address, telephone number, membership number and expiration date, and years of residency for both entrants.
    - ii. If possible, letters of intent should include email addresses for both entrants.

- k. All entrants must have Society memberships, which are valid at least through thirty days after the date of Crown Tourney. So long as the entrants meet the minimum membership requirements to enter Crown Tourney as set forth by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc., The Crown may waive the requirement that entrants have Society memberships which are valid at least through thirty days after the date of Crown Tourney, on a case-by-case basis.
2. Withdrawal and Removal
  - a. Any entrant may withdraw from a Crown Tourney at any point in time by notifying the Kingdom Minister of the Lists. In this situation both members of the entrant couple will be eliminated from The Crown Tourney, save that in the case of a combatant couple one entrant may withdraw but the other entrant may continue, with the express permission of the withdrawing entrant.
  - b. Any entrant may be removed from a Crown Tourney at any time by the Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, the Earl Marshal, or The Crown for marshallate infractions or any infractions of the Rules of the List. In this situation both entrants will be eliminated from the Crown Tourney.

## C. The Succession

1. There will be two Reigns per year, with Coronations and Crown Tournaments to be scheduled as stated in Section VIII.A.
2. With the exception of Section II.C.2.a. below, if either the Sovereign or the Consort is unable to fulfill the duties of The Crown, the remaining Monarch will serve out the remainder of the Reign as Regent, holding the other Crown for His successors and delegating such duties as deemed necessary. The Regent will have all the duties and powers of The Crown, including the power to bestow awards in compliance with the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and East Kingdom Law, as if both Monarchs were still reigning. The Regent will also, unless prohibited elsewhere in East Kingdom Law, have all the individual duties and powers of both the Sovereign and Consort, and may act in the role of the missing Sovereign or Consort in cases in which His signature, action, or approval is required.
  - a. If any Monarch is compelled by an emergency, such as call to military service, serious injury or illness, to take leave of the Throne, then upon resolution of such emergency and prior to the completion of that Monarch's reign, the Monarch may have the right to return to the Throne, resuming all duties and powers. To establish such right, the returning Monarch must provide documentation of the emergency to the Regent, if any, and the Greater Officers. A majority of the Greater Officers and Regent, if any, combined, must agree that the emergency was valid.
3. If both the Sovereign and the Consort are unable to fulfill Their duties, The Crown will pass into the keeping of the Kingdom Seneschal in trust for the Heirs, until such time as They ascend the throne. The Kingdom Seneschal will not be entitled to bestow awards, hold a Curia Regis, nor execute treaties on behalf of the East.
  - a. In the event that the Seneschal is holding The Crowns during the temporary absence of both Sovereign and Consort, pursuant to Section II.C.2.a., and if either or both Monarch(s) are able to return prior to the end of their Reign, the Seneschal shall return The Crown to the returning Monarch(s) upon request of the returning Monarch(s). The returning Monarch(s) are then entitled to resume all duties and powers.
  - b. If the Kingdom Seneschal is holding The Crown in Trust and there are not at that time Heirs, the Kingdom Seneschal will preside over the next regularly scheduled Crown Tourney. The Kingdom Seneschal will not have the authority to ban anyone from participating in that Crown Tourney who meets the requirements as set forth in East Kingdom Law and the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. The Kingdom Seneschal will not have the right to impose any extra conditions upon participation in The Crown Tourney. The format of such a Crown Tourney will be a straight double elimination list, with the first round being random draw, and with the final round being modeled after the previous Crown Tourney.
  - c. If the Kingdom Seneschal is presiding over a Crown Tourney, letters of intent containing the information specified in Section II.B.1.i. must be filed with the Kingdom Seneschal, whether or not a letter of intent to participate in The Crown Tourney was filed with the vacant Crown. The deadline for these special letters of intent is two hours before the scheduled start time for the Tourney. The Kingdom Seneschal may not accept incomplete letters and those letters that do not completely conform with the Laws as set forth in Section II.B.1.i.
  - d. The victor of The Crown Tourney and His Consort will be crowned as Monarchs that day by whichever Royal Peer or Peers They so choose.

- e. The new Crown will schedule a new Crown Tourney to ensure the succession as soon as possible. The new Crown Tourney need not follow the regional rotation and must be held within ninety days of The Crown's ascension to the Throne. After this special Crown Tourney to ensure the succession, the rotation will resume as if The Crown Tourney had been held in the proper rotation.
4. If either The Crown Prince or The Crown Princess is unable to assume the throne, a new Crown Tourney must be held at the earliest possible date to ensure the Succession.
5. If a Crown Tourney must be re-fought, any entrants responsible for the circumstances mandating the re-fighting of the Tourney will be disqualified and not be permitted to compete.

## **Section III. The Curia Regis**

### **A. Purpose of the Curia Regis**

The purpose of the Curia Regis is for The Crown to solicit and listen to the opinions of those with seats on Curia, giving adequate time for discussion. While it is not a requirement, The Crown is advised to act with the consensus of those with seats on Curia.

### **B. The Curia Regis will meet at least once per Reign.**

### **C. The Crown will chair the Curia Regis.**

### **D. Seats on the Curia**

The following are entitled to a seat on the Curia Regis. With the exception of The Crown, these people may send representatives to the Curia to fill their seats if they are unable to attend.

1. The Crown and Heirs of the East Kingdom
2. The Coronet and Heirs of Principalities of the East Kingdom
3. Kingdom Officers
4. Local Seneschals

### **E. Others Invited**

East Kingdom Royal Peers and Territorial Barons and Baronesses are also invited to attend, and have the right to be heard by The Crown.

### **F. Others wishing to attend**

Any other gentle who wishes to attend is welcome, but may speak only if recognized by The Crown.

### **G. Quorum**

For a Curia Regis to be legal, at least four Greater Officers, or their deputies must attend. Greater Officers must make every reasonable effort to attend Curia. Those who cannot attend must send a representative or a written report.

### **H. Announcing the Curia Regis**

The announcement for a Curia Regis will state the date, time and location of the Curia, and set forth the agenda of items to be discussed. The announcement will be in at least one of the following ways:

1. A notice in Pikestaff appearing no later than the issue dated the same month as the Curia Regis date, provided the Curia is on or after the fifteenth of the month. If the Curia is scheduled before the fifteenth of the month, the Pikestaff notice will appear in the issue dated the month before the Curia date.
2. A letter to those with seats on the Curia Regis (as defined in Section III.D. above), postmarked at least twenty-one days prior to the Curia date.
3. An email to those with seats on the Curia Regis (as defined in Section III.D. above) sent to their email address listed in the last published Pikestaff, at least 21 days prior to the Curia date. If any of those with seats on Curia Regis do not have an email address published in Pikestaff, those individuals will be notified by letter postmarked at least 21 days prior to Curia.

## **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".

# **Section IV. Kingdom Officers**

## **A. Composition**

The Kingdom Officers consist of the Greater Officers and the Lesser Officers.

1. The Greater Officers
  - a. The Kingdom Seneschal
  - b. Brigantia Herald
  - c. The Earl Marshal
  - d. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - e. The Kingdom Chronicler
  - f. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
  - g. The Kingdom Minister of the Lists
  - h. The Tyger Clerk of the Signet
  - i. The Kingdom Chatelaine
  - j. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor
  - k. The Kingdom Webminister
2. The Lesser Officers
  - a. The Kingdom Captain-General of Archers
  - b. The Chancellor of the East Kingdom University
  - c. The Kingdom Archivist
  - d. The Kingdom Marshal of Fence
  - e. The Kingdom Historian
  - f. The Kingdom Chamberlain
  - g. The Kingdom Marshal of Equestrian Activities
  - h. The Kingdom Accessibility Porter
  - i. The Kingdom Waiver Secretary
  - j. The Kingdom Youth Earl Marshal
  - k. The Pennsic Steward
  - l. The Kingdom Marshal of Thrown Weapons
  - m. The Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat
  - n. The Administrators of the Polling Order E-Mail Lists
    - i. Order of the Chivalry Administrator
    - ii. Order of the Laurel Administrator
    - iii. Order of the Pelican Administrator
    - iv. Order of Defense Administrator
    - v. Order of the Rose Administrator
    - vi. Order of the Silver Crescent Administrator
    - vii. Order of the Maunche Administrator
    - viii. Order of the Tygers Combatant Administrator
    - ix. Order of the Sagittarius Administrator
    - x. Order of the Golden Rapier Administrator
    - xi. Order of the Golden Lance Administrator
    - xii. Order of the Golden Mantle Administrator

## **B. Creation and Change of Status of Kingdom Offices**

1. A Kingdom Office can be created or abolished only by The Crown. Further, a Kingdom Office can only be abolished if it is not required by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
2. The Crown may raise Lesser Offices to the stature of Greater Offices.
3. The Crown may lower Greater Offices to the stature of Lesser Offices only if said Office is not required as a Greater Office by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.



## **C. Appointment and Removal of Kingdom Officers**

1. Greater Officers are appointed by The Crown after consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, the outgoing Officer, and his Society superior, if any. Greater Officers are warranted by The Crown and the Society superior. If no corresponding Society Officer exists, The Crown will act unilaterally.
2. Lesser Officers are appointed by The Crown upon the recommendation of the Kingdom Seneschal and the supervising Greater Officer. Lesser Officers are warranted by The Crown and the supervising Greater Officer. If no supervising Greater Officer exists, The Crown will act unilaterally.
3. Kingdom Officers which are required by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. may be removed or suspended from Office for cause by The Crown, acting according to the provisions of the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
4. Other Kingdom Officers may be removed or suspended from Office for cause by The Crown, after consultation with any supervising Kingdom Officer. If no supervising Kingdom Officer exists, The Crown may act unilaterally. The Crown, acting without any supervising Kingdom Officer, may suspend a Lesser Officer from Office for the duration of Their Reign.
5. A Kingdom Officer's term ends with the expiration of his warrant. However, an extension of up to forty-five days may be given to allow for the orderly transfer of the Office.
6. Resignation in writing by a Kingdom Officer constitutes the termination of that Officer's warrant.

## **D. Terms of Office and Review of Kingdom Officers**

1. No Kingdom Officer may remain in the same Office for more than four consecutive years, except for the following dispositions.
  - a. A first term of Office is defined as two years. Subsequent terms are for one year.
  - b. The term of Office for the Earl Marshal will be one two-year term, followed by another possible two-year term.
  - c. The Lesser Kingdom Offices of Historian, Archivist, Waiver Secretary and the Administrators of the Polling Order E-Mail Lists have a term of two (2) years with unlimited re-appointments.
  - d. The terms of Office for Kingdom Officers will begin according to the schedule maintained on the East Kingdom website. The change of Office will occur at the first possible Royal Progress to be held after the first of the month indicated in the schedule.
  - e. Should any Kingdom Officer leave Office before the end of a term, the remainder of that term will be completed by the Officer's deputy or chosen replacement with the approval of The Crown. The Crown may appoint the deputy or replacement for a transition period of up to six months, regardless of the expiration date of the Officer's term, and may extend that period up to the completion of the entire term if longer than six months. Subsequent terms of Office for the successor will be handled by The Crown on a case-by-case basis.
2. The Crown will review the performance of each Kingdom Officer at the end of each term of office. At Their discretion and subject to term limitations, The Crown may ask the Kingdom Officer to serve a subsequent term. The Kingdom Officer will have the option to accept or refuse the reappointment.
3. All Kingdom Officers whose office is subject to term limitations will have their term (first, second or third) and warrant expiration date published monthly within the Regnum Orientalis of the Pikestaff and the Full Officer Listing page of the East Kingdom website. They will also inform the Kingdom Chronicler and Kingdom Seneschal of any change to their term and warrant, in a timely manner. These Kingdom Officers have the authority, if they so wish, to require their deputies to meet this publishing requirement.
4. Current officers must notify The Royalty and Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Chronicler ninety (90) days in advance of a change or renewal of office. Notification must also be given to the Kingdom Webminister to be published on the East Kingdom website including a call for letters of application.

## **E. Duties and powers of the Kingdom Officers**

1. Greater Officers must make every reasonable effort to attend Curia. Those who cannot attend must send a representative or a written report. Lesser Officers are encouraged to attend Curia or send a representative or written report.
2. Greater Officers will submit such reports as required by their Society superiors and East Kingdom Law. Lesser Officers will submit such reports as required by their Kingdom superiors and East Kingdom Law.

3. Each Kingdom Officer who holds an account or property in the name of the SCA, Inc. must file a financial report with the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer at the end of the fiscal year. Such Officers must also file a financial report covering any portion of the current fiscal year during which they held the Office with the incoming Officer and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer within sixty days of leaving Office.
4. Each Kingdom Officer will designate and train a deputy. Should a Kingdom Officer resign or become unable to perform the duties of the Office, the deputy will take over those duties until the end of the original term of Office, a successor is chosen, or until the original Kingdom Officer is again able to perform those duties.
5. Any Kingdom Officer may appoint additional deputies as are deemed necessary for the proper function of the Office.
6. Kingdom Officers will supervise and coordinate the actions of their local counterparts throughout the East Kingdom.
7. Kingdom Officers have the authority to make policy for the discharge of their Offices and their subordinates' duties, within the limits of their Offices.
  - a. Upon a change of Office, all policies will be reviewed by the incoming Kingdom Officer, and updated as necessary.
  - b. Each Kingdom Officer will review his policies at least once every two years, and update them as necessary.
  - c. Whenever a Kingdom Officer makes any changes to any of his policies, he will make an announcement of such in Pikestaff. It is not necessary to print the exact text of the changes in Pikestaff.
  - d. Each Kingdom Officer is responsible for making his policies available via the East Kingdom website or the recognized website of his Office. He will also make paper copies available, upon request, at the expense of the requestor.
8. Kingdom Officers will maintain reference versions of all electronic records critical to the functioning of their Offices. This may be accomplished by maintaining hardcopy files, or by maintaining archival electronic copies according to standards and procedures developed by the Kingdom Archivist and the Kingdom Webminister.
9. Kingdom Officers' files and materials must be fully transferred from the outgoing Officer to the incoming Officer not more than one month after the date of formal transfer of the Office.

## **F. Individual Duties of the Kingdom Officers**

1. The Kingdom Seneschal:
  - a. Acts as advisor in the legal and governmental activities of The Crown and subjects of the Kingdom.
  - b. Acts as the chief coordinating Officer of the Kingdom in fulfilling the reporting function to the Society Seneschal and the Board of Directors.
  - c. Is responsible for coordinating Curia Regis and maintaining the current version of East Kingdom Law.
  - d. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Archivist.
  - e. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Accessibility Porter.
  - f. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Waiver Secretary.
2. Brigantia Herald:
  - a. Acts as advisor in heraldic matters to The Crown and subjects of the Kingdom.
  - b. Supervises Field Heraldry and Court Heraldry at Kingdom Events and is responsible for Kingdom activities for the College of Arms.
  - c. Ensures that the Order of Precedence is made available on or from the East Kingdom website. He will also make paper copies available, upon request, at the expense of the requestor.
3. The Earl Marshal:
  - a. Acts as advisor in all matters pertaining to martial activities within the Kingdom to The Crown and subjects of the Kingdom.
  - b. Is responsible for safety and chivalry in the Lists, on the Fields, and on the Ranges.
  - c. Supervises and sets policy for youth martial activities.
  - d. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Captain-General of Archers.
  - e. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Marshal of Fence.
  - f. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Marshal of Equestrian Activities.
  - g. Supervises the Lesser Office of the Kingdom Youth Earl Marshal
  - h. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Marshal of Thrown Weapons
  - i. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat.

- j. May make minor adjustments to the responsibilities of any of their department heads with the consent of that department head and the Kingdom Seneschal.
4. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer:
    - a. Safeguards and maintains records of the monies of the Kingdom and supervises the finances of the Kingdom.
    - b. Receives monies allocated by East Kingdom Law or donated.
    - c. Disburses the monies of the Kingdom in accordance with East Kingdom Law.
    - d. Makes a report of the Kingdom finances on a quarterly basis to The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal.
    - e. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Archivist.
    - f. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Chamberlain.
    - g. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Pennsic Steward.
  5. The Kingdom Chronicler:
    - a. Supervises all official publishing activities of the Kingdom.
    - b. Is the editor of or supervises the editor of Pikestaff, and is responsible for publishing all required announcements and notices.
    - c. Accounts for and reports all income and expenses to the Society Chancellor of the Exchequer.
    - d. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Historian.
  6. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences:
    - a. Acts as advisor in all matters pertaining to the Arts and Sciences within the Kingdom to The Crown and subjects of the Kingdom, and supports study in those areas.
    - b. Supervises the Lesser Office of Chancellor of the East Kingdom University.
    - c. At the request of The Crown, works with the Kingdom Chamberlain to coordinate and supervise the creation of regalia.
  7. The Kingdom Minister of the Lists:
    - a. Maintains accurate records on the fighting activities and the fighters of the Kingdom.
    - b. Coordinates The Crown Lists.
    - c. Provides the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Warlord, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, and Kingdom Marshal of Fence with information necessary for the performance of their duties, and receives any assistance necessary for the performance of the Lists Office.
    - d. Works with the Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat and the Kingdom Marshal of Fence to maintain a list of authorized fighters which will be provided to The Crown and Earl Marshal once per year and others at the requester's expense.
  8. The Tyger Clerk of the Signet:
    - a. Coordinates the production of scrolls requested by The Crown.
    - b. Promotes the development of calligraphers and illuminators in the East Kingdom and warrants said scribes to perform Signet Office work.
    - c. Maintains accurate records of scroll assignments.
  9. The Kingdom Chatelaine:
    - a. Is responsible for the introduction and education of new members in the culture and customs of the Society.
    - b. Prepares, maintains, and disseminates such materials as further the objectives of the Office.
  10. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor:
    - a. Assists parents of children in integrating children's activities into local and Kingdom events. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor will not be responsible for, nor in any way encourage autocrats or the Society to provide, baby-sitting services.
    - b. Prepares, maintains, and disseminates such materials as further the objectives of the Office.
    - c. Works with the Kingdom Chatelaine in accomplishing these goals.
    - d. Encourages youth in the culture and customs of the Society.
    - e. Works with the Kingdom Youth Earl Marshal and the Kingdom Youth Rapier Marshal to coordinate youth martial activities.
  11. The Kingdom Webminister:
    - a. Is responsible for maintaining a recognized website for the Kingdom in accordance with the policies of the Society Webminister and Kingdom Webminister.
    - b. Supervises all recognized websites within the Kingdom, including those which may be maintained by other Kingdom Officers.
    - c. Assists any Kingdom Officers who may wish to do so in adding material relating to their Office to the East Kingdom website or creating their own website, which may be accessed via the East Kingdom website.
    - d. Coordinates with the Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Chronicler to ensure that an up to date copy of East Kingdom Law is available via the East Kingdom website.
    - e. Supervises the lesser offices of Administrators of the Polling Order E-Mail Lists.

12. The Kingdom Captain-General of Archers:
  - a. Sets and enforces safety standards for archery.
  - b. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
13. The Chancellor of the East Kingdom University:
  - a. Coordinates and supervises the East Kingdom University.
  - b. Disseminates to the populace information concerning the East Kingdom University.
  - c. Maintains a repository of course and teacher information. Is responsible to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
14. The Kingdom Archivist:
  - a. Provides a central storage location for all records, artifacts, and other items as may be given into his keeping by The Crown or the Kingdom Officers.
  - b. Maintains an inventory of the Archives.
  - c. Is responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal or Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer as appropriate.
15. The Kingdom Marshal of Fence:
  - a. Sets and enforces Weapon and Armor Standards for fencing.
  - b. Supervises the authorization of rapier combatants.
  - c. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
16. The Kingdom Historian:
  - a. Collects and records the history of the East Kingdom and turns over such histories as are produced to the Kingdom Chronicler for publication in a manner to be determined by the Kingdom Historian and Kingdom Chronicler jointly.
  - b. Examines the materials in the Archives as required to gather materials necessary for the production of the histories of the East.
  - c. Is responsible to the Kingdom Chronicler.
17. The Kingdom Chamberlain:
  - a. Provides a central storage place for all Regalia which The Crown may give into his keeping.
  - b. Holds all East Kingdom Regalia not currently in use by The Crown.
  - c. Performs an inventory of all Regalia at the beginning and end of each Reign and ensures that this inventory is made available on or from the East Kingdom website.
  - d. Supervises the creation, maintenance, and repair of the Regalia. Any item of Regalia that is found to be missing or damaged beyond the scope of normal wear will be replaced or repaired by the gentle in whose custody the item had been.
  - e. Works with the Kingdom Archivist to maintain the property of the Kingdom.
  - f. Is responsible to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
18. The Kingdom Marshal of Equestrian Activities:
  - a. Sets and enforces safety standards for equestrian activities
  - b. Prepares, maintains and disseminates information on equestrian activities in the East
  - c. Acts as the East Kingdom liaison to the Corporate Equestrian Officer.
  - d. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal
19. The Kingdom Accessibility Porter:
  - a. Encourages those groups and/or autocrats who consistently choose handicapped accessible sites, or who try to make their sites more accessible.
  - b. Educates the populace of the East regarding the barriers that detract from the enjoyment of the activities of the Kingdom by gentles with disabilities, or which prevent these gentles from attending events at all.
  - c. Acts as a clearinghouse for information on disability access.
  - d. Acts as liaison between members of the populace with disabilities and autocrat staff of events, upon request.
  - e. Connects those who need special services with those who can provide them.
  - f. Devises new ways to make reasonable accommodations for gentles with disabilities.
  - g. Is responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.
20. The Kingdom Waiver Secretary:
  - a. Is responsible for ensuring that all required waivers, rosters, and sign-in sheets are collected and safely stored within a reasonable period of time after each event and combat or fighter practice in accordance with the East Kingdom Waiver Policy.
  - b. Is responsible for ensuring that waivers may be located and provided to the appropriate officials in the event a specific waiver is required.
  - c. Is responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.
21. The Kingdom Youth Earl Marshal:
  - a. Enforces the policies for youth combat activities set by the Kingdom Earl Marshal as set forth in VI.F.3.c.

- b. Supervises the authorization of participants in the youth martial program.
  - c. All activities under the Youth Earl Marshal's office are subject to the policies of the Kingdom Chancellor Minor and Kingdom Earl Marshal.
  - d. Is responsible to the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
22. The East Kingdom Pennsic Steward:
- a. Performs an inventory of all East Kingdom Regalia and equipment used specifically for Pennsic and stored at Pennsic War. Ensures that this inventory is supplied to the East Kingdom Exchequer at the end of each Pennsic War.
  - b. Is responsible for arranging the setup and breakdown of the East Royal encampment at Pennsic War, including but not limited to the water, electrical and rental equipment.
  - c. Supervises the creation, purchasing, maintenance and repair of all Regalia and equipment stored at Pennsic War.
  - d. Is responsible for arranging for maintenance, repair and/or replacement as needed of the East Kingdom trailer stored at Pennsic War with approval of the East Kingdom Exchequer and Finance Committee.
  - e. Is responsible for coordinating with the East Kingdom Exchequer to ensure that all storage fees for the East Kingdom trailer are paid to the storage facility annually.
  - f. Promotes and encourages improvements for future Royal Encampments.
  - g. Is responsible to the Kingdom Exchequer.
  - h. Works with the Pennsic Major-Domo in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the management and maintenance of East Kingdom assets and resources.
23. The Kingdom Marshal of Thrown Weapons:
- a. Sets and enforces safety standards for thrown weapons.
  - b. Supervises the warranting of thrown weapons marshals.
  - c. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
24. The Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat:
- a. Sets and enforces Weapon and Armor Standards for armored combat as approved by the Sovereign, ensures that the current version of this document is made available on or from the East Kingdom website, and also makes paper copies available, upon request, at the expense of the requestor.
  - b. Supervises the authorization of armored combat participants.
  - c. Supervises the warranting of armored combat marshals.
  - d. Ensures that the Rules of the Lists are followed and oversees all fighting in The Crown Lists.
  - e. Is responsible for safety and chivalry in the Lists and on the Field.
  - f. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
25. The Administrators of the Polling Order E-Mail Lists:
- a. Shall ensure that persons requesting to be added to the Polling Order E-Mail lists {SECTION IX.E.7} are admitted members of the Order(s) and therefore are entitled to be placed on said list.
  - b. The administrator shall in no way moderate or alter any message sent to the Polling Order E-mail list by an admitted member.
  - c. Shall be under the supervision of the Kingdom Webminister.

## **Section V. Court Appointments**

### **A. The Kingdom Warlord**

1. Is appointed by the Heirs, and serves until he resigns or a successor is appointed. The term of office for the Warlord of the East shall run from Fall Crown to Fall Crown. The victor of that Crown may appoint a new Warlord for Pennsic or retain the Warlord from the previous Pennsic War.
2. Has the duty of preparing all forces of the East for the Pennsic War.
3. Coordinates and supervises the development of battle tactics.
4. Works with the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, and the Captain-General of the Armies in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the areas of training and safety of group tactics.
5. Acts as consultant to The Crown during War negotiations.

## **B. The Captain-General of the Armies**

1. Is appointed by the Heirs, and serves until he resigns or a successor is appointed. The term of office of the Captain-General of the Armies shall run from Spring Crown to Spring Crown. The victor of that Crown may appoint a new Captain-General or retain the current one.
2. This position may be held by the current Warlord
3. Has the duties of advising The Crown of foreign military matters, and, whenever appropriate, aiding in the procuring of allies for Pennsic.
4. Works with the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, and the Warlord in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the areas of training and safety of group tactics.

## **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.
2. Will have the following duties:
  - a. Defend the honor of The Crown.
  - b. Advise and assist The Crown in the organization of the tournaments to choose their successors.
  - c. Further the practice of their arts throughout the East Kingdom.
  - d. Serve as members of the Royal Household, and attend The Crown in court.
  - e. Have the right to bear the regalia associated with their positions.
  - f. Provide to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer a written estimate of costs uniquely related to the organization of the tourney to choose their successor.
3. Will maintain their positions until the next tournament to choose their successors. Champions may not succeed themselves.
4. Additional duties and powers of specific Champions:
  - a. The King's Champion of Arms has the right to bear the East Kingdom war standard into battle.
  - b. The King's Champion of Arms may, with the approval of the King, cede his duty to attend the King in court for the day to a gentle whose chivalry and skill has distinguished him in the eyes of the Champion. A gentle so honored will have the right to bear the regalia of the King's Champion for the day.
  - c. Upon stepping down, the former King's Champion of Arms is entitled to bear a White Garter embossed in gold with the motto of the King's Champion of Arms - *Justitia Virtutum Regina*. This garter is to be presented by the previous year's Champion if possible.
  - d. The King's and Queen's Bards will commemorate the history of The Crowns and the East Kingdom in song and story.

## **D. The Queens' Guard**

1. Will be composed of fighters, archers, fencers, 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.
2. Will be chosen by The Crown Princess to serve Her for the duration of Her Reign. Suggestions may be solicited from the populace of the East Kingdom.
3. Will be entitled to wear a baldric of the Queen's devising.
4. Will have a Companion of one of the martial Peerage Orders chosen by the Princess to serve as their advisor.

## **E. The East Kingdom War College**

1. The mission of the East Kingdom War College (EKWC) is to assist The Crown and the Kingdom Warlord in improving the combat effectiveness of the armies of the East Kingdom. To that end, the EKWC will:
  - a. Assist with the training of unit leaders and battle commanders for the war campaigns of the East Kingdom, and others interested in the skills of leadership.

- b. Assist with the implementation of Kingdom-wide war related strategy and tactics.
  - c. Encourage education in strategy and tactics among the warriors of the armies of the East Kingdom.
2. Organization
- a. The Dean of the War College will be appointed by The Crown to serve as the head of the EKWC and arbiter among his peers on the Staff for a term not to exceed two (2) years.
  - b. The EKWC will be accountable to the Sovereign through the Dean of the War College, but will work with the Kingdom Warlord towards their mutual goals.
  - c. Staff positions are detailed under the policies of the Dean of the War College.

## **F. Ambassadors**

The Crown may appoint Ambassadors to other Kingdoms of the Society or similar organizations, to act as representative for and to speak in the name of The Crown when They cannot be present. Such Ambassadors may be appointed for a specific date or event, a period of time, or indefinitely during the course of the Reign. No ambassadorial appointment will continue beyond the Reign of the appointing Crown.

## **G. The Royal Household**

The Royal Household will be composed of the King's and Queen's Champions and whomever else The Crown wishes to include. Members of the Royal Household will serve The Crown by attending to Them in court and in the course of Their Royal duties. Membership in the Royal Household will not carry any special rank or title and, except for the King's and Queen's Champions, will expire at the end of the Reign.

## **H. The Pennsic Major-Domo**

1. Is appointed by the Heirs, and serves until s/he resigns or until a successor is appointed.
2. Has the duty of managing the day-to-day operations of the East Kingdom Royal Encampment at the Pennsic War.
3. Is responsible for establishing the encampment during Land Grab, and the layout of the encampment.
4. Coordinates all scheduling and usage of all East Kingdom Royal Encampment space and pavilions.
5. Works with the East Kingdom Pennsic Steward in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the management and maintenance of East Kingdom assets and resources.

# **Section VI. Finances**

## **A. Disbursement**

The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer will disburse funds in accordance with East Kingdom and SCA, Inc. Financial Policies.

## **B. Bank Accounts**

Branches or entities in the East Kingdom which collect and hold funds in the name of the SCA, Inc. will hold said funds in bank accounts as detailed in the East Kingdom Financial Policy.

## **C. Reporting**

Branches or entities in the East Kingdom which collect and hold funds in the name of the SCA, Inc. will file such reports as required by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, as detailed in the East Kingdom Financial Policy.

## **D. Branch Compliance**

Any branch sponsoring an event will comply with the relevant portions of the East Kingdom Financial Policy.

## **E. Failure to comply**

Any branch or entity failing to comply with the above requirements or those contained in the East Kingdom Financial Policy may be subject to suspension of the branch or entity, their ability to publish in Pikestaff, and/or replacement of the non-compliant Officer.

# **Section 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 must file those with the Kingdom Seneschal. Branch seneschals and exchequers may not be eligible without the prior written approval of the Kingdom Seneschal. In the event that a non-resident officer is selected, or a branch officer becomes a non-resident during their term, that person must promptly notify the branch Seneschal, superior Kingdom-level officer, and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing.

## **B. Reporting to Kingdom Officers.**

1. Every Local Officer must file reports as required by the corresponding Kingdom Officer and/or their Regional Deputy.
2. Failure to file required reports within thirty days after the reporting deadline may be grounds for suspension of the branch, their ability to publish in Pikestaff, and/or replacement of the non-reporting Officer.

## **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 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. 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. For pollings in which a single-choice ballot template is used, 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.
  - h. Upon The Crown's receipt of the results of the polling, The Crown has four weeks to inform the Kingdom Seneschal, the Seneschal of the polled barony, the polled barony's current Territorial Baron/Baroness, and the newly-selected successor(s) which of the candidate(s) presented in the poll has been selected to be the next 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.

## **D. Change of branch status:**

1. A branch may choose to begin change of status proceedings when sixty percent (60%) of the required officers of the current branch vote in favor of such change. The officers in favor of the change of status are to sign a petition that is to be delivered to the Kingdom Seneschal within three months of signature.
  - a. "Required officers" are those officers required for the respective branch as outlined in East Kingdom Law. When a branch may have a choice of required officers, all of those officer positions filled at the time of the vote are to be included in the vote.
2. Once the Kingdom Seneschal receives the signed Petition from the required officers, the Kingdom Seneschal will then work with the Society Seneschal and the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. as necessary to affect the desired change.
  - a. A change of branch status proceeding must include a polling of the voting members as set forth in Section VII.C.
3. Should a branch choose to change its status to that of a Barony, the selection of a Baron/Baroness as outlined in Section VII.F.6.a. must take place within eighteen months after the Board of Directors' approval of the change of status to Barony.
4. Except in extraordinary circumstances, a branch may not begin change of status proceedings within eighteen months of a previous change of status polling.

## **E. Principalities**

A Principality is a branch or grouping of branches of at least one hundred Society members in a geographically contiguous area, forming a subdivision of the Kingdom, which selects a reigning Prince and Princess by armored combat.

1. Principalities are required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Herald
  - c. Knight Marshal
  - d. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - e. Chronicler
  - f. Minister of Arts and Sciences
  - g. Minister of the Lists
  - h. Chatelaine
2. Duties and Rights of Territorial Princes and Princesses
  - a. Territorial Princes and Princesses may bestow Awards of Arms upon Their subjects.
  - b. Territorial Princes and Princesses may bestow such Peerages and East Kingdom Orders and Awards, in the name of The Crown, as have been specifically delegated to Them by The Crown in writing.
    - i. Each of the above awards will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
    - ii. Polling for Orders which require it will be conducted in accordance with East Kingdom Law.
  - c. Territorial Princes and Princesses may bestow Principality Awards, and induct gentles of merit into Polling Orders of the Principality.
  - d. At Their discretion, The Crown may suspend the privilege of Territorial Princes and Princesses to bestow armigerous awards.
3. The Creation of a Principality
  - a. At the time Principality status is granted, the first Coronet Tourney will be scheduled to be held under the supervision of The Crown of the East Kingdom. This Coronet Tourney will be open to all eligible entrants, as defined in proposed Principality Law, who reside within the boundaries of the incipient Principality.
  - b. The Crown of the East Kingdom will invest the first Coronet of the new Principality. Thereafter, Investitures will take place in accordance with the customs of the Principality.
4. The Separation of a Principality
  - a. At the time Kingdom status is granted, the next scheduled Coronet Tourney will become the first Crown Tourney of the incipient Kingdom and will be held under the supervision of The Crown of the East Kingdom. This Crown Tourney will be open to all eligible entrants, as defined in Principality Law, who reside within the boundaries of the incipient Kingdom.
  - b. A treaty will be negotiated between The Crown of the East Kingdom and the Heirs to the incipient Kingdom to determine territorial boundaries, in accordance with the wishes of the subjects resident within the areas under discussion, and any other provisions as deemed necessary.
  - c. At the time of separation, the Coronet will personally return the Principality to the East Kingdom, and take Their rightful places among the Viscounty, if appropriate. If the Coronet is unable to attend the Coronation of the first Crown of the new Kingdom, They will return the Principality to the East Kingdom via The Crown Prince and Princess of the incipient Kingdom.
  - d. Once the Principality has been returned to the East Kingdom, The Crown of the East Kingdom will crown the Heirs to the incipient Kingdom as its first Sovereign and Consort. At that time, the respective Crowns will formally sign the treaty into effect.

## **F. Crown Principality**

The Crown Principality of Tir Mara is a ceremonial geographic subdivision within the East Kingdom comprising all areas with modern Canadian Postal Codes. Tir Mara does not have rights, obligations, authority, or responsibilities different from or greater than any other administrative region within the East Kingdom. All references to 'Region' in East Kingdom Law shall be read as including Tir Mara. All Tir Mara officers are regional deputies to the respective East Kingdom officers and serve at the pleasure of said officer.

## G. Baronies

A Barony is a branch of at least twenty-five Society members in a geographically contiguous area which has an appointed ceremonial head. In all circumstances, The Crown Province of Østgardr will be treated as a Barony.

1. A Barony may contain subordinate Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Cantons.
2. A Barony may hold funds for its Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Cantons.
3. A Barony may as act as a sponsoring branch for incipient Shires, Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Cantons.
4. Baronies are required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Herald
  - c. Knight Marshal
  - d. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - e. Chronicler
  - f. Minister of Arts and Sciences
  - g. Minister of Lists
  - h. Chatelaine
5. Rights and Responsibilities of Territorial Barons/Baronesses
  - a. They hold their Baronies in fealty to The Crown.
  - b. They serve at the discretion of The Crown and are invested, suspended, or removed by The Crown in accordance with East Kingdom Law and the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
  - c. They have the right to bestow Baronial titles, awards and positions of honor.
  - d. They may serve less than the required term limitation, as provided for by Baronial charter or custom.
  - e. The Viceroy/Vicereine of Østgardr have all the rights, privileges and obligations pertaining to Barons/Baronesses.
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.
  - b. A Barony has the option, at any time, to choose a Baroness/Baron to rule with its current sole Baron/Baroness.
    - 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 the investiture of an additional Baron/Baroness, but must announce the investiture of the new (additional) Baron/Baroness in a Royal Court prior to the date of investiture.
  - 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 SCA, Inc.
    - 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.
8. Replacement of Territorial Barons/Baronesses
- 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.

## H. Provinces

A Province is a branch of at least twenty-five Society members in a geographically contiguous area that is of equivalent status to a Barony, but which has no ceremonial head.

1. A Province may contain subordinate Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Ridings.
2. A Province may hold funds for its Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Ridings.
3. A Province may as act as a sponsor branch for incipient Shires, Colleges, Strongholds, Ports, and Ridings.
4. Provinces are required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Herald
  - c. Knight Marshal
  - d. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - e. Chronicler
  - f. Minister of Arts and Sciences
  - g. Minister of Lists
  - h. Chatelaine
5. A Province, because it has no ceremonial head, may give no awards, but may bestow Provincial honors.

## I. Shires

A Shire is a branch of at least five Society members that is geographically independent of a Barony or Province.

1. A Shire may not contain subordinate branches.
2. A Shire may as act as a sponsor branch for incipient Shires, Colleges, Strongholds, and Ports.
3. Shires are required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Herald and/or Knight Marshal and/or Minister of Arts and Sciences
  - c. Chancellor of the Exchequer
4. If a Shire does not have a separate Chatelaine, an Officer must be designated to assume all Chatelaine duties.

## J. Colleges, Strongholds and Ports

A College is a branch of at least five Society members that exists at an educational institution. A Stronghold or Port is a branch of at least five Society members that exists at a military installation.

Colleges, Strongholds and Ports may become dormant because of seasonal changes in student population or troop movement.

1. Colleges, Strongholds and Ports may either be subordinate to or independent of a Barony or Province.
2. A College, Stronghold or Port is required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - c. Herald and/or Knight Marshal and/or Minister of Arts and Sciences
3. If a College, Stronghold or Port does not have a separate Chatelaine, an Officer must be designated to assume all Chatelaine duties.

## **K. Cantons and Ridings**

A Canton is a branch of at least five Society members that is geographically or organizationally subordinate to a Barony. A Riding is a branch of at least five Society members that is geographically or organizationally subordinate to a Province.

1. A Canton or Riding is required to have, at minimum, the following Officers.
  - a. Seneschal
  - b. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - c. Herald and/or Knight Marshal and/or Minister of Arts and Sciences
2. If a Canton or Riding does not have a separate Chatelaine, an Officer must be designated to assume all Chatelaine duties.

# **Section VIII. Events**

## **A. Kingdom Events**

1. Coronations, Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Night, Royal Universities, and the various King's and Queen's Champions Tournaments are Kingdom Events. Except for Coronations and Crown Tournaments, all dates for events to be held are preferred dates; groups are encouraged to submit bids for dates within the listed timeframes if at all possible.
  - a. Any branch wishing to sponsor a Kingdom Event must submit a written bid (via E-mail or regular mail) as required, to The Crown, the Heirs, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. For a Royal University, a copy of the bid must also be sent to the Chancellor of the East Kingdom University. The bid must include a proposed budget that includes event costs.
  - b. Written bids for Kingdom Events must be submitted not later than the deadlines given in Sections VIII.A.2 through VIII.A.6 below.
  - c. Written bids for Twelfth Night, Royal Universities, and King's and Queen's Champions Tournaments may be submitted up to 24 months prior to the proposed event date. If such a bid is submitted more than six months prior to the proposed event date and has a required decision date before the Reign in which the event would be held, the decision will be made by the seated Crown or Heirs (as relevant) at the time the decision is required.
  - d. Expenses related to running of any Kingdom Event are to be borne by the event, and must be included in the bid. An estimate of these expenses may be obtained from the appropriate Kingdom Officer or the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - e. In the event that a substantial change needs to be made an accepted bid for an East Kingdom Event, the sponsoring group shall inform The Crown, Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Exchequer (and the Chancellor of the East Kingdom University, for a Royal University bid) of the proposed Changes.
    - i. The Crown may accept the modified bid or revoke the bid in favor of another bid.
    - ii. A substantial change shall include a change in date, venue, fees or planned activities.
  - f. One-half of the profit made on a Kingdom Event will be given to the East Kingdom. In the event of a significant financial loss due to natural disaster or other unforeseen circumstances, the sponsoring branch may petition The Crown, with their report of the event, for assistance in covering up to one-half of the loss. Petitions will be considered by The Crown and the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer on a case-by-case basis.
  - g. If an accepted bid for a Kingdom Event fails (e.g. due to loss of site) close enough to the event date such that a new bid cannot be published in Pikestaff by the applicable deadline, and if the event must be attached to another event not originally proposed to be a Kingdom

- Event, The Crown, with approval of the Council of the Exchequer, may waive the claim on the profits of the event.
2. Coronations
    - a. 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 of the preceding year. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by January 31st.
    - b. 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. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by July 31st.
  3. Crown Tournaments
    - a. The preferred date for Spring Crown Tourney is the first Saturday in May, with the last Saturday in April serving as an alternate date. Written bids must be sent by January 1st. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by February 15th.
    - b. The preferred date for Fall Crown Tourney is the first Saturday in November, with the second Saturday in November serving as an alternate date. Written bids must be sent by July 1st. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by August 15th.
    - c. Crown Tourney will be held alternately in the regions of the East Kingdom according to the following schedule:  
 Even (modern) years: spring/Tir Mara, fall/North  
 Odd (modern) years: spring/South, fall/Central
      - i. Any branch within a given Region which can demonstrate its ability to host Crown Tourney has priority over all branches which have hosted it more recently.
      - ii. If, in the judgment of The Crown who will preside over The Crown Tourney and the Kingdom Seneschal, no branch in the designated Region is capable of hosting Crown Tourney, The Crown may choose the branch They feel is best able to host Crown Tourney. In such a case, the rotation among Regions will continue as if The Crown Tourney had been held in the proper Region.
  4. East Kingdom Twelfth Night will be held on the first or second Saturday after January 1st. Written bids must be sent by June 15th of the preceding year. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by July 31st of the preceding year.
  5. Champions' Tournaments
    - a. Bids for the King's and Queen's champions' tournaments must be submitted in compliance with Section VIII.A.1 above; however, except for the King's and Queen's Equestrian Champions Tourney, no bid for any champions' tournament will be considered for any site that would result in that tournament being hosted in the same Region two years in a row without the express permission of The Crown.
    - b. King's and Queen's Champions of Arms' Tourney will typically be held during the Summer Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Fall Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline. The Queen shall have the right to choose the Queen's Champion of Arms at the tournament, in consultation with the Crown Princess and the Ladies of the Rose.
    - c. King's and Queen's Archery Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Summer Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Fall Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
    - d. King's and Queen's Fencing Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Winter Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Spring Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
    - e. King's and Queen's Equestrian Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Summer Reign, with a preference towards later in the season. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Fall Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
    - f. King's and Queen's Bardic Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Winter Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Spring Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
    - g. King's and Queen's Arts and Sciences Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Winter Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Spring Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
    - h. King's and Queen's Thrown Weapons Champions Tourney(s) will typically be held during the Summer Reign. Written bids must be received by one month after the preceding Fall Crown Tourney. The Heirs must choose from eligible bids by two months after the bid deadline.
  6. Royal University.

- a. There will be a minimum of two Royal Universities held each year, one during the summer Reign, one during the winter Reign.
- b. As patrons of the Arts, The Crown is encouraged to support the Royal University by Their presence.
- c. The Royal University must circulate around the regions.
- d. Written bids must be received at least four (4) months in advance, and a copy of the bid must also be sent to the Chancellor of the East Kingdom University. The Royalty who will be reigning at the date of the event will make a decision upon the bid.
- e. The Chancellor of the East Kingdom University will advise the deciding Royalty of any consideration that can affect the validity of a bid.

## **B. The East Kingdom University**

1. The East Kingdom University will operate Royal Universities. as outlined in Section VIII of the East Kingdom Law.
2. The East Kingdom University will operate other regular events of educational vocation. The format of such events can include Fighter's Universities, Scholas, Colleges, etc.
  - a. A minimum of one Fighter's University will be held each year.
  - b. One-half of the profits made from a regular East Kingdom University event will be given to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will hold these funds for the East Kingdom University.
  - c. Copies of the event report must be submitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. and the Chancellor of the East Kingdom University within thirty days of the event.
3. The University schedule is the responsibility of the Chancellor of the East Kingdom University.

## **C. Inter-Kingdom Events**

The Pennsic War

1. The Pennsic War start and ending dates will be announced at least one year prior to the occurrence of the event. The start date will be after July 15 and the ending date will be before the end of August.
2. The East Kingdom is responsible for choosing the autocrat for Pennsic Wars to be held every third year beginning at Pennsic 45 (2016).
3. Written bids to apply for the position of autocrat of said Pennsic Wars must be sent to The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal by May 1st, two years prior to the War.
4. The Crown will choose an autocrat from those who have applied no later than July 1st, two years prior to the War. They will then announce the name and contact information of said autocrat in the next possible issue of Pikestaff.

## **D. Martial Activities at Events**

No martial activities may take place at an event without the supervision of a warranted Marshal.

## **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 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.

## **F. Major Kingdom Events Conflict**

Should any group wish to host a Pikestaff Publishable event which would be within 100 miles of a published Crown Tourney, Coronation, or Twelfth Night, they must first obtain permission from the current Crown.

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

Groups may not use sites within another group's boundaries except by written mutual agreement with the group in which the site lies.

## **H. Foreign Currency Accommodation**

It being essential for Eastern subjects on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border to be able to easily attend Eastern events, the kingdom officers must be aware of the problems inherent for gentles reserving attendance at events when they must cross international borders. All local groups within the East Kingdom shall adopt policies to mitigate, to the extent reasonably possible, the costs of procuring pre-registration funds in another nation's currency. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer's Office shall develop and oversee acceptable policies. Groups shall consult with the Exchequer and the Kingdom Seneschal to institute these policies.

# **Section IX. Awards**

## **A. Awards in the East Kingdom**

1. Awards in the East Kingdom are the gift of The Crown.
2. Territorial Princes and Princesses and Territorial Barons and Baronesses may give awards in accordance with Sections VII.E.2. and VII.G.5.c. respectively.
3. The Crown, Coronet, and Territorial Barons/Baronesses must supply Brigantia Herald or his/her appointed deputy with written notification of the recipient, date, and place of all precedence-bearing awards bestowed, within thirty days of the date of the award.
4. Recipients of an East Kingdom award are entitled to wear its badge, as registered with the College of Arms.
5. All official Kingdom level award scrolls assigned must be coordinated through the Office of the Tyger Clerk of the Signet.
6. In the event that a Monarch assigns a scroll outside the Tyger Clerk of the Signet's office, the Office of the Tyger Clerk of the Signet will be notified as soon as possible after said assignment.

## **B. Orders of High Merit**

1. There are seven Orders of High Merit in the East Kingdom, and their recipients are known as Companions of their respective Orders.
  - a. Induction into an Order of High Merit will be accompanied by a Grant of Arms for recipients who do not already have a grant or Patent of Arms.
  - b. Companions of each Order of High Merit will rank equally with Companions of the other Orders of High Merit in the Order of Precedence.
  - c. Companions of an Order of High Merit will be entitled to a scroll proclaiming their induction into the Order.
  - d. Companions of the Orders of High Merit are charged with the following duties:
    - i. To continue their endeavors and increase their skills in the areas for which they were inducted.
    - ii. To encourage others in their efforts in the areas governed by the award, and to teach such gentles as will evidence a desire to learn, to the extent of their abilities.
    - iii. To seek to expand the range of their activities.
2. The Order of the Silver Crescent (established June 13 A.S. 6, 1971, by Akbar II and Khadijah II) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by service to the Kingdom, whether by long service within one of the areas of the Kingdom whereby the entire Kingdom is held to benefit, or by continuing service in ways which directly benefit a large portion of the Kingdom.
3. The Order of the Maunche (established October 9 A.S. 11, 1976, by Laeghaire and Ysabeau II) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by service to the arts and sciences, whether by attaining a standard of excellence as makes them noteworthy in the eyes of the Kingdom or by attempting more than one art form and, while not attaining mastery in any one, surpassing competence in several.
4. The Order of the Tygers Combatant (established October 9 A.S. 11, 1976, by Laeghaire and Ysabeau II; revised May 31 A.S. 50, 2015, by Darius V, called Omega, and Etheldreda IV) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by prowess at armored combat, whether by attaining a standard of excellence such as makes them noteworthy in the eyes of the Kingdom or by attempting more than one weapons form and, while not attaining mastery in any one, surpassing competence in several.



5. The Order of the Sagittarius (established January 22 A.S. 18, 1984, by Viktor and Sedalia) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have shown superior prowess at the target archery range and have distinguished themselves in archery in one of the following areas; teaching and demonstrating the art of archery, making archery equipment or by helping to arrange archery at events and/or sites and thus demonstrating an overall impact to archery in the Kingdom.
6. The Order of the Golden Rapier (established April 26 A.S. 26, 1992, by Ruslan and Margaret) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by excellence in the art of fence by consistently demonstrating superior prowess in the lists, by teaching, and by helping to promote and expand the knowledge of their art.
7. The Order of the Golden Lance (established March 28 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by prowess in the equestrian lists and demonstrated service to the Kingdom in marshalling, teaching, and helping to promote and expand the knowledge of equestrian arts.
8. The Order of the Golden Mantle (established March 24 A.S. 41, 2007, by Lucan VII and Jana IV; revised July 9 A.S. 51, 2016, by Kenric III and Avelina III) may be given to gentles in the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by prowess in an auxiliary capacity on the field of battle and the target range, in the areas of Siege Weaponry, Scouting, Combat Archery, and Thrown Weaponry and demonstrated service to the Kingdom in these areas by marshalling, commanding, building equipment, teaching, and helping to promote and expand the knowledge of these arts. The Order of the Golden Mantle includes all gentles who previously received the Order of the Golden Mantle (as an Order of Honor) and the Order of Artemis.

## C. Armigerous Orders

1. There are six Armigerous Orders in the East Kingdom, and their recipients are known as Companions of their respective Orders.
  - a. Induction into an Armigerous Order will be accompanied by an Award of Arms for recipients who do not already have one.
  - b. Companions of each Armigerous Order will rank equally with Companions of the other Armigerous Orders in the Order of Precedence.
  - c. Companions of an Armigerous Order will be entitled to a scroll proclaiming their induction into the Order.
  - d. The Armigerous Orders are awarded solely at the discretion of The Crown. They are not Polling Orders.
2. The Order of the Silver Rapier (established August 2 A.S. 43, 2008, by Konrad and Brenwen; made armigerous December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)  
The Order of the Silver Rapier may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for martial skill upon the rapier field, whether in single combat or melee combat.
3. The Order of the Silver Tyger (established December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)  
The Order of the Silver Tyger may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for martial skill upon the armored combat lists, whether in single combat or melee combat.
4. The Order of the Silver Brooch (established December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)  
The Order of the Silver Brooch may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for excellence in the arts or sciences, whether in a single art form or multiple art forms.
5. The Order of the Silver Wheel (established December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)  
The Order of the Silver Wheel may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for dedicated service that benefits the local group, Kingdom, or Society.
6. The Order of Apollo's Arrow (established December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)  
The Order of Apollo's Arrow may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for martial skill in the field of target archery.
7. The Order of the Silver Mantle (established January 29 A.S. 51, 2017, by Brion III and Anna III)  
The Order of the Silver Mantle may be awarded by The Crown to an individual for martial skill on the field, range, or list, in the areas of equestrian, combat archery, thrown weapons, siege weaponry, scouting, and other martial arts as The Crown may determine.

## D. Orders of Honor

1. There are Orders of Honor in the East Kingdom, and their recipients are known as Companions of their respective Orders.

- a. Companions of each Order of Honor will rank equally with Companions of the other Orders of Honor in the Order of Precedence.
- b. Except as otherwise expressly stated below, scrolls for induction into Orders of Honor are optional.
2. The Queen's Order of Courtesy (established October 19 A.S. 9, 1974, by Cariadoc II and Diana II)
  - a. The Queen's Order of Courtesy may be awarded by the Queen to such gentles as She deems worthy by reason of their consistently exemplary courtesy to gentles of all ranks in the East Kingdom and the Society at large.
  - b. The Companions of the Order will be bound, insofar as they are able, to maintain the standard of courtesy which entitled them to induction into the Order.
  - c. The Queen may call upon the Companions of the Order for assistance with their aid or advice in encouraging courteous behavior or concerning nominations to this Order, as She sees fit. The Companions will be bound to assist Her to the best of their ability when called upon in this fashion.
3. The Order of the Tyger's Cub (established October 14 A.S. 13, 1978, by Gyrrh and Melisande)
  - a. The Order of the Tyger's Cub may be awarded by The Crown to children under the age of eighteen in the East Kingdom who have displayed admirable virtue and decorum at events.
  - b. The Companions of the Order will be entitled to act as pages to the Royalty and Heirs of the East Kingdom until such time as they reach the age of eighteen.
  - c. The Companions of this Order shall be entitled to a scroll.
4. The Order of the Troubadors (established October 6 A.S. 14, 1979, by Vissevald and Embla, revised June 20 A.S. 45, 2010, by Edward and Marguerite)
  - a. This award, signified by a token chosen by The Crown, may be awarded to recognize a gentle's vocal entertainment, and especially for encouraging others to join in or respond in kind. It may also be awarded to recognize a gentle's talent in performing and entertainment arts, like musical performance, theater, jestery, etc. This list is not exhaustive to leave room for other arts which may flourish as historical evidence and study will be furthered.
  - b. Companions of the Order are encouraged to communicate among themselves in order to expand their collective repertoire and knowledge.
5. The Order of Terpsichore (established October 6 A.S. 14, 1979, by Vissevald and Embla)
  - a. This award, signified by a token chosen by The Crown may be awarded to recognize a gentle's consistent and unselfish devotion of his talent to helping a great many others acquire a knowledge and understanding of dance and polite court movement.
  - b. Companions of the Order are encouraged to communicate among themselves in order to expand their collective repertoire.
6. The King's Order of Excellence (established March 16 A.S. 25, 1991, by Rhys and Elaina)
  - a. The King's Order of Excellence may be awarded by the King to such gentles as He deems worthy by reason of their consistent efforts to maintain a high standard of authenticity in their dress, behavior, personae, and goods; in the feast hall, in their encampments, and on the field of honor.
  - b. The Companions of this Order will be bound, insofar as they are able, to maintain the standards of authenticity which entitled them to induction into the Order.
7. Tyger of the East (established April 26 A.S. 37, 2003, by Darius II and Roxane II)
  - a. The Tyger of the East may be awarded by The Crown to the individual who most embodies and personifies the ideals of the East Kingdom.
  - b. During any one reign, no more than one individual will be bestowed with the Tyger of the East.
  - c. An individual may be recognized in this way no more than once.
  - d. The recipients of this award will be entitled to a scroll.
8. The Order of Gawain (established April 22 A.S. 41, 2007, by Gryffith and Aikaterine)
  - a. The Order of Gawain may be awarded by The Crown to honor and recognize those young people, up to and including the age of 17, who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor, honor, chivalry, courtesy, and leadership within a youth martial activity.
  - b. The Crown may, at Their discretion, request comment from the appropriate Marshalate regarding candidates for this award.
  - c. The recipient of this award is entitled to wear on the left arm a green garter charged with a gold mullet.
  - d. The Companions of this Order will be bound, insofar as they are able, to maintain and encourage the standards of the Order within the youth martial community.

## E. Other East Kingdom Awards

1. These awards are not armigerous, and the recipients are not Companions of any Order. Scrolls are optional for these awards, except as otherwise expressly stated.
2. The Award of the Burdened Tyger (established February 14 A.S. 10, 1976, by Aonghais II and Ysabeau; renamed January 26 A.S. 48, 2014, by Kenric II and Avelina II; revised May 31 A.S. 50, 2015, by Darius V, called Omega, and Etheldreda IV; revised July 9 A.S. 51, 2016, by Kenric III and Avelina III)
  - a. The Award of the Burdened Tyger may be awarded by The Crown to those gentles associated with running an event or an aspect of an event which The Crown attended, and which They feel was well above the normal standard of excellence in the East Kingdom.
  - b. The Award of the Burdened Tyger is not to be presented at the event for which it is being awarded; except at the Pennsic War, during which the Award of the Burdened Tyger may be presented in East Kingdom Court for an exceptional event earlier in the war.
  - c. As the Award of the Burdened Tyger is awarded for a specific event, a gentle may receive it any number of times for any number of different events.
3. The Queen's Cypher (created by Gavin and Tamera and first presented on October 18 A.S. 15, 1980; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
  - a. The Queen's Cypher is hereby established to recognize those subjects of the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by providing exceptional service to the Queen.
  - b. This Order may be awarded by the Queen to whomever She deems deserving.
  - c. The Queen may award no more than ten Queen's Cyphers during any one Reign; nor will She feel required to award any at all, if none are clearly meritorious.
  - d. The recipients of this award will be entitled to either a scroll proclaiming their meritorious services or a personal token of the Queen bearing the Cypher, which is the Queen's initial together with an "R".
4. The King's Cypher (created by Balfar II and Luna II and first presented on April 13 A.S. 30, 1996; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
  - a. The King's Cypher is hereby established to recognize those subjects of the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by providing exceptional service to the King.
  - b. This Order may be awarded by the King to whomever He deems deserving.
  - c. The King may award no more than ten King's Cyphers during any one Reign; nor will He feel required to award any at all, if none are clearly meritorious.
  - d. The recipients of this award will be entitled to either a scroll proclaiming their meritorious services or a personal token of the King bearing the Cypher, which is the King's initial together with an "R".
5. The Blue Tyger Legion (established November 19 A.S. 29, 1994, by Gregor II and Christence II; revised May 31 A.S. 50, 2105, by Darius V, called Omega, and Etheldreda IV; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
  - a. The Blue Tyger Legion may be awarded by The Crown to groups that have demonstrated exceptional martial prowess on the field.
  - b. During any one Reign, no more than one group will be inducted into the Legion.
  - c. The inducted group is entitled to hang from its banner a schwenkle, bendy purple and or, charged with the initials of the inducting Monarchs.
  - d. A group may be recognized in this way more than once, in which case the initials of the inducting Monarchs will be added to the existing schwenkle.
6. The Queen's Award of Esteem (established by edict October 6 A.S. 31, 1996, by Elspeth; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
  - a. The Queen's Award of Esteem 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 is not defined, but will be specified in each Reign by the Queen and will be fashioned by the Queen's hand.
  - c. This award will be given solely at the Queen's discretion.
  - d. A gentle may receive the Queen's Award of Esteem 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.
7. The King's Award of Esteem (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; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)

- a. The King's Award of Esteem 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 is not defined, but will be specified in each Reign by the King.
  - c. Recommendations for this honor will not be requested.
  - d. A gentles may receive the King's Award of Esteem 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.
8. The Order of Valor of the East (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; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
    - a. The Order of Valor of the East may be awarded by The Crown 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 may be awarded no more than three times during any one reign.
    - c. The Order of Valor of the East 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
  9. The Award 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 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 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 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 of the Golden Lyre may be awarded by the King or Queen, together or individually.
    - e. The badge of the Award of the Golden Lyre is: A tyger rampant azure sustaining a lyre, Or. A token bearing this badge may be given personally or placed with such meritorious work.
    - f. The Award 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.
  10. Augmentation of Arms (reestablished June 30 A.S. 47, 2012, by Kenric and Avelina; revised January 26 A.S. 48, 2014, by Kenric II and Avelina II)
    - a. The Augmentation of Arms may be awarded by The Crown to honor a person for service to the Kingdom or specifically to the Royalty. Each augmentation is specific to the individual awarded, to be added to his/her arms following consultation with the Brigantia Principal Herald. This honor is infrequently granted.
      - i. The final decision for the nature of the Augmentation will be determined by the recipient.
      - ii. Should The Crown wish this augmentation be indicative of the King and/or Queen, The Crown has the option to provide the recipient with Permission to Conflict with the registered Personal Arms or Badge of either or both Royalty.
      - iii. Should The Crown wish this augmentation to be indicative of the Kingdom as whole or with a particular order of the East Kingdom, The Crown has the option to provide the recipient with Permission to Conflict with a designated Augmentation Badge or elements of the Badge of a specific Order.
      - iv. An Augmentation does not grant the permission to augment arms with a charge the recipient is not allowed to bear normally.

- v. The Augmentation must follow the rules under the SCA College of Arms' Standards for the Evaluation of Names and Armorial (SENA) A.3.A.3, C.4, and A.6.C.
  - b. The recipients of this award are entitled to a scroll.
  - c. All individuals who were previously presented with the Royal Augmentation of Arms or the East Kingdom Augmentation of Arms from prior Royalty from the East Kingdom are considered to have received this award, The Augmentation of Arms.
11. The Company of the Pennon of the East (established June 19 A.S. 40, 2005, by Gaufred Kelson II and Geneviere II; renamed January 25 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
    - a. The Company of the Pennon of the East 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 more than once, and no upper or lower limits on the number of gentles to be inducted per reign will be imposed.
    - c. The token given will be a small pennon or streamer, able to be worn either 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.
  12. The Award of Gilder (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; revised December 5 A.S. 50, 2015, by Brennan II and Caoilfhionn II)
    - a. The Award of Gilder 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 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.
  13. The Company of Fellowship (established July 9 A.S. 51, 2016, by Kenric III and Avelina III)
    - a. The Company of Fellowship may be awarded by The Crown to a recognized branch within the East Kingdom, below the kingdom or principality level, which displays an exceptional level of unity while promoting the ideals of the Kingdom and the Society.
    - b. During any one Reign, no more than one group will be awarded the Company of Fellowship.
    - c. The Company of Fellowship is not to be presented at the event for which it is being awarded; except at the Pennsic War, during which the Company of Fellowship may be presented in East Kingdom Court for an exceptional event earlier in the war.
    - d. As the Company of Fellowship is awarded for a specific event, a group may receive it any number of times for any number of different events.
    - e. Only groups which receive this award are entitled to fly a pennon in conjunction with their branch arms bearing the badge of the Company of Fellowship and the initials of the bestowing monarchs.

## F. Polling Orders

The Peerage Orders (Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican, Rose, and Defense), and Orders of High Merit (Silver Crescent, Maunche, Tygers Combatant, Sagittarius, Golden Rapier, Golden Lance, and Golden Mantle) 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 reign. 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.

2. In exceptional circumstances, an Order may petition The Crown to conduct a verbal polling at a published event. Such a polling shall take place at a meeting of the Order where at least 20 members are present, except in Tir Mara where at least 10 are sufficient. In the case of an Order with fewer than 20 members in total, a verbal polling may be declared valid if a simple majority of the Order is present.
3. The Royalty or Heirs have the prerogative of soliciting the opinions of any subject of the East Kingdom or the Knowne World concerning the candidacy of another for inclusion in Their Polling Orders. Further, the Royalty or Heirs have the prerogative of inviting any gentle into a Formal Order Meeting on a case-by-case basis.
4. Companions of a Polling Order are not to discuss or share information regarding potential candidates or any other business specific to the Order with anyone who is not a Companion of the Order, unless specifically invited to do so by a Royal.
5. With the exception of the Order of the Rose, and only for the duration of Their Royal Tenure, the Royalty and Heirs may join email discussion lists, provided for in Section IX.F.7, for Their Polling Orders for which They are not otherwise eligible.
6. The Kingdom Webminister shall create and maintain official Kingdom polling notification lists for each Polling Order, listed in this section; and shall, in cooperation with the Clerk of the Polling Lists, establish a verification system to ensure that only companions of a given Polling Order are granted access to that Order's polling notification list. Each Companion of a Polling Order is charged to maintain and update their current contact information on the polling notification lists, and also to notify the Clerk of the Polling Lists should they wish to become inactive or to resume activity.
7. The Kingdom Webminister shall create and maintain official Kingdom E-mail lists for each Polling Order, listed in this section.
  - a. The purpose of these Email lists shall be:
    - i. To facilitate discussion of recent Polls and discussion of potential candidates;
    - ii. To deliver special notices from The Crown; and
    - iii. Any other business concerning the Order.
  - b. The Kingdom Webminister shall establish a verification system to ensure that only companions of a given Polling Order are granted access to a specific Polling Order's E-mail list.
    - i. The Crown shall appoint an Administrator for each Polling Order Email list who shall ensure that those requesting access to a Polling list shall be bona fide.
    - ii. The administrator shall in no way moderate or alter any message sent to the Polling Order E-mail list by an admitted member.
    - iii. The Administrator for each Polling list shall be considered a Lesser Kingdom Officer and shall be under the supervision of the Kingdom Webminister.
  - c. Any Companion of any Polling Order therefore mentioned in this section may join any Email list for any Polling Order to which they have been admitted by contacting the Administrator for the Polling Order E-mail List. The Administrator shall add any bona fide person with all due speed, to the proper Polling Order E-mail list.
  - d. Messages and communications by members of these Polling Order E-mail lists, and by the Royalty or Heirs of the East, shall be distributed as individual emails only. Any archiving of these E-mails shall not be open to any person, save in the following circumstances:
    - i. The Crown for the stated reason of investigating misconduct or other activities that would invoke sanctions as outlined in Section X of the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
    - ii. The Kingdom Seneschal, at the direction of The Crown in performance of duties relevant to Section IX.F.7.d.i above.
  - e. These lists shall be subject to the same confidentiality as stated in Section IX.F.4.

## **G. Patents of Arms**

1. A Royal Peerage earned in the East Kingdom or its Principalities will be accompanied by a Patent of Arms, if the gentle does not already have one. Having sat the throne successfully a gentle is assumed to have met the requirements for a Patent of Arms.
2. The Order of the Rose will bear a Patent of Arms, and be accompanied by such if the gentle does not already have one.

# Section X. Rights of Subjects

## A. Modern beverage containers

Modern beverage containers must be concealed from plain view in the central area of any event.

## B. Smoking

Smoking is forbidden in the central area of any event. The autocrat will designate a convenient, safe, and practical area where smoking is permitted.

## C. Flash photography

Flash photography is forbidden in the central area of any event.

## D. Dangerous or threatening use of weapons is forbidden

Offenders will be dealt with as provided for by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc., up to and including the levels of banishment and the involvement of the civil authorities. All weapons must be sheathed or safely stored when not in use.

## E. Assumption of Titles

The assumption of titles of rank equivalent to the reserved titles is forbidden. Those claiming ecclesiastical offices may not claim territorial jurisdiction in either the Knowne or modern world.

## F. Vassals

Squires and other like vassals are entitled to wear a belt or baldric bearing the badge of their liege lord.

## G. Guilds and Households

1. A Guild consists of a group of gentles who have come together to develop some art, skill, or area of study.
  - a. While not required, a Guild may apply to become a Royal Guild via the following process.
    - i. A charter must be presented to The Crown for Their review. This charter must state the purpose for which the Guild was founded, and set forth the internal organization of the Guild. This charter must also be signed by a minimum of five Society members, who must reside in at least three different branches within the East Kingdom.
    - ii. At Their discretion, The Crown may choose to sign the charter, thereby declaring the Guild to be a Royal Guild.
    - iii. The Guildmaster/Guildmistress, or another gentle designated by the Guild, must then report as required by the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
    - iv. If a Royal Guild fails to report as required, the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences may request that The Crown revoke their status as a Royal Guild.
  - b. A Guild has the right to give internal awards or ranks not proscribed by the College of Heralds.
2. A Household consists of a group of gentles who have chosen to ally themselves with each other in friendship or towards a mutual goal.
  - a. A Household has the right to give internal awards or ranks not proscribed by the College of Heralds.

## H. Combat Activities Participation

A gentle who is at least eighteen years of age or an emancipated minor may participate in the lists in combat-related activities, subject to the Rules of the List and the policies of the Earl Marshal.

## I. Combat Marshals

Combat marshals must be at least eighteen years of age and, with the exception of Youth Combat Marshals, must be authorized to participate in the activity in which they wish to serve.

## **J. Expectation of Confidentiality**

It is expected that any gentle in a position of authority within the East Kingdom who uses e-mail in an official capacity will hold and maintain such communications in an account provided officially by the East Kingdom. Positions of Authority include the sitting Royalty and Heirs, Kingdom Officers and their appointed Deputies, Territorial Heads, and Officers of all local branches.

## **K. Complaint Procedure**

1. Complaint Regulations.
  - a. Once all other lesser avenues and channels of redress have been exhausted, including Society channels as covered in Corpora, Society Officers' policies and procedures and Kingdom Officers' policies and procedures, Section X.K. of East Kingdom Law, (hereinafter referred to as the "Complaint Procedure") may be used for the arbitration and/or resolution of disputes involving the following:
    - i. Violations of East Kingdom Law; or
    - ii. Violations of Corpora; or
    - iii. Violations of the rules of the list involving either a single incident or repeated actions; or
    - iv. Unchivalrous conduct; or
    - v. Knowingly furnishing false or misleading information to The Crown of the East, any of Their representatives, officers and/or agents, if such information would have a detrimental effect on the decisions and policies made by any of those individuals; or
    - vi. Any other action determined by The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to be reasonable and acceptable for an action under this section.
  - b. The Complaint Procedure is not to be used for the following:
    - i. Interpersonal financial disputes not involving SCA, Inc. funds;
    - ii. Affairs of the heart;
    - iii. Inter-branch disputes, as such disputes are to be referred to the Kingdom Seneschal;
    - iv. Behavior that falls within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by the modern nation or other political division; except wherein that action has implications also within the Society's rules of courteous behavior.
  - 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, Heirs, 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.
  - d. Complaints resulting from a single incident must be registered within 90 days of the incident. Complaints resulting from a series of incidents must be filed within 90 days from the last cited incident. The Crown may waive this requirement if the Complainant(s) show that the delay was due to the result of diligently following the Suggested Channels for Complaint and Appeal in Corpora or if Complainant(s) received notice of the incident(s) within 90 days prior to the filing of the complaint.
  - e. No complaint or court or other action under Section X.K. of East Kingdom Law will limit or prohibit The Crown's rights to sanctions or duties as provided by Corpora or East Kingdom Law. Any complaint and/or court may be dismissed and/or dissolved at any time by The Crown. The Crown may choose to accept all, some or none of the recommendations of the Grievance Committee and/or Court of Chivalry. In no case is The Crown compelled to call a Grievance Committee or a Court of Chivalry unless it is their direct decision to do so. Further, should The Crown change after a complaint, Grievance Committee or Court of Chivalry has been instituted, the incoming Crown has the option to permit the complaint and/or court to continue without required notification, or to discontinue the procedure with written notification to the Grievance Committee, adjudicator of a Court of Chivalry, the Complainant(s), Respondent(s) and the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - f. No Kingdom Officer's rights to sanctions or administration within their office and in accordance with Corpora, East Kingdom Law and/or that officer's Society and/or Kingdom officer policies will be limited by any complaint, court or other action in Section X.K. of East Kingdom Law. In the case wherein a Kingdom Officer is the Respondent(s), any rights to sanctions or administration against the Complainant(s) will be suspended until resolution of the complaint.
  - g. Complainant(s) may withdraw the complaint at any point.



- h. In the instance where the Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Earl Marshal cannot agree whether an incident(s) arises from the Rules of the List, The Crown will make the determination.
  - i. In the instance where the Kingdom Seneschal is a Complainant or Respondent, the Society Seneschal will be consulted to determine who shall assume the Kingdom Seneschal's responsibilities related to the complaint procedure.
  - j. In the instance where the Earl Marshal is a Complainant or Respondent, The Crown will assume the responsibilities of the Earl Marshal related to the complaint procedure.
2. Establishment of a Complaint Procedure.
- a. Complainant(s) must submit a written complaint to The Crown, by registered mail. A copy of the written complaint is to be mailed to the Kingdom Seneschal by regular mail. The complaint must contain the following items:
    - i. Legal name and Society name, address, telephone number (if available) and email address (if available) of the Complainant(s) and the Respondent(s);
    - ii. Complete description of the complaint along with a written description of the appropriate channels that have already unsatisfactorily addressed the complaint. If references are made to conversations or correspondence with local, Kingdom or Society Officers, complete legal and Society names along with contact information must be provided;
    - iii. Any written responses received by the Complainant(s) from the Respondent(s);
    - iv. Any written reports from eyewitnesses or supporting individuals, with full legal name and Society name of the eyewitness or supporting individual and their complete modern address, telephone number and email address (if available); and
    - v. Any supporting documentation such as e-mails, correspondence, documents, etc.
  - b. Within 15 days of receipt of a complaint, The Crown will inform the Complainant(s) and Kingdom Seneschal (by letter or email) whether the matter will be:
    - i. Remanded to the Kingdom Seneschal or other appropriate Kingdom officer for resolution;
    - ii. Submitted to a Grievance Committee;
    - iii. Submitted to a Court of Chivalry;
    - iv. Dismissed due to The Crown's decision; or
    - v. Dismissed as an invalid complaint, on one of these grounds:
      - a. Failure to go through appropriate Society channels;
      - b. Any complaint involving a personal, financial dispute not involving SCA, Inc. funds;
      - c. Any complaint involving an affair of the heart;
      - d. Failure to provide all of the information listed above;
      - e. Any complaint that has already been appropriately resolved through Society channels;
      - or
      - f. Any complaint that The Crown finds invalid.
3. Grievance Committee.
- a. As part of the Complaint Procedure, The Crown may direct the formation of a Grievance Committee to settle a complaint.
  - b. The Grievance Committee is composed of the following:
    - i. King and Queen. The King and Queen, at their discretion, may each choose a Peer not involved in the complaint to represent them during the Grievance Procedure. The peer(s) must have consented to act in this capacity and be limited to act only in accordance with section X.K.3.f. hereinafter. The King and/or Queen will advise the Kingdom Seneschal of their decision to choose a representative within 5 days of the notification in Section X.K.2.b. above. If no notification is received in that time, it will be presumed that the King and/or Queen not responding will not be selecting a representative;
    - ii. Prince and Princess (if at the date the complaint is received by The Crown a Prince and Princess have been crowned). The Prince and Princess, at their discretion, may each choose a Peer not involved in the complaint to represent them during the Grievance Procedure. The peer(s) must have consented to act in this capacity and be limited to act only in accordance with section X.K.3.f. hereinafter. The Prince and/or Princess will advise the Kingdom Seneschal of their decision to choose a representative within 5 days of the notification in Section X.K.2.b. above. If no notification is received in that time, it will be presumed that the Prince and/or Princess not responding will not be selecting a representative;
    - iii. Four of the East Kingdom's Greater Officers, to be selected by the King and Queen. It is recommended that one of the Four Greater Officers is the Kingdom Seneschal. If the complaint involves a matter involving the Rules of the List, one of the Four Greater Officers shall be the Kingdom Earl Marshal; and

- iv. An arbitrator mutually chosen by the parties in dispute from a list of arbitrators as outlined in Section X.K.3.d. below.
  - c. Within 15 days after notification as required in X.K.2.b. above or 30 days if either Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) reside outside the United States, the Kingdom Seneschal will notify, in writing by mailed letter or email, the members of the Grievance Committee and the parties in dispute, that the Grievance Committee will be called to settle the dispute.
  - d. The Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) will draw the arbitrator from a pool of names, maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal. Within 15 days of the expiration of the time allotted in X.K.3.c. above, the Kingdom Seneschal will present the parties in dispute (either via email or mailed letter) with a list of seven arbitrators. Under the supervision of the Kingdom Seneschal, the Respondent(s) and Complainant(s) will alternately remove names from the list of potential arbitrators until only one is left. The arbitrators must meet the following criteria:
    - i. They must volunteer, in writing;
    - ii. They must be at least eighteen years of age;
    - iii. They must be Society members; and
    - iv. They must have resided in the East Kingdom for at least two years; and
    - v. They must be armigerous. It is recommended that they be Peers.
  - e. If an arbitrator is not chosen within 30 days of the commencement of this selection process, The Crown will select one from the list.
  - f. The chosen arbitrator will then work with the committee, the Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) to achieve a settlement. The deadline for such a settlement is 60 days after the selection of an arbitrator.
  - g. If no resolution can be made, the complaint passes back to The Crown who may make a decision on the complaint, dismiss the matter, or submit the matter to a Court of Chivalry. All decisions made under this process are final and may not be appealed, except as otherwise provided by Corpora.
4. Courts of Chivalry.
- a. Another possible outcome of the Complaint Procedure is the formation of a Court of Chivalry to provide recommendations to The Crown regarding a filed complaint.
  - b. Within 15 days after notification as required in X.K.2.b. above, the Kingdom Seneschal will select an adjudicator from the Peers of the East Kingdom and inform him of his appointment. In the instance where the complaint arises from a single or multiple incidents involving the Rules of the List, the Earl Marshal will select the adjudicator. The adjudicator may not be a Royal, a Kingdom Officer, or related by blood, marriage, fealty, or household ties to the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s), or be a witness to the incident(s) giving rise to the Court of Chivalry.
  - c. Within 30 days of selection, the adjudicator will inform the Respondent(s) by mail requiring the Respondent(s) signature, of the complaint, provide him a copy of the complaint, and request from him a statement.
  - d. Should the Respondent(s) not provide a statement to the adjudicator within 15 days of receipt of the complaint, it will be deemed an admission of the validity of the complaint.
  - e. If, after receiving the statement from the Respondent(s), the adjudicator determines that the alleged offense is more properly addressed via the Grievance Committee, he will forward the complaint and the statement to The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal. The Crown has 15 days to determine whether to remand the matter to the Grievance Committee or for the matter to remain as a Court of Chivalry.
  - f. The adjudicator will schedule the Court of Chivalry to occur within 90 days of his appointment, but with at least 35 days notice. If the adjudicator, Kingdom Seneschal, Complainant(s), and Respondent(s) cannot agree upon a date, time and location for the Court of Chivalry, The Crown is empowered to select one.
  - g. No less than 30 days in advance of the Court of Chivalry, the Complainant(s) and the Respondent(s) will submit statements of their positions, with supporting statements by witnesses (if any), to the adjudicator. Such supporting statements must meet the following criteria:
    - i. They must be in writing;
    - ii. They must contain the Society name, legal name, address, phone number (if available) and email address (if available) for the gentle making the statement or declaration; and
    - iii. They must be notarized.
  - h. No less than 20 days in advance of the Court of Chivalry, the adjudicator will submit copies of each party's statements to the other party. At that time the adjudicator will decide whether he will permit live testimony, and he will make that decision known. Should the adjudicator not allow live witnesses, neither the Complainant(s) nor Respondent(s) will be allowed to present

live witnesses, but both may gather and present as many additional statements from witnesses or supporters as they desire. These statements need not be submitted to the adjudicator or the other party in advance, but copies must be provided at the Court of Chivalry, and they must also meet the criteria specified in Sections X.K.4.g.i. through X.K.4.g.iii.

- i. Operation of a Court of Chivalry.
  - i. The adjudicator, Kingdom Seneschal, Complainant(s), and Respondent(s) must attend the Court of Chivalry. In the instance where the complaint arises from an incident(s) involving the Rules of the List, the Earl Marshal must attend the Court of Chivalry. The Crown may also attend, if they so choose. The Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) may each be accompanied by up to two other gentles who are not witnesses or have not provided statements or declarations for use during the Court of Chivalry. Said gentles accompanying the Complainant(s) and/or Respondent(s) may not act as representatives of the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) during the Court. Otherwise, the Court of Chivalry is closed to the populace, and only the above described gentles, and a stenographer if any, may be present for any part of the proceedings.
  - ii. The adjudicator will ensure that an audio recording of the Court of Chivalry is made. He will, upon written request, provide a copy of the recording to the Complainant(s) and/or Respondent(s) no more than 30 days after he has rendered his decision. Either the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) may, at his own expense, arrange for a stenographic transcript to be made during the proceedings. Should either party make such arrangements, he will, no later than 15 days before the proceedings, inform the adjudicator, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Earl Marshal (if required to attend), and the other party of his decision and provide the identity of the stenographer or court reporter. Should either the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) obtain such a transcript, he must provide copies to the Kingdom Seneschal, the Earl Marshal (if required to attend), and the other party within 15 days of his receipt of the transcript from the stenographer or court reporter.
  - iii. The Complainant(s) will present his complaint first. The Respondent(s) will then present his defense. Rebuttal arguments may only be made if requested by the adjudicator. If live witnesses are permitted pursuant to X.K.4.h. above, their testimony will be taken in order set by the adjudicator. At any time during the proceeding, the adjudicator may ask relevant questions of the Complainant(s), Respondent(s) and/or live witnesses if permitted.
  - iv. During the Court of Chivalry, the Kingdom Seneschal will act as the sole arbiter of East Kingdom Law and the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.. When the complaint involves Rules of the List, the Earl Marshal will act as the arbiter of the Earl Marshal Policies.
- j. Outcome of the Court of Chivalry.
  - i. Within 30 days after the proceedings of the Court of Chivalry have concluded, the adjudicator will decide whether the allegations of the Complainant(s) against the Respondent(s) were or were not proven, and he will issue his finding in writing to The Crown, Kingdom Seneschal, the Earl Marshal (if required), the Complainant(s), and the Respondent(s). If the adjudicator finds that the allegations were proven, at that time he will make a recommendation for one of the following courses of action:
    - a. Recommendation to The Crown for banishment from the Presence.
    - b. Recommendation to The Crown for banishment from the Realm.
    - c. Recommendation to The Crown to request banishment from the Society; such sentence can only be implemented by the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc..
    - d. Recommendation to The Crown to Request degradation from the Peerage; such sentence can only be implemented by the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
    - e. Recommendation to The Crown to request degradation from an Order of High Merit; such sentence can only be implemented by the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
    - f. Recommendation to The Crown for Abatement of Arms, after consultation with Brigantia Herald.
    - g. Recommendation to the Earl Marshal for temporary or permanent revocation of authorization, with the approval of The Crown. If temporary, a period of time must be stated and the gentle must reauthorize.
    - h. Recommendation to The Crown for prohibition from participation in future Royal Lists for a set period of time.
    - i. Recommendation to The Crown for prohibition from holding Office at a certain level, or at any level, for a set period of time.

- j. Recommendation to The Crown for private or public sanction.
  - k. Recommendation to the Earl Marshal for private or public sanction, only to be imposed for violations of the Rules of the List.
  - l. Other such reasonable specific actions as may be decided by The Crown.
- ii. Either the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) may appeal the recommendation of the adjudicator to The Crown within 20 days of receipt of that written recommendation. Such appeal must be in writing. The Crown will issue Their decision within 20 days after the appeal deadline. Any appeal of the decision of The Crown must be made to the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

## **L. Courts of Courtesy**

1. A Court of Courtesy may be called by the Queen upon Her acceptance of a petition by an uninvolved party. However, Courts of Courtesy may not be called for interpersonal financial disputes, affairs of the heart, incompetence in Office, violations of the Rules of the Lists, or for alleged violations of modern law or any matter for which the modern authorities were or reasonably should have been called.
2. As individual cases demand individual treatment, the format for Courts Of Courtesy are flexible. However, the following formats are recommended.
  - a. A hearing before a panel of gentles of the Queen's choice.
  - b. A hearing before the Queen alone.
3. All other details of the Court of Courtesy are up to the discretion of the Queen except:
  - a. All parties must agree in advance to abide by the decision of the Queen.
  - b. The Queen must arrange for a written or audio record to be made of the proceedings.
  - c. Formal courts of justice are reserved for Courts of Chivalry.
4. The decision of the Queen is final and cannot be appealed, nor can the same case be brought before a succeeding Queen. The decision must be in accordance with East Kingdom Law, the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc., and modern law.

## **M. Councils of Courtesy**

1. A Council of Courtesy may be called at the discretion of the Queen to discuss broad issues of courtesy and behavior, either on Her own initiative, or upon receipt of a petition. At no time is a Council of Courtesy to be called to discuss the behavior of any single gentle.
2. The Council of Courtesy will be publicized in advance in Pikestaff.
3. The Queen will moderate discussion among those who choose to participate in the Council of Courtesy, and any others that She chooses to consult.
4. After discussion and consideration, the Queen will compose a summary of the Council of Courtesy, and have it published in the next possible issue of Pikestaff. If She deems it necessary, the Queen may also issue an edict or proposed change to East Kingdom Law addressing the topic of the Council of Courtesy.

# Appendix A. Glossary

The following terms are used within East Kingdom Law only with the definitions given here. Additional terms may be used as defined in the Glossary of the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.

Central area (of an event): Any area where gentles must be present in order to participate in the event, such as the hall where a feast is held, or the area immediately surrounding the lists at a tournament.

consort (lowercase): The gentle who is fought for by the combatant in a Royal List.

Consort (capital): The consort of the victor in a Royal List, during the time period between their Coronation or Investiture and the Coronation or investiture of their successors.

Coronet: The Sovereign and Consort of a Principality.

Crown: The Sovereign and Consort of a Kingdom.

Crown Prince: The male Heir to a Kingdom.

Crown Princess: The female Heir to a Kingdom.

Curia Regis (Curia): A meeting between The Crown, the Kingdom Officers, and other parties at which East Kingdom business takes place, including discussion of proposed changes to East Kingdom Law

Deputy: A subsidiary Officer serving as assistant or designated emergency successor to the primary Officer.

Formal Order Meeting: An order meeting at which the Royalty or Heirs are physically present.

Gentle: Person

Heirs: The victor in a Royal List and the Consort, during the time period between Their victory and Their Coronation or Investiture.

Informal Order Meeting: A gathering of the Companions of an order.

King: The male Monarch of a Kingdom.

Monarch: Either the Sovereign or the Consort.

Order of Precedence (OP): The relative rank of gentles or Offices in the East Kingdom. Also colloquially used to mean the list of honors received by gentles.

Pikestaff: The monthly newsletter of the East Kingdom.

Prince: Unless as used in context to clearly mean a Territorial Prince, The Crown Prince.

Princess: Unless as used in context to clearly mean a Territorial Princess, The Crown Princess.

Queen: The female Monarch of a Kingdom.

Region: A described contiguous geographic subdivision of the Kingdom.

Reign: The period of time between a Sovereign and Consort's Coronation or Investiture, and the Coronation or Investiture of Their successors.

Royal: *n.* A member of the Royalty or Heirs. *adj.* Of or having to do with the Royalty or Heirs.

Royal Tenure: The period of time between the victory of a combatant and consort in a Royal List and the Coronation or Investiture of Their successors.

Royalty: The persons who hold the offices of Sovereign or Consort of a kingdom or principality. The heirs to those positions are also considered royal, but Corpora uses the terms "royalty" and "reigning royalty" interchangeably, and only to refer to Sovereigns and Consorts.

Royal Progress: An event at which either or both of the Monarchs are present and hold court.

Society: The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organizations).

Sovereign: The victor in a Royal List, during the time period between their Coronation or Investiture and the Coronation or Investiture of their successors.

Territorial Prince: The male Monarch of a Principality.

Territorial Princess: The female Monarch of a Principality.

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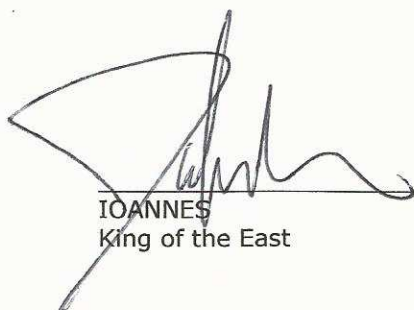
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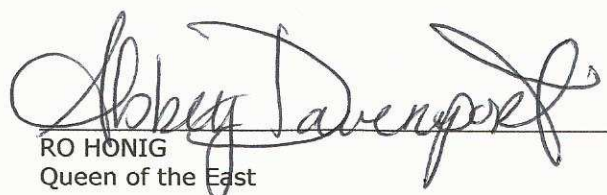
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