# East Kingdom Curia Thursday, 1 February 2024, 8:00 p.m. conducted ethereally in accordance with SCA, Inc. guidelines (Please review the Special Notes at https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4232 for information about this Curia meeting.)

## Agenda

### 1. Curia Opening

### 2. Old Business

- 3. New Business (for all proposed changes, see Agenda Details on following pages)
  - 3.1 The Curia Regis (p2)
    - New III.A.3. (with renumbering) requiring at least one Curia per reign to be virtual or online; and
    - Clarification of III.A.4.a. officer reports as from Greater Kingdom Officers, per custom.
  - 3.2 Kingdom Officers (pp2-3)
    - Revisions to IV.B.1., new IV.B.12., and deletion of IV.C.4. (with renumbering) to raise the Kingdom DEIB Officer to a Greater Officer; and
    - Revisions to IV.C.1. of the Kingdom Accessibility Porter's reporting and duties.
  - 3.3 Crown's Youth Champions of Arms (pp3-4) Revisions to V.C.3.g., V.C.5., V.C.6.c., and VIII.A.9.a.iii. regarding the selection, term, and duties of the champions, and the scheduling of the tournaments.
  - 3.4 Branch Pollings (p4) Revisions to VII.C.2. (with renumbering) allowing and establishing basic standards for electronic branch pollings.
  - 3.5 Order Pollings (p5)
    - Removing the option of pollings by paper copies from IX.B.1.b.; and
    - Clarification of IX.B.7.d. that the EK Webministry may use an archiving function to provide digests as appropriate.
  - 3.6 Order of the Maunche (p5) Removing IX.D.3.a.iii. (service to the A&S community) as a qualifying standard.
  - 3.7 Order of Apollo's Arrow (p5) IX.E.6.a. typo correction.
  - 3.8 Order of Gawain (p5)

IX.F.8.a. revision to clarify that youth may be considered for the Gawain for distinction in youth armored combat or rapier, or in all-ages archery, thrown weapons, equestrian, or other such activities.

3.9 Award of the Burdened Tyger (p5) IX.G.2.a. revision to restore this recognition to only Royal Progress events.

- 3.10 Sovereign's Award of Esteem (p5) IX.G.7.b. revision to specify that the tokens will be made by the Sovereign.
- 3.11 [Award of Anansi's Web] Revisions to IX.G.16. and Appendix B. Section 6. to establish the award name and badge (not detailed below).
- 3.12 (Kingdom) Earl Marshal Revisions in XI.A.1.h. and XI.A.3.c.iii. to change "Kingdom Earl Marshal" to "the Earl Marshal" for references consistency (not detailed below).
- 3.13 Event Steward (p6) Replacing "autocrat" with "event steward" in various sections (list below).
- 4. Officer Reports: NONE (submitted and heard 18 January 2024)
- 5. Curia Closure

## EK Law Section III.C. The Agenda for the Curia Regis

- 1. Any items that the Crown adds to the agenda after the Curia Regis has been announced will be added to the agenda under "New Business".
- 2. Any items of business held over from a prior Curia Regis during the same Reign will be automatically added to the agenda of any subsequent Curia Regis during the same Reign under "Old Business".

## Agenda Details

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

## III. The Curia Regis

- A. Meeting and Makeup of the Curia Regis
  - 3. At least one Curia Regis per Reign must be held in a virtual or online format.
  - 4. The purpose of the Curia Regis is as follows:
    - a. The Crown will hear reports from the Greater Kingdom Officers.

# **IV. Kingdom Officers**

- B. Greater Officers and Their Individual Duties
  - 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 the 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.
    - g. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Social Media Officer.

h. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Officer.

- 12. The Kingdom Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) Officer
  - a. Is responsible for recognizing, creating, and implementing plans to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the East Kingdom.
  - b. Prepares, maintains, and disseminates such materials as to further the objectives of the office and fosters community engagement.
  - c. Provides recommendations to the Crown for DEIB issues that may affect the East's members or event sites.
  - d. Works with the Kingdom Chatelaine in their areas of mutual interest.
  - e. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Accessibility Porter.
- C. Lesser Officers and Their Individual Duties
  - 1. The Kingdom Accessibility Porter:
    - a. Encourages those groups and/or <u>event stewards</u>autocrats who to consistently choose handicapped-accessible sites, or <del>who try</del> 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 <u>peoplegentles</u> with disabilities, or which prevent these <u>peoplegentles</u> 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 <u>eventautocrat</u> 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 <u>peoplegentles</u> with disabilities.
    - g. Is responsible to the Kingdom <u>DEIB Officer and furthering the objectives of their</u> <u>officeSeneschal</u>.
  - 4. The Kingdom Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Officer:
    - a. Is responsible for recognizing, creating, and implementing plans to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the East Kingdom.
    - b. Works with the Kingdom Chatelaine in their areas of mutual interest.
    - e. Is responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.

### V. Court Appointments and Champions

- C. The Crown's Champions
  - 3. Will be chosen as follows:
    - g. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms will be <u>chosen by the presiding Monarchs, in</u> <u>consultation with Their Heirs if the Heirs are present, from among the participants</u><del>the</del> <del>overall winners of the tournaments for fighters</del> in Division 2 and Division 3.
  - 5. Will maintain their positions until the next tournament or competition to choose their successors, unless the Crown they are serving finds it necessary to replace them before

the end of their term. Champions may not succeed themselves. <u>The Youth Champions of Arms's terms end when the Monarchs that selected them step down.</u>

- 6. Additional duties, rights, and powers of specific Champions:
  - c. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms: iii. Upon stepping up<del>down</del>, are entitled to wear a token of the bestowing Crown.

### VII. Branches

- C. Pollings
  - 2. Ballots and the Polling Process
    - a. The members of a branch must be polled by ballots mailed via the postal system or <u>electronically</u>.
      - i. <u>Paper ballots</u> 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 their appointed Deputy.
      - ii. Expenses of preparing and mailing the <u>paper</u> ballots will be borne by the branch. However, a branch may petition the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer to have the costs reimbursed by the Kingdom.
      - iii. Ballots must be <u>available</u>mailed to eligible members no less than thirty days but no more than forty-five days before the closing date of the polling.
      - iv. Eligible members may obtain a <u>paper</u> ballot from the local seneschal if one was not received by mail.
    - b. Ballots must <u>contain</u>be printed with:
      - [no change to section content]
    - c. For <u>paper</u> ballots to be counted, they must: [no change to section content]
    - d. For electronic ballots to be counted, they must:
      - i. Be received by the Branch Polling Deputy or their designee as indicated on the ballot by the closing date of the polling as indicated on the ballot.
      - ii. Be properly completed and contain the verification specified by the ballot.

[current VII.C.2.d. and subsequent are renumbered]

e.f.iv. Efforts shall be made by the Branch Polling Deputy to confirm the membership status of all submitted ballots and avoid double-voting, while keeping selections confidential.

### VIII. Events

- A. Kingdom Events
  - 9. Champions Tournaments
    - a. iii. Tournaments and competitions to determine the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms will be held at each <u>Coronation if the Crown requests it. Spring Coronation or Spring</u> Crown Tournament, or between those two events; and at each Fall Coronation or Fall

Crown Tournament, or between those two events. Bids to host the Youth Champions of Arms at a Coronation or Crown Tournament-will follow the relevant submission deadlines in VIII.A.5. or VIII.A.6. Bids to host the Youth Champions of Arms at another event or a standalone event will follow the submission deadlines in VIII.A.9.a.

### IX. Awards

- B. Polling Orders
  - 1.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 Pikestaff at least one month before their first polling appears, to notify the Companions that stamped, self-addressed envelopes will be required.
  - 7.d. Messages and communications by members of these Polling Order email lists, and by the Crown or Heirs of the East, shall be distributed only as individual emails or compiled digests, and no archive shall be maintained by the East Kingdom except as required to enable aforementioned digests.
- D. Orders of High Merit
  - 3.a. The Order of the Maunche may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by dedication to the arts and sciences, whether by:
    - i. Attaining a standard of excellence in one art form as makes them noteworthy in the eyes of the Kingdom, or
    - ii. Consistently demonstrating surpassing competence in several art forms., or
    - iii. Demonstrated service to the arts and seiences community.

### E. Armigerous Orders

- 6.a. The Order of the Silver Brooch Apollo's Arrow may be awarded by the Crown to an individual for martial skill in the field of target archery.
- F. Orders of Honor
  - 8.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 seventeen, who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor, honor, chivalry, courtesy, and leadership within <u>any youth or all-ages <del>a</del></u> martial activity, excluding those authorized as an adult participant in rattan or rapier combat.
- G. Other East Kingdom Awards
  - 2.a. The Award of the Burdened Tyger may be awarded by the Crown to those gentles associated with running <u>a Royal Progress</u> <del>an</del> event or an aspect of <u>a Royal Progress</u> <del>an</del> event which the Crown feels was well above the normal standard of excellence in the East Kingdom.

7.b. The token of the Sovereign's Award of Esteem is not defined, but will be specified in each reign by the Sovereign and will be fashioned by the Sovereign's hand.

#### Replacing "autocrat" with "event steward":

VIII.A.2.a.ii.1. VIII.B.1.a. and -1.b. VIII.B.2.c. VIII.C.1., -2., -3. VIII.E. X.C.2.