



# LAWS OF THE EAST KINGDOM

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# Section I. Laws of the East Kingdom

## A. Body of Laws

1. All previous Laws not listed in East Kingdom Law are repealed.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. (SCA, 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 SCA, 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 Laws may be enacted, amended, or repealed only by the Crown, after discussion at Their Curia Regis. Once enacted, Laws remain part of East Kingdom Law unless amended or repealed.
2. Edicts are decrees issued by the Crown. They last for the duration of the issuing Reign only, and may not repeal or suspend East Kingdom Law.
3. Laws and Edicts take effect upon announcement at an event and the subsequent 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 Changes received after this deadline will not be published and therefore will not take effect.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, including a Table of Contents and Index, will be maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal and made available on the Kingdom website.

## E. Official Language

The official written language of the East Kingdom is English. Laws, policies, reports, or other materials may be translated into other languages. However, 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. Definition and Rank

The Crown is the Office of Sovereign and Consort. The Sovereign and Consort have equal status, precedence, and power. They may use any title(s) allowed by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and the College of Heraldry

## B. 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 Tournament to determine Their Heirs, and the Coronation of Their Heirs.
4. No Sovereign or Consort may hold any other office or court appointment at any time during Their Reign, with the exception of Territorial Baron or Baroness. Any such office or appointment, with accompanying files, must be turned over to a deputy or successor before Coronation.

5. The Crown and Heirs of the East Kingdom shall use Their officially-provided online account for all business of Their office.
6. Within one month following the Coronation of their successors, the former Crown must return all regalia used during their reign to the Kingdom Chamberlain. The Chamberlain must verify within one month of the return that all regalia were returned and in good condition, and so affirm to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer to release the regalia deposit in accordance with East Kingdom Financial Policy.
7. The Crown may oversee treaties between the East and other Kingdoms according to the following procedures.
  - a. The Crown and Heirs of the East Kingdom must all specifically agree, in writing, to the wording of a proposed treaty.
  - b. The Crown 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 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 parties listed above, a copy of the treaty will be kept on file by the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - f. Treaties may only be amended or revoked by following the same procedures outlined above.
8. The Crown will invest the victor and consort of Their Crown Tournament as both Heirs of the East Kingdom and Protectors of The Crown Principality of Tir Mara.
  - a. 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.
  - b. The Heirs may use any title allowed by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and the College of Heraldry to indicate this ceremonial designation, including "Prince and Princess of Tir Mara" as has been the custom.
  - c. The Crown will retain Their status as Protectors of Tir Mara during the time between Their Coronation and the Crown Tournament to choose Their successors.

## C. Royal List / Crown Tournament

1. A Royal List is a properly constituted armored combat tournament to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as a "Crown List" or "Crown Tournament" for kingdoms and a "Coronet List" or "Coronet Tournament" for principalities.
2. Royal Lists will be held using chivalric (rattan) combat unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors of the SCA. They will be overseen by the Earl Marshal and the appropriate Lesser Officer who oversees the form of combat.
3. Coronet Tournaments will be held under the Laws of the Principality, which are separate from these East Kingdom Laws and are not outlined in this document.
4. Crown Tournaments
  - a. Each entrant in a Crown Tournament must be fighting for a prospective consort. A gentle may only be a member of one entrant couple, though both gentles of the same combatant couple may enter the tournament, each to fight for the other.
  - b. All entrant couples must submit a Letter of Intent ("LoI") to the Heirs (or Crown, if after Coronation) and Kingdom Seneschal no later than thirty days prior to Crown Tournament.
    - i. The LoI may be submitted via the online survey link provided by the Kingdom Seneschal (preferred method), or by email.
    - ii. The LoI must include:
      1. The Society name, legal name, postal address, residence address (if different from postal address), years of residency in the East Kingdom, telephone number, membership number, and membership expiration date for both entrants; and
      2. The authorization expiration date(s) for all entrants intending to compete in the Crown Tournament.
      3. International Travel
        - a. At least one member of each entrant couple must affirm that they do not have knowledge of any basis why they would not be able to cross the United States/Canadian international border ("border") for the duration of their reign; or

- b. If any of the events designated as mandatory to validate a reign per Section II.B.3. will require travel across the border during the reign for which the Crown Tournament is being held, both members of each entrant couple must affirm that they do not have knowledge of any basis why they would not be able to cross the border for the duration of their reign.
- c. No gentle will enter a Crown Tournament without intending an honorable attempt to compete for the Crown.
- d. Consorts are required to be present at Crown Tournament. The Crown at their discretion may choose to waive this requirement for all consorts.
- e. All entrants and consorts must be acceptable to The Crown.
- f. All entrants and consorts must be of legal age of majority for all East Kingdom territories.
- g. All entrants and consorts must be members of the SCA with access to *Pikestaff* at their residence, and be able to provide proof that their membership is valid through at least thirty (30) days after the date of Crown Tournament.
- h. Residency Requirements
  - i. All entrants and consorts must be subjects of the East Kingdom.
  - ii. All entrants and consorts must be residents of the Kingdom, must have resided within the borders of the East Kingdom for at least one year immediately prior to the Crown Tournament, and must be able to demonstrate reasonable levels of participation in diverse activities in the Kingdom during that period.
- i. Exceptions to Eligibility
  - i. The current Sovereign and Consort of the East Kingdom, and the Coronets of any Principalities, may not enter any Crown Tournament.
  - ii. The Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Minister of the Lists may only enter the last regularly-scheduled Crown Tournament held during their terms in office, provided a deputy acceptable to the Crown has been appointed to assume the respective officer's duties.
  - iii. Kingdom Greater Officers may only enter a Crown Tournament provided a deputy acceptable to the Crown has been appointed to assume the duties of their office.
- j. Withdrawal and Removal
  - i. Any entrant may withdraw from a Crown Tournament at any point in time by notifying the Kingdom Minister of the Lists, and both the entrant and their consort will be eliminated from the Crown Tournament. In the case of a combatant couple fighting each for the other one entrant may withdraw but the other entrant may continue, with the express permission of the withdrawing entrant.
  - ii. An entrant may be removed from a Crown Tournament at any time by the Crown, Earl Marshal, or the appropriate Lesser Officer who oversees the form of combat, for marshallate infractions or any infractions of the Rules of the List. If an entrant is disqualified, their consort is also eliminated; if the entrant and consort are fighting for one another, both entrant and consort will be eliminated from the Crown Tournament.
  - iii. If a Crown Tournament is deemed to be invalid and must be re-fought, the Crown may disqualify any entrants They deem responsible for the invalidation of the originally scheduled Crown Tournament.

## D. 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. If either the Sovereign or the Consort is unable to fulfill the duties of the Crown, the remaining Monarch may serve the remainder of Their reign.
  - a. The remaining Monarch, in compliance with the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and East Kingdom Law, and unless expressly prohibited in either document, will have all the duties and powers of the Crown, as if both Monarchs were still reigning, but shall not have the duties and powers defined in either document as belonging to the Sovereign or Consort alone. These duties and powers include:
    - i. Bestowal of awards, with the following limitations:
      1. A Sovereign reigning alone may not bestow the Order of Courtesy on behalf of the missing Consort. If a gentle is found to be worthy of this award, the Sovereign must consult at least three East Kingdom subjects who are members of the Order of the Rose, and, if favorable, a representative from the Order of the Rose will bestow the award in the Sovereign's court.

2. A Consort reigning alone may not bestow Awards of Excellence on behalf of the missing Sovereign. If a gentle is found to be worthy of this award, the Consort must consult at least three East Kingdom subjects who have reigned in the East Kingdom as Sovereign, and, if favorable, a representative from this group will bestow the award in the Consort's court.
3. The remaining Monarch should not bestow Awards of Esteem on behalf of the missing Monarch.
4. A Monarch reigning alone may bestow twenty Cyphers from Their office, but may not bestow any from the office of the missing Monarch (a Sovereign reigning alone may give twenty Sovereign's Cyphers, but cannot give Consort's Cyphers, and vice-versa).
- ii. Chair the Curia Regis
- iii. Sign in place of the missing Monarch where signature of both Monarchs is required.
- b. The Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. give specific duties and powers to the Sovereign. When a Consort is reigning alone, these will be adjusted as follows:
  - i. IV.C.8. "The Sovereign supervises combat on the field of honor."
    1. This duty shall be performed by the Earl Marshal.
  - ii. IX.B.3. "All combatants must be presented to, and be acceptable to, the Sovereign or their representative."
    1. The representative of the Sovereign is the Consort.
  - iii. IX.B.5. "The Sovereign or the Marshallate may bar any weapon or armor from use upon the field of combat. Should a warranted marshal bar any weapon or armor, an appeal may be made via the established marshallate chain of command up to and including the Sovereign to allow the weapon or armor."
    1. The Consort may not take over this duty. The Sovereign is considered removed from the chain of command.
3. In the event that both the Sovereign and the Consort are unable to fulfill Their duties:
  - a. If Heirs have already been selected, the Kingdom Seneschal shall hold the Crowns in trust until the Heirs ascend the throne.
    - i. The Crowns may not be held in trust by the Kingdom Seneschal for longer than two months. In the event that the intervening time between the abdication and scheduled coronation exceeds two months, the Heirs may assume the duties and titles of the Crown at any event already published in *Pikestaff*. The scheduled coronation event may still take place as scheduled to include all of the pageantry and ceremony as planned.
    - ii. The Heirs will be crowned by whichever Royal Peer(s) They so choose.
  - b. If Heirs have not been selected:
    - i. A Crown Tournament must be held at the earliest possible date. The Kingdom Seneschal and the Earl Marshal shall preside over this tournament.
      1. Letters of Intent containing the information specified in Section II.C.1.b. must be submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal. The deadline for LoIs is two hours before the scheduled start time for the Tournament. The Kingdom Seneschal may not accept incomplete letters and those letters that do not completely conform with East Kingdom Law as set forth in Section II.C.1.b.
      2. The Kingdom Seneschal must admit all entrant couples that meet the requirements as set forth in the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and East Kingdom Law Section II.C.1.
      3. The Kingdom Seneschal will not have the right to impose any extra conditions upon participation in the Crown Tournament.
      4. The format of such a Crown Tournament will be a double elimination list. The first round will be a random draw, and the final round will be modeled after the previous Crown Tournament.
    - ii. The victor and their consort will be crowned as Monarchs immediately following the Tournament by whichever Royal Peers They so choose.
    - iii. The new Crown will schedule a Crown Tournament to ensure the succession as soon as possible. Their Crown Tournament must be held within ninety days of the Crown's ascension to the throne.
  - c. These Crown Tournaments do not need to follow the regional rotation. When the Kingdom has both a Crown and Heirs in place, the rotation will resume as if these Crown Tournaments had been held in the proper rotation.
4. If a Sovereign and/or Consort must leave the throne temporarily due to an emergency, such as call to military service, serious injury, or illness:
  - a. They may resume all duties and powers of the Crown if the following conditions are met:
    - i. The Coronation of Their Heirs has not yet occurred.

- ii. The returning Monarch must provide documentation of the emergency to the remaining Monarch, if any, and the Greater Officers.
- iii. The Kingdom Seneschal shall call a vote of the Greater Officers. The Monarch(s) may be returned to Their office with a 2/3 majority vote in favor of reinstatement.
- b. If Heirs have not been selected, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Earl Marshal will preside over the next regularly scheduled Crown Tournament as described in Section II.3.b.i. above.
- 5. If either of the Heirs is unable to assume the throne, the Crown, in consultation with the remaining Heir and the Kingdom Seneschal, shall determine whether the Heir will be invested and serve as stated in Section II.D.2. above, or if a new Crown Tournament will be held to ensure the succession.

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

### **A. Meeting and Makeup of the Curia Regis**

1. The Curia Regis will be called at least once per Reign.
2. The Crown will chair 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.
  - b. The Crown will put forth for discussion any proposed changes to East Kingdom Law and listen to the opinions of those with seats on the Curia Regis.
5. Seats on the Curia Regis:
  - a. Those with a seat on the Curia Regis must make every reasonable effort to attend.
    - i. Greater Kingdom Officers are required to send a deputy or a written report if they cannot attend.
    - ii. Lesser Kingdom Officers may send a representative or written report if they cannot attend.
    - iii. Local Branch Seneschals may send a representative if they cannot attend.
  - b. Those with a seat on the Curia Regis have the right to be heard by the Crown.
  - c. The following have seats on the Curia Regis:
    - i. The Heirs of the East Kingdom
    - ii. The Coronet and Heirs of Principalities of the East Kingdom
    - iii. Greater Kingdom Officers
    - iv. Lesser Kingdom Officers
    - v. Local Branch Seneschals
6. Others Invited
  - a. Those invited to the Curia Regis are encouraged to attend.
  - b. Those invited to the Curia Regis have the right to be heard by the Crown.
  - c. The following are invited to the Curia Regis:
    - i. East Kingdom Royal Peers
    - ii. East Kingdom Territorial Barons and Baronesses
7. Quorum
  - a. For a Curia Regis to be considered valid, at least four Greater Officers, or their deputies, must be in attendance.
  - b. If there is no quorum, the Crown must call another Curia Regis.
8. Any gentle who wishes to attend is welcome, but may speak only if recognized by the Crown.

### **B. Announcing the Curia Regis**

1. 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.
2. The announcement will be disseminated by:
  - a. A post on the East Kingdom website published at least twenty-one days prior to the Curia date. This announcement may be made on the Kingdom Seneschal's page of the East Kingdom website;
  - b. And also an email from the Kingdom Seneschal or their designee to those with seats on the Curia Regis (as defined above) sent to their official East Kingdom email address at least twenty-one days prior to the Curia date. This may be accomplished by using an email list established by the Kingdom Webministry specifically for the purpose of providing Curia information.



3. The announcement may also be provided by a notice in *Pikestaff* appearing no later than the issue dated the same month as the Curia Regis date.
4. At least one week in advance of the Curia date, the Crown will make every reasonable effort to provide Their proposed changes, as a summary and/or a marked-up copy of current East Kingdom Law, to those with seats on the Curia Regis (as defined above), landed barons and baronesses, and royal peers who subscribe to the email list with an assigned East Kingdom email account. This communication will be sent via email to their official East Kingdom email addresses by the Kingdom Seneschal or their designee. Such a disclosure is to remain confidential among those to whom it is disseminated unless permission to share is granted by the Crown. Publication of proposed changes, in any form, is at the sole discretion of the Crown.

## **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".

# **Section IV. Kingdom Officers**

## **A. Duties and Powers of the Kingdom Officers**

1. Greater Officers must make every reasonable effort to attend the Curia Regis. 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 reports as required by their Society superiors and East Kingdom Law. Lesser Officers will submit 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 their policies at least once every two years, and update them as necessary.
  - c. Whenever a Kingdom Officer makes any changes to any of their policies, they 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 their policies available via the East Kingdom website or the recognized website of their office. They will also make paper copies available, upon request, at the expense of the requestor.
8. Officers of the East Kingdom and their deputies shall use their officially-provided online account for all business of their office.
9. Kingdom Officers will maintain reference versions of all electronic records critical to the functioning of their offices. This may be accomplished by maintaining hard-copy files, or by maintaining archival electronic copies according to standards and procedures developed by the Kingdom Archivist and the Kingdom Webminister.

10. Kingdom Officers' files and materials must be fully transferred from the outgoing officer to the incoming officer within thirty days after the date of formal transfer of the office.

## **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 Waiver Secretary.
  - f. Supervises the Lesser Office of Kingdom Social Media Officer.
2. The 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. The Brigantia Herald will 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 Rapier.
  - 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. Supervises the Lesser Office of Dean of the East Kingdom War College.
  - k. 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 Kingdom 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. 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 armored combat and rapier activities and the authorization status of the armored and rapier combatants of the Kingdom.
  - b. Coordinates the Crown Lists.

- c. Provides the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Warlord, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, and Kingdom Marshal of Rapier 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 Rapier to maintain a list of authorized fighters which will be provided to the Crown and Earl Marshal once per year and will be provided to others at the requestor's expense.
  - e. Works with the Crown's Champions of Arms and Rapier Champions to coordinate the tournaments to choose their successors.
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.
  - d. Supervises the Lesser Office of Royal Awards Scheduler.
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 to further the objectives of the office.
10. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor:
- a. Assists parents of children in integrating children's activities into events in the East Kingdom. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor will not be responsible for, nor in any way encourage, babysitting 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. Is responsible for maintaining appropriate information technology infrastructure to meet the needs of the East Kingdom and its Branches.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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.
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 groups and/or event stewards to consistently choose handicapped-accessible sites, or 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 people with disabilities, or which prevent these people 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 event staff, upon request.
  - e. Connects those who need special services with those who can provide them.
  - f. Devises new ways to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

- g. Is responsible to the Kingdom DEIB Officer and furthering the objectives of their office.
2. 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.
  3. The Kingdom Social Media Officer:
    - a. Supervises the use of all official social media outlets of the East Kingdom, including those of local branches and other Kingdom Offices, in accordance with the policies of the Society Office of Social Media.
    - b. Supervises and provides assistance in creating official social media presence for kingdom and local branch events.
    - c. Assists Kingdom Officers who wish to create an official social media presence for their Office.
    - d. Is responsible for the rostering of local branch social media officers, and maintains a current list of all East Kingdom branch social media outlets and their administrators.
    - e. Is responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.
  4. The Kingdom Captain-General of Archers:
    - a. Sets and enforces safety standards for archery.
    - b. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
  5. The Kingdom Marshal of Rapier:
    - a. Sets and enforces Weapon and Armor Standards for fencing.
    - b. Supervises the authorization of rapier combatants.
    - c. Supervises the rostering of rapier marshals.
    - d. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
  6. 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
  7. The Kingdom Youth Earl Marshal:
    - a. Enforces the policies for youth combat activities set by the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
    - 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.
  8. The Kingdom Marshal of Thrown Weapons:
    - a. Sets and enforces safety standards for thrown weapons.
    - b. Supervises the rostering of thrown weapons marshals.
    - c. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
  9. 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 rostering 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.
  10. The Dean of the East Kingdom War College:
    - a. Is the leader of the East Kingdom War College and ensures that the War College fulfills its responsibilities.
    - b. Assists the Crown and the Kingdom Warlord in improving the combat effectiveness of the armies of the East Kingdom.
    - c. Trains unit leaders and battle commanders for the war campaigns of the East Kingdom, and others interested in the skills of leadership.
    - d. Assists with the implementation of Kingdom-wide war-related strategy and tactics.

- e. Encourages education in strategy and tactics among the warriors of the armies of the East Kingdom.
  - f. Is responsible to the Earl Marshal.
11. The Kingdom Archivist:
- a. Provides a central storage location for all records, artifacts, and other items as may be given into their 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.
12. The Kingdom Chamberlain:
- a. Provides a central storage place for all regalia which the Crown may give into their 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.
13. The East Kingdom Pennsic Steward:
- a. Supervises the creation, purchasing, maintenance, repair, and storage of all regalia and equipment used specifically for Pennsic War.
  - b. Performs an inventory of all East Kingdom regalia and equipment used specifically for Pennsic, including determining which assets can reside at Pennsic and which must be stored in the Chamberlain's storage unit. Ensures that this inventory is supplied to the East Kingdom Exchequer and East Kingdom Chamberlain within thirty days after the end of each Pennsic War.
  - c. Is the official Land Agent and representative of the East Kingdom Royal Encampment to the Pennsic War Land Office. The Steward or their appointed deputy is required to camp in the encampment, in a location determined by the Crown each year, and to have reasonable access to the water and electricity necessary to do so. The Steward or deputy is entitled to have a reasonable number of family and/or support staff in the encampment with them, subject to the Crown's approval; this entitlement terminates upon expiration of the Steward's term of office.
  - d. Is responsible for arranging the placement, setup, and breakdown of the East Kingdom Royal Encampment at Pennsic War, including but not limited to:
    - i. Meeting spaces for Royal needs and hospitality
    - ii. Meeting spaces for the Kingdom Seneschal, Exchequer, and War Herald
    - iii. Royal tents
    - iv. Functional kitchen for state functions and hospitality
    - v. Showers and sinks for the use of encampment residents
    - vi. Camp gates and walls
    - vii. Layout and décor of the public spaces of the East Kingdom Royal encampment, in consultation with the Pennsic Major-Domo
  - e. Is responsible for determining and managing rentals, including but not limited to the battlefield pavilion, meeting tents, tables, and chairs, with approval of the East Kingdom Exchequer and the Council of the Exchequer.
  - f. 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 the Council of the Exchequer; and is responsible for coordinating with the East Kingdom Exchequer to ensure that all storage fees for the East Kingdom trailer are paid to Cooper's Lake Campground or any other storage facility annually.
  - g. Is responsible to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - h. Works with the Pennsic Major-Domo and the Kingdom Chamberlain in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the management and maintenance of East Kingdom assets and resources.
14. 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 jointly by the Kingdom Historian and Kingdom Chronicler.

- 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.

15. The Royal Awards Scheduler:

- a. Schedules awards given by the Crown by coordinating with the reign staff and the office of the Tyger Clerk of the Signet.
- b. Works with the Eastern Crown Herald in their areas of mutual interest.
- c. Is responsible to the Tyger Clerk of the Signet.

## **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. Terms of Office
    - i. A first term of office is defined as two years. Subsequent terms are for one year.
    - ii. The term of office for the Earl Marshal will be one three-year term, followed by another possible three-year term. No Earl Marshal may remain in office for more than six consecutive years.
    - iii. The Lesser Kingdom Offices of Historian, Chamberlain, Archivist, and Waiver Secretary, have a term of two years with unlimited re-appointments.
  - b. Schedule of Terms
    - i. The warrant start and expiration dates for each of the Kingdom Officers will be published on the East Kingdom website.
    - ii. The Earl Marshal, the Kingdom Marshal of Rapier, and the Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat will have three-year terms of office, scheduled as follows:
      1. The term of office for the Earl Marshal will begin following the Pennsic War at which the East Kingdom Earl Marshal is the Pennsic Marshal-in-Charge (Marshal 1). The change of office will occur no later than the first East Kingdom Coronation following that Pennsic War.
      2. The term of office for the Kingdom Marshal of Rapier will begin one year after the start of the Earl Marshal's term, or following the Pennsic War at which the East Kingdom Marshal of Rapier is second to the Pennsic Rapier Marshal-in-Charge (Rapier 2).
      3. The term of office for the Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat will begin one year after the start of the Earl Marshal's term, or following the Pennsic War at which the Earl Marshal is third to the Pennsic Marshal-in-Charge (Marshal 3).
    - iii. The incoming Pennsic Steward will be appointed by the Crown in July of the year preceding the Pennsic War for which they will be in charge, to allow them to work with the current Steward. The incoming Pennsic Steward's term of office will begin at the end of the current Pennsic War.
  - c. A Kingdom Officer's term ends with the expiration of their warrant. However, an extension of up to forty-five days may be given to allow for the orderly transfer of the office.
  - d. Uncompleted Terms
 

Should any Kingdom Officer leave office before the end of a term, the remainder of that term will be completed by the Crown's choice of the Officer's deputy, a replacement chosen by the Officer, or an individual selected by the Crown.
2. The Crown will review the performance of each Kingdom Officer at the end of each term of office. At the Crown's discretion and subject to term limitations, the Kingdom Officer may serve a subsequent term if both the Crown and the Kingdom Officer so desire.
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 Pikestaff* and the East Kingdom website.
4. Current Kingdom Officers must notify the Crown and Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Webminister and Kingdom Chronicler ninety days in advance of a change or renewal of office.

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

1. A Kingdom Office can be created or abolished only by the Crown at Their Curia Regis. 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 to be a Greater Office by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.

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

1. Greater Officers are appointed by the Crown after consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, the outgoing officer, and their 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, if one exists. 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 that are required by the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. may be removed or suspended from office for cause by the Crown, 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 may unilaterally suspend a Lesser Officer from office for the duration of Their Reign without consulting any supervising Kingdom Officer.
5. Resignation in writing by a Kingdom Officer constitutes the termination of that Officer's warrant.

# **Section V. Court Appointments and Champions**

## **A. The Kingdom Warlord**

1. Is appointed by the victor of Fall Crown Tournament (the Summer Crown) and serves until a subsequent Summer Crown appoints a successor. The Summer Crown may retain the previous Warlord or may appoint a new Warlord.
2. Acts as consultant to the Summer Crown during Pennsic War negotiations.
3. Advises the Summer Crown regarding candidates for General of Armored Combat, Rapier General, General of Archers, and any other Generals appointed by the Summer Crown ("Generals"). The Summer Crown shall make the final decision as to the appointment of Generals.
4. Supervises the Generals for Pennsic war point activities.
5. Coordinates and supervises the development of battle tactics, along with their Generals.
6. Works with the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, Kingdom Marshal of Rapier, and the Captain-General of the Armies in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the areas of training and safety of group tactics.

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

1. Is appointed by the victor of Spring Crown Tournament (the Winter Crown) and serves until a subsequent Winter Crown appoints a successor.
2. Advises the Crown of foreign military matters.
3. Supervises any other Generals appointed by the Winter Crown for foreign wars.
4. Works with the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Marshal of Armored Combat, Kingdom Marshal of Rapier, and the Warlord in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the areas of training and safety of group tactics.
5. This position may be held by the current Warlord

## **C. The Crown's Champions**

1. The Sovereign and Consort may style Their respective champions to correspond to the titles They have chosen to use for Their reign, however, there must be a distinction in title between the Sovereign's champion and the Consort's champion (i.e., there cannot be two King's Champions of Arms).
2. Will consist of:
  - a. The Sovereign's and Consort's Champions of Arms.
  - b. The Sovereign's and Consort's Archery Champions.
  - c. The Sovereign's and Consort's Rapier Champions.
  - d. The Sovereign's and Consort's Equestrian Champions.
  - e. The Sovereign's and Consort's Bards.

- f. The Sovereign's and Consort's Arts and Sciences Champions.
  - g. The Sovereign's and Consort's Thrown Weapons Champions.
  - h. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms.
3. Will be chosen as follows:
    - a. The Sovereign's Champions of Arms, Rapier, and Equestrian will be the overall winners of their respective championship tournaments.
    - b. The Sovereign's Champions of Archery, Arts and Sciences, and Thrown Weapons will be chosen by the presiding Sovereign in consultation with the Sovereign's Heir if the Heir is present.
    - c. The Consort's Champions of Archery and Thrown Weapons will be the overall winners of their respective championship tournaments or competitions.
    - d. The Consort's Champions of Arms, Rapier, and Equestrian will be chosen by the presiding Consort in consultation with the Consort's Heir if the Heir is present.
    - e. The Sovereign's and Consort's Bards will be chosen by the presiding Monarchs, in consultation with Their Heirs if the Heirs are present, from among the finalists of the Bardic Championship competition.
    - f. The Consort's Arts and Sciences Champion will be chosen from among the finalists of the Arts and Sciences Championship competition by the presiding Consort, in consultation with the Consort's Heir if the Heir is present.
    - g. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms will be the overall winner of the tournament. The Crown will name champions from multiple divisions (one, two, or three) if separate tournaments are held for the divisions.
  4. Will have the following duties:
    - a. Further the practice of their skills and arts throughout the East Kingdom.
    - b. Defend the honor of the Crown.
    - c. Advise and assist the Crown in the organization of the tournaments or competitions to choose their successors, with the exception of the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms as appropriate.
    - 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 tournament or competition to choose their successor, except for the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms, for which the estimate will be included in the event bid and budget.
  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. The Youth Champions of Arms's terms end at the end of the event at which they are named the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms. A youth may be named as champion multiple times within a reign.
  6. Additional duties, rights, and powers of specific Champions:
    - a. Upon stepping down, the former Sovereign's Champion of Arms is entitled to bear a white garter embossed in gold with the motto of the Sovereign's Champion of Arms - *Justitia Virtutum Regina*.
    - b. The Crown's Bards will commemorate the history of the Monarchs and the East Kingdom in song and story.
    - c. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms:
      - i. Will encourage other youth fighters;
      - ii. May attend the Crown in court but are not required to do so;
      - iii. Upon stepping up, are entitled to wear a token of the bestowing Crown.

## D. The Royal Guard

1. The Royal Guard serves and is named by the Consort
2. The Consort may style Their guard to correspond to the title They have chosen to use for Their reign.
3. Members of the Guard:
  - a. Are chosen by the Consort's Heir to serve for the duration of Their Reign.
  - b. Do not have a Patent of Arms.
  - c. Are adults and youth who engage in armored and/or rapier combat, archery, equestrian, and/or thrown weapons.
  - d. May wear the traditional purple baldric of the Guard.
  - e. Represent the Consort of the East whenever they wear the regalia of the Guard and comport themselves accordingly.



4. The Consort will select one member of the Guard to serve as Captain.
5. The Consort may choose a Companion of one of the martial Peerage Orders to serve as the advisor to the adult members of Their Guard, and may choose a Companion of one of the martial Peerage Orders to serve as the advisor to the youth members of Their Guard.
6. The duties of the Guard include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Attend the Consort.
  - b. Stand guard at Court and escort gentles who are called by the Crown into Their presence.
  - c. Stand guard at the Royal Pavilion and/or the door of the Royal Room.
  - d. Assist in, and in some cases manage, the setup and breakdown of Royal Court and the Royal Pavilion.

## **E. 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.

## **F. The Royal Household**

1. Will be composed of the Crown's Champions and the Royal Staff as defined and appointed by the Crown.
  - a. Royal Staff are any who are appointed by the Crown to attend Them in the course of Their royal duties for the duration of Their Reign and Their time as Heirs. Staff may include: Chief of Staff, Head Retainer, Master/Mistress of the Robes, Favor Coordinator, Reign Chamberlain, Captain of the Royal Guard, Gift and Largesse Coordinator, Event Liaison. These are not required positions, and any Crown may fill Their staff as They see fit.
2. Membership in the Royal Household will not carry any special rank.
3. Membership in the Royal Household will expire at the end of the Reign, along with any job titles, with the exception of the Crown's Champions.

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

1. Is appointed by the Summer Crown each year for a single Pennsic.
2. Is responsible for communicating the Royalty's style of encampment for the Reign, such as time, location, and formality, to the Pennsic Steward.
3. Maintains the list of persons and offices permitted to register with the East Kingdom Royal Encampment, and provides that list to the Pennsic Steward in a timely manner.
4. Manages the East Kingdom Royal Encampment hospitality budget, including but not limited to the State Dinner, Royal Tea, and snacks for meetings, subject to the approval of the East Kingdom Exchequer.
5. Appoints and oversees the hospitality director, gate guard scheduler, and daily greeters.
6. Coordinates all scheduling and usage of all East Kingdom Royal Encampment pavilions and meeting spaces, except those spaces designated to the Kingdom Seneschal, Exchequer, and War Herald.
7. Is responsible for the layout and décor of the Royal private and household spaces within the East Kingdom Royal Encampment.
8. Works with the East Kingdom Pennsic Steward and the Kingdom Chamberlain in their areas of mutual interest, particularly in the management and maintenance of East Kingdom assets and resources.
9. May camp in the East Kingdom Royal Encampment by the Crown's permission, but is not required to do so.
10. This position may be held by the Pennsic Steward.

## **H. The Eastern Crown Herald**

1. Is appointed by the Heirs in consultation with the Brigantia Herald to serve for the duration of Their Reign.
2. Is responsible for coordinating the business of Royal Courts, in consultation with the Crown, including recruiting additional heralds and assigning pieces of business to them.
3. May assign an acting Crown Herald for any court or event at which they cannot for any reason perform the duties of the office.

4. Is responsible for creating and submitting court reports, in accordance with Brigantia policy, for each court held by the Crown.
5. Will be considered a deputy to the Brigantia Herald and report to both the Brigantia Herald and the Crown.
6. This position may be held by the Brigantia Herald.

## 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, individual, or group sponsoring an event will comply with the relevant portions of the East Kingdom Financial Policy.

### E. Failure to Comply

Any branch, individual, group, 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; Royal sanctions; administrative sanctions; prohibition of 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 residing outside the formally approved boundaries 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. Branch Officer Requirements

1. Every Local Officer must file reports as required by the corresponding Kingdom Officer and/or their Regional Deputy.
2. For all Local Officer required reports to Kingdom Officers or their Regional Deputies, the branch Seneschal must be notified by the local officer that the required report was timely filed. Subordinate branches (Cantons, Ridings, Colleges, Strongholds, Ports) and incipient branches must notify the Seneschal of their parent or sponsoring branch that the required reports were timely filed.

3. 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.
4. All Officers of all branches within the East Kingdom shall use their officially-provided online account for all business of their office.

## C. Pollings

The Crown may conduct a poll at any time for any reason They deem necessary and for the benefit of the East Kingdom. The Heirs may also conduct a poll for the same reasons, 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 SCA membership.
  - b. Resides within the formally approved boundaries of the branch.
  - c. Any gentle who joins the SCA or cures a lapse in SCA membership during a polling process will not be sent a ballot but may obtain one by request from the officer administering the poll, if they provide proof of SCA membership and residence.
2. Ballots and the Polling Process
  - a. The members of a branch must be polled by ballots mailed via the postal system or electronically.
    - i. Paper 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 their appointed Deputy.
    - ii. Expenses of preparing and mailing the paper 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 available 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 paper ballot from the local seneschal if one was not received by mail.
  - b. Ballots must contain:
    - 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 SCA membership number and legal name.
    - viii. A space for the ballot recipient's legal signature.
  - c. For paper ballots to be counted, they must:
    - i. Be received by the Branch Polling Deputy or their designee as indicated on the ballot, in a sealed envelope, by the closing date of the polling as printed on the ballot.
    - ii. Be properly completed and signed with the member's legal name legibly printed on it.
  - 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.
  - e. 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. At a minimum, ballots must be tallied by three SCA members as follows:
    - i. For United States pollings, the ballots will be tallied by the Branch Polling Deputy, an SCA member selected by the Branch Polling Deputy, and the Kingdom Seneschal (or designate).
    - ii. If the polling is conducted in Tir Mara, then the talliers of the ballots may include the Tir Mara Branch Polling Deputy, the Tir Mara Seneschal, and an SCA member selected by the Tir Mara Seneschal. In the alternative, the ballots may be tallied by any of the individuals approved to tally ballots in the United States. The Kingdom Seneschal shall make the final decision as to who will tally the ballots. The final ballots and tally sheets must be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal.

- f. 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 Crown will decide whether to validate the polling with the returned ballots, or to instruct that a new polling be conducted.
    - i. Properly executed ballots from members less than 14 years old shall count to establish the polling validity, but shall not count towards the preference tally.
    - ii. Only properly executed ballots from members 14 years of age and older shall count toward the preference tally.
    - iii. Any returned ballot which is not properly executed shall be declared invalid and shall not count at all.
    - 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.
  - 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. In the event of a Baronial Seat polling, the Crown has four weeks after Their receipt of the results of the polling to inform the Kingdom Seneschal, the baronial Seneschal, the current Territorial Baron/Baroness, if any, and the newly-selected successor(s) which of the candidate(s) presented in the poll has been selected to be the next Baron/Baroness.
  - i. In the event of a polling other than a Baronial Seat polling, the Crown has four weeks after Their receipt of the results of the polling to inform the Kingdom Seneschal and the seneschal of the affected group, if any, of the results of the polling.
  - j. Should the four-week period overlap the Coronation of Their Heirs, the current Crown may make the selection, or defer to the Heirs. If the selection is deferred, the new Crown shall make the selection within two weeks after Their Coronation.
  - k. The selection of a Baronial Seat, once made, shall be binding regardless of the date of the Baronial Investiture.
  - l. The Royals are not bound to act in accordance with the numerical outcome of any polling. In the event of a Baronial Seat polling, the Royals must make Their selection from one of the choices presented on the ballot for the polling They are deciding.
  - m. A variance from this process may be granted if the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown agree that a variance is reasonable and will not impact the integrity of the process.
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 SCA membership, if local policy or custom requires SCA 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 and the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
  - b. Where a branch has 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 effect 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.G.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 paid SCA members in a geographically contiguous area, forming a subdivision of the Kingdom, which selects a reigning Coronet 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 Coronets
  - a. Territorial Coronets may bestow Awards of Arms upon Their subjects.
  - b. Territorial Coronets 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, on a case-by-case basis.
    - i. Gentles of the Principality populace who are recommended for any Kingdom- or Society-level Polling Orders will be polled by the Crown in accordance with East Kingdom Law.
  - c. Territorial Coronets 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 Coronets to bestow Awards of Arms. This includes the bestowal of armigerous Principality awards.
  - e. Territorial Coronets shall use their officially-provided online account for all business of their office.
  - f. Territorial Coronets shall hold regularly scheduled Coronet Tournaments to determine Their heirs. The schedule and frequency of the Tournaments shall be determined by the customs and Laws of the Principality.
3. The Creation of a Principality
  - a. At the time Principality status is granted, the first Coronet Tournament will be scheduled to be held under the supervision of the Crown of the East Kingdom. This Coronet Tournament 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. Principality Law  
Territorial Coronets may make and amend such laws for Their Principality as They deem necessary, with the restriction that Principality laws are subject to the approval of the Crown, in accordance with the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
5. The Separation of a Principality
  - a. At the time Kingdom status is granted, the next scheduled Coronet Tournament will become the first Crown Tournament of the incipient Kingdom and will be held under the supervision of the Crown of the East Kingdom. This Crown Tournament 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 Territorial Coronets 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 Heirs 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 paid SCA 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 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. Territorial Barons and Baronesses shall use their officially-provided online account for all business of their office.
  - f. 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. If necessary to accommodate scheduling constraints, the investiture may be deferred to the immediately-succeeding reign.
  - d. An investiture may be held either within or outside the barony's official borders, according to the preference of the barony and any scheduling constraints.
  - e. A candidate for any Baronial Seat must:
    - i. Be of legal age of majority within the formally approved boundaries of the branch.
    - ii. Hold a current SCA 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. A second (consecutive) three-year term may be granted if affirmed by a vote of confidence of the Baronial officers.
    - ii. 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 beginning on the date of investiture.
    - iii. Upon investiture, the Territorial Baron/Baroness is required to notify the Kingdom Chronicler of the date the term will expire to be listed in the Regnum of *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 the polling procedures as set forth in 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 comments to the Crown, in writing, 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 for comments submitted via email.
- 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:
    - i. The outgoing 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 paid SCA 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 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 paid SCA members that is geographically independent of a Barony or Province.

1. A Shire may not contain subordinate branches.
2. A Shire may 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, including submitting all required reports.

## **J. Colleges, Strongholds, and Ports**

A College is a branch of at least five paid SCA members that exists at an educational institution. A Stronghold or Port is a branch of at least five paid SCA 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, including submitting all required reports.

## **K. Cantons and Ridings**

A Canton is a branch of at least five paid SCA members that is geographically or organizationally subordinate to a Barony. A Riding is a branch of at least five paid SCA 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, including submitting all required reports.

# **Section VIII. Events**

## **A. Kingdom Events**

1. Coronations, Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Night, Baronial Investitures, and the various Crown's Champions Tournaments, with the exception of the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms, are Kingdom Events. All dates for Kingdom Events to be held are preferred dates; prospective sponsors or hosts are encouraged to submit bids for dates within the listed timeframes if at all possible.
2. Coronations, Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Night, and Crown's Champions Tournaments may be hosted by a local branch, a non-branch group, or an individual. Baronial Investitures may only be hosted by a local branch.
  - a. Events hosted by a local branch:
    - i. The local branch is also the sponsor of the event. If a non-branch group or individual wishes to host a Kingdom Event, the sponsor is the East Kingdom.
    - ii. East Kingdom local branches that sponsor a Kingdom Event shall retain one-half of the net profit as listed on the event financial report submitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, the other half being given to the East Kingdom.
      - 1) In the event of a significant financial loss due to natural disaster or other unforeseen circumstances, the sponsoring branch may petition the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer, with their report of the event, for assistance in covering up to one-half of the loss. Petitions may only be granted by a majority vote of the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer on a case-by-case basis and signed by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer (with copies to the Kingdom Seneschal, Event Clerk, event steward, and local branch seneschal).
    - iii. Adding a Kingdom Event to an existing event:



- 1) From time to time, Kingdom Events such as Champions Tournaments are imposed on another, non-Kingdom Event which has been previously published in *Pikestaff* and on the East Kingdom website.
  - 2) If the request is made by the Crown or Their representative, the sponsoring local branch of the imposed-on event may petition for a full or partial waiver of the profit-share provision for the Kingdom Event; and the Crown, with approval of the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer, may grant such waiver.
- b. Events hosted by a non-branch group or individual:
- i. The East Kingdom is the sponsor of the event.
  - ii. The Event Steward must meet the requirements of Section VIII.E. below.
  - iii. If the site being bid is located within a local branch zip code:
    - 1) The bid host must review the bid with the local branch seneschal before submitting the bid;
    - 2) The local branch seneschal must either give approval or reasonable grounds for denial within three weeks of the review; which denial may be overridden by the Kingdom Seneschal;
    - 3) The bid host must request, and the local branch seneschal must assign, a branch officer site liaison to work with the bid host and the site throughout the planning of the event, before the bid is submitted
  - iv. Proceeds from Kingdom Events hosted by non-branch groups or individuals shall be retained by the East Kingdom. Any losses for such events will be borne by the East Kingdom.
  - v. The event will be officially publicized and recorded as occurring in the local branch where the event site is geographically located.
3. Any branch, group, or individual wishing to sponsor or host a Coronation, Crown Tournament, Twelfth Night, or a Crown's Champions Tournament, except for the Crown's Youth Champions of Arms, must submit a bid package via email, to the Crown, the Heirs, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Event Clerk, and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. Baronial Investitures are not required to submit a bid package unless combined with another Kingdom Event per Section VIII.A.4. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms tournaments are not bid, per Section VIII.A.9.a.iii.
- a. All bid submissions must follow the instructions located on the Kingdom Seneschal's page of the East Kingdom website.
  - b. Bid packages for Kingdom Events:
    - i. Must include a proposed budget that includes event costs, a listing of the principal staff and their relevant experience, and other details as required.
    - ii. Must be submitted no later than the deadlines given in Sections VIII.A.5 through VIII.A.9 below.
    - iii. May be submitted up to twenty-four months prior to the proposed event date.
    - iv. May be accepted any time after they are submitted, regardless of the due date for bids or whether the accepting Crown will be the Crown at the time of the event.
  - c. In the event that a substantial change needs to be made to an accepted bid for an East Kingdom Event, the sponsoring branch or hosting group or individual shall inform the Crown, Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Exchequer 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, planned activities, or estimated expenses exceeding 10% of the allocation for expenses in the original budget.
  - d. Expenses related to the running of any Kingdom Event, including any expenses of the Crown's Champions Tournaments, 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.
4. Kingdom Events may not be combined unless otherwise stated in Sections VIII.A.5. through VIII.A.9. Exceptions must be requested in writing and approved by the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer.
5. 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.
    - i. Bid packages may be submitted up to twenty-four months in advance, but must be received by December 15th of the preceding year.
    - ii. A bid may be chosen at any time from the then-available bids, but must be chosen by January 31st of the event year.
  - b. The preferred date for Fall Coronation is the first Saturday in October, with the last Saturday in September serving as an alternate date.

- i. Bid packages may be submitted up to twenty-four months in advance, but must be received by June 15th of the event year.
  - ii. A bid may be chosen at any time from the then-available bids, but must be chosen by July 31st of the event year.
- 6. Crown Tournaments
  - a. The preferred date for Spring Crown Tournament is the first Saturday in May, with the last Saturday in April serving as an alternate date.
    - i. Bid packages may be submitted up to twenty-four months in advance, but must be received by January 1st of the event year.
    - ii. A bid may be chosen at any time from the then-available bids, but must be chosen by February 15th of the event year.
  - b. The preferred date for Fall Crown Tournament is the third Saturday in October, with the first Saturday in November serving as an alternate date.
    - i. Bid packages may be submitted up to twenty-four months in advance, but must be received by July 1st of the event year.
    - ii. A bid may be chosen at any time from the then-available bids, but must be chosen by August 15th of the event year.
  - c. Crown Tournament 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. Priority shall be given to bids from any branch, group, or individual within the scheduled region which has not sponsored a Crown Tournament within the previous four years.
    - ii. If no acceptable bid within the scheduled region has been received by the deadline, the Heirs and the Kingdom Seneschal may choose the branch, group, or individual they feel is best able to sponsor/host Crown Tournament. In such a case, the rotation among regions will continue as if the Crown Tournament had been held in the proper region.
- 7. East Kingdom Twelfth Night
  - a. Starting in January 2025, this event will be sponsored by the East Kingdom. Per Section VIII.A.2.b.iv., all proceeds will be retained by and all losses borne by the East Kingdom.
  - b. Non-branch groups or individuals bidding to host East Kingdom Twelfth Night must adhere to Section VIII.A.2.b.
  - c. The preferred dates for East Kingdom Twelfth Night are the first or second Saturday after January 1st.
    - i. Bid packages may be submitted up to twenty-four months in advance, but must be received by June 15th of the preceding year.
    - ii. A bid may be chosen at any time from the then-available bids, but must be chosen by July 31st of the preceding year.
  - d. Baronial Investitures may be held at East Kingdom Twelfth Night.
- 8. Baronial Investitures
  - a. Starting in July 2024, all Baronial Investitures will be Kingdom Events subject to the rules and procedures outlined in Section VIII.A.
  - b. Champions Tournaments may be held at Baronial Investitures, except they may not be held at Baronial Investitures that occur in conjunction with East Kingdom Twelfth Night.
- 9. Champions Tournaments
  - a. For championship tournaments typically held during the Summer Reign, bid packages must be received by one month after the preceding Fall Crown Tournament. For championship tournaments typically held during the Winter Reign, bid packages must be received by one month after the preceding Spring Crown Tournament. Final bid selection will be made no later than two months after the bid deadline.
    - i. Tournaments and competitions to determine the following champions will typically be held during the Summer Reign:
      - 1) The Crown's Champions of Arms
      - 2) The Crown's Archery Champions
      - 3) The Crown's Equestrian Champions
      - 4) The Crown's Thrown Weapons Champions
    - ii. Tournaments and competitions to determine the following champions will typically be held during the Winter Reign:
      - 1) The Crown's Rapier Champions
      - 2) The Crown's Bardic Champions
      - 3) The Crown's Arts and Sciences Champions

- iii. The Crown's Youth Champions of Arms will be determined at any East Kingdom event that is a Royal Progress and has a martial tournament for youth.
- b. Only one championship tournament may be held at any given event. Exceptions must be requested in writing and approved by the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer.
- c. Effort should be made to alternate regions in which championship tournaments and competitions are held from year to year.
- d. Event announcements for championship tournaments should include the proper name of the tournament as listed above.

## **B. Royal Progress Events**

1. A local branch event that is not a Kingdom Event and at which either or both of the Monarchs are present and hold court is considered a Royal Progress Event.
  - a. The Crown shall advise the Event Clerk of the Kingdom Seneschal's office, the event steward, and the local branch seneschal of Their intention to attend an event at least thirty days prior to the event date. This notification may be done by the Crown, the Event Clerk, or a member of the royal household on behalf of the Crown, and such notification may be made via email.
  - b. The event steward and local branch seneschal may invite the Crown to attend an event with less than thirty days notice, and the Crown may accept and attend at Their discretion.
2. East Kingdom local branches that sponsor a Royal Progress Event which takes place on or after January 1, 2024 shall share with the East Kingdom a percentage of the net profit as listed on the event financial report submitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - a. The schedule of the profit share shall be as follows:
    - i. For events that report a net profit below \$2,000, the local branch shall retain 100% of the net profit.
    - ii. For events that report a net profit between and including \$2,000 and \$3,000, the local branch shall retain 90% of the net profit, the other 10% being given to the East Kingdom.
    - iii. For events that report a net profit above \$3,000, the local branch shall retain 80% of the net profit, the other 20% being given to the East Kingdom.
  - b. The sponsoring branch may petition the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer for a full or partial waiver of the profit-share provision within thirty days of the Crown's notice as specified in VIII.B.1.a. or the offered invitation as specified in VIII.B.1.b.
  - c. The waiver may be granted only by a majority vote of the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer and signed by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer (with copies to the Kingdom Seneschal, Event Clerk, event steward, and local branch seneschal).
  - d. If the East Kingdom Council of the Exchequer does not render a decision on the petition within thirty days from submission, the petition is decided in favor of the waiver for that event.

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

The Pennsic War

1. The East Kingdom is responsible for choosing the event steward for Pennsic Wars to be held every third year beginning at Pennsic 48.
2. Bid packages to apply for the position of event steward of said Pennsic Wars must be completed and submitted according to the instructions on the Kingdom Seneschal's page of the East Kingdom website, by May 1st, two years prior to the War.
3. The Crown will choose an event steward 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 event steward 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 rostered Marshal warranted in those activities.

## **E. Event Supervision**

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

1. Must be a paid member of the SCA, Inc.
2. Event Stewards of local branch events, including Kingdom Events sponsored by a local branch, must be eligible to be an officer of the branch sponsoring the event; and will be considered an officer of the sponsoring branch, for the period of time between the branch's acceptance of the event proposal and the completion of the event.

3. Event Stewards of Kingdom Events hosted by a non-branch group or individual must be eligible to be an officer of the East Kingdom; and will be considered a deputy of the East Kingdom Seneschal for the period of time between the Crown's acceptance of the event proposal and the completion of the event.

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

1. No other events may be placed on the Event Calendar for the preferred dates of Crown Tournaments within the region that the Crown Tournament is scheduled to take place per Section VIII.A.6.c. until after the Crown Tournament is published.
2. No other events may be placed on the Event Calendar for the preferred dates of Coronations until after the date and location of Coronation is published. Groups wishing to host a *Pikestaff*-publishable event on those dates must adhere to Section VIII.F.3.
3. Any group or individual that wishes to host a *Pikestaff*-publishable event located within 100 miles of an already-published Crown Tournament, Coronation, Twelfth Night, or Crown's champions Tournament 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 mutual agreement in writing with the group in which the site is located.

# **Section IX. Awards**

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

1. Awards in the East Kingdom are the gift of the Crown.
2. Territorial Coronets and Territorial Barons and Baronesses may give awards in accordance with Sections VII.E.2. and VII.G.5. respectively.
3. Recipients of an East Kingdom award are entitled to wear its badge, as registered with the College of Arms.
4. All official Kingdom-level award scrolls assigned must be coordinated through the Office of the Tyger Clerk of the Signet.
5. In the event that the Crown 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.
6. The Eastern Crown Herald, Territorial Coronets, and Territorial Barons/Baronesses must submit a court report to the Brigantia Herald or their appointed deputy, in details and in a timely manner as specified in Brigantia Herald's policies.
7. Gentles receiving an Award of Arms, Grant of Arms, or Barony of the Court, and gentles being elevated to any of the Patent Orders as defined in the Corpora of the SCA, Inc. and/or East Kingdom Law are entitled to a scroll proclaiming such status. All other scroll entitlements of East Kingdom orders and awards are specified in their relevant sections of East Kingdom Law.
8. Registered award and order badges are listed in Appendix B of this document.

## **B. Polling Orders**

The Peerage Orders (Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican, Rose, and Defense), and Orders of High Merit (Silver Crescent, Maunche, Tygers Combattant, 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.
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 twenty members are present, except in Tir Mara where at least ten are sufficient. In the case of an Order

with fewer than twenty members in total, a verbal polling may be declared valid if a simple majority of the Order is present.

3. The Crown 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 Crown 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 the Crown or Heirs.
5. With the exception of the Order of the Rose, and only for the duration of Their Royal Tenure, the Crown and Heirs may join email discussion lists, provided for in Section IX.B.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 email 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 email 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 email list by an admitted member.
  - c. Any Companion of any Polling Order 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 email List. The Administrator shall add any bona fide person with all due speed, to the proper polling order email list.
  - 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.
  - e. These lists shall be subject to the same confidentiality as stated in Section IX.B.4.

## **C. 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.
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.

## **D. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Silver Crescent may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by service to the Kingdom, whether by:
    - i. Long service within one of the areas of the Kingdom whereby the entire Kingdom is held to benefit, or
    - ii. 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; revised February 23 A.S. 57, 2023, by Mohammad and Corotica; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV; revised February 1 A.S. 58, 2024, by Matthias and Æsa Felinn)
  - 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, and
    - iii. Demonstrated service to the arts and sciences community.
- 4. The Order of the Tygers Combattant (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; revised July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Tygers Combattant may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by prowess in armored combat, whether by:
    - i. Attaining a standard of excellence in one weapons form such as makes them noteworthy in the eyes of the Kingdom, or
    - ii. Consistently demonstrating surpassing competence in several weapons forms.
  - b. Candidates for the Order of the Tygers Combattant shall also demonstrate service to the armored combat community, such as by marshaling, teaching, or promoting and expanding the knowledge of armored combat.
- 5. The Order of the Sagittarius (established January 22 A.S. 18, 1984, by Viktor and Sedalia; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Sagittarius may be awarded to individuals who have shown superior prowess at the target archery range and have distinguished themselves in archery in one of the following areas, thus demonstrating an overall impact to archery in the Kingdom:
    - i. Teaching and demonstrating the art of archery
    - ii. Making archery equipment
    - iii. Helping to arrange archery at events and/or sites.
- 6. The Order of the Golden Rapier (established April 26 A.S. 26, 1992, by Ruslan and Margaret; revised July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Golden Rapier may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by excellence in the rapier arts, whether by:
    - i. Attaining a standard of excellence in one weapons form such as makes them noteworthy in the eyes of the Kingdom, or
    - ii. Consistently demonstrating surpassing competence in multiple weapons forms.
  - b. Candidates for the Order of the Golden Rapier shall also demonstrate service to the rapier community, such as by marshaling, teaching, or promoting and expanding the knowledge of the rapier arts.
- 7. The Order of the Golden Lance (established March 28 A.S. 49, 2015, by Edward III and Thyra II; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Golden Lance may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by prowess in the equestrian lists and demonstrated service to the equestrian community such as by marshaling, 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Order of the Golden Mantle may be awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves by prowess in ranged weapons, whether in
    - i. Siege Weaponry or Combat Archery in an auxiliary capacity on the field of battle, or
    - ii. Thrown Weaponry on the target range

- b. Candidates for the Order of the Golden Mantle shall also demonstrate service to the siege weaponry, combat archery, and/or thrown weapons community such as by marshaling, commanding, building equipment, teaching, and/or helping to promote and expand the knowledge of these arts.
- c. 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.

## **E. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV; revised February 1 A.S. 58, 2024, by Matthias and Æsa Felinn)
  - a. 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; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. 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, and other martial arts as the Crown may determine.

## **F. Orders of Honor**

1. Recipients of the East Kingdom Orders of Honor are known as Companions of their respective Orders. These Orders are not armigerous.
  - 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, induction into an Order of Honor is traditionally accompanied by a token rather than a scroll.
2. The Consort's Order of Courtesy (established October 19 A.S. 9, 1974, by Cariadoc II and Diana II; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; renamed January 27 A.S. 53, 2019, by Wilhelm and Vienna; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
  - a. The Consort's Order of Courtesy may be awarded solely by the Consort to such gentles as the Consort 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. Recipients of the Consort's Order of Courtesy are entitled to receive a white glove bearing a rose Azure charged with another Or.
  - d. The Consort's Order of Courtesy includes all gentles who previously received the Queen's Order of Courtesy and the Order of Courtesy.
3. The Order of the Tyger's Cub (established October 14 A.S. 13, 1978, by Gyrth 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 Crown 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 Troubadours (established October 6 A.S. 14, 1979, by Vissevald and Embla; revised June 20 A.S. 45, 2010, by Edward and Marguerite; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
    - a. The Order of the Troubadours may be awarded by the Crown to gentles who participate in and contribute to performance and entertainment arts, including, but not limited to:
      - i. Vocal and/or instrumental musical performance
      - ii. Theater
      - iii. Jestery
      - iv. Storytelling
    - b. The token of the Order is an empty cup.
  5. The Order of Terpsichore (established October 6 A.S. 14, 1979, by Vissevald and Embla; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
    - a. The Order of Terpsichore may be awarded to gentles who exhibit consistent devotion of their knowledge and talent to helping others acquire a knowledge and understanding of dance and polite court movement.
    - b. The token of the Order is a bell or string of bells.
  6. The Sovereign's Order of Excellence (established March 16 A.S. 25, 1991, by Rhys and Elaina; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; renamed July 14 A.S. 54, 2019, by Ozurr and Fortune)
    - a. The Sovereign's Order of Excellence may be awarded solely by the Sovereign to such gentles as the Sovereign 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.
    - c. The Sovereign's Order of Excellence includes all gentles who previously received the King's Order of Excellence and the Order of Excellence.
  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; revised February 23 A.S. 57, 2023, by Mohammad and Corotica; revised February 1 A.S. 58, 2024, by Matthias and Æsa Felinn)
    - 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 any youth or all-ages 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 martial community.
  9. The Order 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; revised January 28 A.S. 52, 2018, by Ivan and Matilde; revised



September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)

- a. The Order of Gilder shall be given by the Crown to children of the East Kingdom under the age of eighteen who display or perform works of Arts & Sciences that manifest the spirit of the East Kingdom Arts.
  - b. Recipients of the Order of Gilder are entitled to receive a token bearing the badge of the Order.
  - c. The Order of Gilder includes all gentles who previously received the Order of the Golden Kinder and the Award of Gilder.
10. The Order of the Tyger's Eye (established January 27 A.S. 53, 2019, by Wilhelm and Vienna)
- a. The Order of the Tyger's Eye may be awarded by the Crown to recognize youth of the East Kingdom whose exemplary service, contribution, and achievement to the kingdom have distinguished them in the eyes of the Crown.
  - b. The token of the Order is a tyger's eye pendant.

## **G. 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; revised July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised February 1 A.S. 58, 2024, by Matthias and Æsa Felinn)
  - a. The Award of the Burdened Tyger may be awarded by the Crown to those gentles associated with running a Royal Progress event or an aspect of a Royal Progress event which the Crown feels 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 Consort'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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III)
  - a. The Consort's Cypher is hereby established to recognize those subjects of the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by providing exceptional service to the Consort.
  - b. This Order may be awarded by the Consort to whomever They deem deserving.
  - c. The Consort may award no more than ten Consort's Cyphers during any one reign; nor will the Consort 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 Consort bearing the Cypher, which is the Consort's initial together with an "R".
  - e. The Consort's Cypher includes all gentles who previously received the Queen's Cypher.
4. The Sovereign'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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III)
  - a. The Sovereign's Cypher is hereby established to recognize those subjects of the East Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by providing exceptional service to the Sovereign.
  - b. This Order may be awarded by the Sovereign to whomever They deem deserving.
  - c. The Sovereign may award no more than ten Sovereign's Cyphers during any one reign; nor will the Sovereign 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 Sovereign bearing the Cypher, which is the Sovereign's initial together with an "R".
  - e. The Sovereign's Cypher includes all gentles who previously received the King's Cypher.
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 Consort'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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III)
- a. The Consort's Award of Esteem may be awarded by the Consort, 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 Consort's Award of Esteem is not defined, but will be specified in each reign by the Consort and will be fashioned by the Consort's hand.
  - c. This award will be given solely at the Consort's discretion.
  - d. A gentle may receive the Consort'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 Consort's Award of Esteem includes all gentles who previously received the Queen's Honour of Distinction and the Queen's Award of Esteem.
7. The Sovereign'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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III)
- a. The Sovereign's Award of Esteem may be awarded by the Sovereign, 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 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.
  - c. A gentle may receive the Sovereign's Award of Esteem more than once, and no upper or lower limit on the number to be awarded per reign will be imposed.
  - d. The Sovereign's Award of Esteem includes all gentles who previously received the King's Esteem of Merit and the King's Award of Esteem.
8. The Award 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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised January 26 A.S. 54, 2020, by Margarita)
- a. The Award 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 Award of Valor of the East may be awarded no more than six times during any one reign.
  - c. The Award of Valor of the East includes all gentles who previously received the King's Order of the Tyger of Valor, the Order of the Valiant Tyger, the Tyger of Valor, and/or the Order of Valor of the East.
9. The Award of the Golden Lyre (established September 9 A.S. 37, 2002, by Andreas II and Isabella II; renamed 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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
- 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 Sovereign or Consort individually, or by the Crown acting together.
  - e. A token of the Award bearing the badge of the award 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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III; revised February 23 A.S. 57, 2023, by Mohammad and Corotica)
- a. The Augmentation of Arms may be awarded by the Crown to honor a person for service to the Kingdom or specifically to the Crown. Each augmentation is specific to the individual awarded, to be added to their 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 Them, 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; revised September 22 A.S. 53, 2018, by Brennan III and Caoilfhionn III)
- a. The Company of the Pennon of the East may be awarded by the Crown 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 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.
13. The Company of Morpheus (established July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
- a. The Company of Morpheus may be given to those who aid in creating a more immersive experience for event attendees through their work in stage dressing, set and lighting design, and photography.

- b. The Company of Morpheus may be awarded by the Sovereign or Consort individually, or by the Crown acting together.
  - c. Individuals may receive this award more than once, for additional contributions to immersive experience.
  - d. Recipients of the Company of Morpheus are entitled to receive a token bearing the badge of the award.
14. The Award of Durga (established July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
- a. The Award of Durga may be given to an individual who performs a single extraordinary act of martial prowess, or a superlative accomplishment in any of the martial disciplines.
  - b. The Award of Durga may be awarded by the Sovereign or Consort individually, or by the Crown acting together.
  - c. Individuals may receive this award more than once, for additional acts of prowess.
  - d. The token of the Award of Durga is a tiger's claw.
15. The Award of Rabbit in the Moon (established July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised February 23 A.S. 57, 2023, by Mohammad and Corotica; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV)
- a. The Award of Rabbit in the Moon may be given to an individual who performs a single extraordinary act of service.
  - b. The Award of Rabbit in the Moon may be awarded by the Sovereign or Consort individually, or by the Crown acting together.
  - c. Individuals may receive this award more than once, for additional acts of service.
  - d. Recipients of the Award of Rabbit in the Moon are entitled to receive a token bearing the badge of the award displayed within a circle or on a round field.
16. The Award of Benzaiten (established July 17 A.S. 57, 2022, by Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi; revised September 28 A.S. 58, 2023, by Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV; revised February 1 A.S. 58, 2024, by Matthias and Æsa Felinn)
- a. The Award of Benzaiten may be given to an individual who demonstrates exceptional skill in teaching within the Society.
  - b. The Award of Benzaiten may be bestowed for superlative teaching in any art, science, or service, or in any of the martial disciplines.
  - c. The Award of Benzaiten may be awarded by the Sovereign or Consort individually, or by the Crown acting together.
  - d. Individuals may receive this award more than once, for additional acts of teaching.
  - e. The token of the Award of Benzaiten is a ring with a green stone.
  - f. The Award of Benzaiten includes all gentles who previously received the Award of Anansi's Web.

## **Section X. Rights of Subjects**

### **A. Statement of Inclusion**

The East Kingdom is committed to celebrating equity, diversity, and inclusiveness. All officers and representatives of the Kingdom and its branches will promote social equality and diversity in all activities for all subjects of and visitors to the East Kingdom. Such officers and representatives will work to ensure that there is neither discrimination nor advancement on the basis of race, ethnicity, culture, age, health, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, national origin, veteran status, socio-economic class, religion, and/or professional status.

### **B. 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 SCA 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.

## C. Limitations

- 1. Modern beverage containers must be concealed from plain view in the central area of any event.
- 2. Smoking is forbidden in the central area of any event. The event steward will designate a convenient, safe, and practical area where smoking is permitted, provided the event site allows such.
- 3. Flash photography is forbidden in the central area of any event.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Titles may be used in a Society context only by those who have achieved the appropriate rank or award within the Society as defined in the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc.
- 6. Combat marshals must be of legal age of majority in the location where they are marshaling.

# Section XI. Complaints

## A. Complaint Procedure

- 1. Complaint Regulations.
  - a. Once all other lesser avenues and channels of redress have been exhausted, including SCA channels as covered in Corpora, Society Officers' policies and procedures, and Kingdom Officers policies and procedures, Section XI. 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 material 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 suitable for redress 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 mundane civil or criminal court; except wherein that action has implications also within the Society's or Kingdom's laws.
  - 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 Crown, 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 submitted within ninety days of the incident. Complaints resulting from a series of incidents must be submitted within ninety 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 ninety days prior to the filing of the complaint.
- e. No complaint or court or other action under the Complaint Procedure will limit the Crown's rights and 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. Further, should the Crown change after a complaint has been filed, a 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 notification, or to discontinue the procedure with notification in writing 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 specified in the Complaint Procedure. 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, ending all proceedings.
  - h. In the instance where the Kingdom Seneschal and 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.
    - a. Complainant(s) must submit a complaint in writing to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal following the instructions on the Kingdom Seneschal's page of the East Kingdom website. The complaint must contain the following items:
      - i. Legal name and SCA name, address, telephone number, and email address of the Complainant(s).
      - ii. The Respondent(s) legal name and SCA name, and, if known, their address, telephone number, and/or email address.
      - iii. Summary description of the Respondent(s)' actions (or inactions) that have led to the complaint.
      - iv. At the Crown's discretion, the Complainant(s) may have an additional thirty days after the receipt of the complaint by the Crown to gather additional information, such as:
        - 1) Legal and SCA names, and contact information, for any local, Kingdom, or Society Officers who were referenced in, or were involved in any way with, the complaint as well as any existing written documentation of said involvement.
        - 2) Any written responses received by the Complainant(s) from the Respondent(s).
        - 3) Any written reports from eyewitnesses or supporting individuals. Such reports must contain the full legal name and SCA name of that supporting individual and their complete postal address, telephone number, and email address (if available).
        - 4) The outcome of any actions taken through appropriately defined SCA, Inc. procedures, as defined in Corpora.
        - 5) Any other supporting documentation relating to the complaint including but not limited to emails, correspondence, and/or documents.
    - b. Within fifteen days of receipt of a complaint or the allowed thirty-day extension stated above, the Crown will inform the Complainant(s), the Heirs (if there are Heirs at that time), and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing (hereinafter the "Notification Date") 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:
        - 1) Failure to go through appropriate SCA defined procedures, as defined in Corpora;
        - 2) The subject matter of the complaint is not appropriate for adjudication through the Complaint Procedure;
        - 3) Failure to provide required information;

- 4) Any complaint that has already been appropriately resolved through SCA, Inc. or East Kingdom channels; or
  - 5) 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. Within seven days after the Notification Date, the Kingdom Seneschal will notify the Complainant(s) and Respondent(s), in writing, that the Grievance Committee will be called to settle the dispute.
  - c. The Grievance Committee is composed of the following:
    - i. The Sovereign and Consort; or, at Their discretion, They each or both may choose a Peer not involved in the complaint to represent Them during the Complaint Procedure. The peer(s) must have consented to act in this capacity and be limited to act only in accordance with the Complaint Procedure. The Sovereign and/or Consort will advise the Kingdom Seneschal of Their decision to choose a representative within five days of the Notification Date. If no notification is received in that time, it will be presumed that the Sovereign and/or Consort will not be selecting a representative;
    - ii. The Sovereign's Heir and Consort's Heir (if there are Heirs at the date the complaint is received by the Crown); or They may each choose a Peer not involved in the complaint to represent them during the Complaint Procedure. The peer(s) must have consented to act in this capacity and be limited to act only in accordance with the Complaint Procedure. The Sovereign's Heir and/or Consort's Heir will advise the Kingdom Seneschal of Their decision to choose a representative within five days of the Notification Date. If no notification is received in that time, it will be presumed that the Heir(s) not responding will not be selecting a representative;
    - iii. Four of the East Kingdom's Greater Officers, to be selected by the Crown. 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 Earl Marshal; and
    - iv. An arbitrator mutually chosen by the parties. The Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) will draw the arbitrator from a pool of names, maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal. Within fifteen days after the Notification Date, the Kingdom Seneschal will present the parties in dispute, in writing, with a list of five 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:
      - a. They must volunteer, in writing;
      - b. They must be of legal age of majority for all East Kingdom territories;
      - c. They must be SCA, Inc. members;
      - d. They must have resided in the East Kingdom for at least two years; and
      - e. They must be armigerous. It is recommended that they be Peers.

If an arbitrator is not chosen within thirty days of the commencement of this selection process, the Crown will select one from the list.
  - d. The chosen arbitrator will then work with the Grievance Committee, the Complainant(s), and Respondent(s) to achieve a settlement. The deadline for such a settlement is sixty days after the selection of an arbitrator.
  - e. If no resolution can be made, or if the Complainant(s) and/or the Respondent(s) fail to participate in the Grievance Committee, 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.
  - b. Within fifteen days after the Notification Date, the Kingdom Seneschal will select an adjudicator from the Peers of the East Kingdom and inform them of their appointment. Where the complaint arises solely from a single or multiple incidents involving the Rules of the List, the Earl Marshal will select the adjudicator. The adjudicator may not be the Crown, Heirs, 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 fifteen days of selection, the adjudicator will provide the Respondent(s) with a copy of the complaint, and request from them a response. This notification will be in the form of postal mail requiring the Respondent's signature.
- d. Within fifteen days of receipt of the complaint, the Respondent(s) shall provide a response to the adjudicator.
  - i. Within five days of receipt, the adjudicator will provide the Complainant(s) with a copy of Respondent(s)' statement(s).
  - ii. Should the Respondent(s) fail to respond within the allocated time, their failure to respond will be deemed an admission of the truth of the complaint. In this instance, no Court of Chivalry need be scheduled and the adjudicator may make their decision as per Section 4.h. below.
- e. The adjudicator will schedule the Court of Chivalry to occur within sixty days of receipt of the Respondent(s)' response, but with at least thirty-five days notice. If the adjudicator, Kingdom Seneschal, Earl Marshal (if required to attend), 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. If the Respondent(s) refuses to participate in scheduling of conducting a Court of Chivalry, the adjudicator may immediately make their decision as per Section 4.h. below.
- f. No less than thirty days in advance of the Court of Chivalry, the Complainant(s) and the Respondent(s) will submit any supplemental 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) of the individual making the statement or declaration; and
  - iii. No less than twenty days in advance of the Court of Chivalry, the adjudicator will submit copies of each party's statements and supporting statements by witnesses to the other party. At that time the adjudicator will decide whether they will permit live testimony, and they 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 4.f.i. through 4.f.iii. above
- g. 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 selected by the adjudicator, 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. They will, upon request in writing, provide a copy of the recording to the Complainant(s) and/or Respondent(s) no more than thirty days after they have rendered their decision. Either the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) may, at their own expense, arrange for a stenographic transcript to be made during the proceedings. Should either party make such arrangements, they will, no later than fifteen days before the proceedings, inform the adjudicator, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Earl Marshal (if required to attend), and the other party of their decision and provide the identity of the stenographer. Should either the Complainant(s) or Respondent(s) obtain such a transcript, they must provide copies to the Kingdom Seneschal, the Earl Marshal (if required to attend), and the other party within fifteen days of their receipt of the transcript from the stenographer.
  - iii. The Complainant(s) will present their complaint first. The Respondent(s) will then present their defense. Rebuttal arguments may only be made if requested by the adjudicator. If live witnesses are permitted, 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 permitted live witnesses.
  - 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.

- h. Outcome of the Court of Chivalry.
  - i. Within thirty 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 they will issue their findings 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, the adjudicator 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.
    - 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 individual(s) 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 the individual(s)' 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 twenty days of receipt of the written recommendation. Such appeal must be in writing. The Crown will issue Their decision within twenty 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.

## **B. Courts of Courtesy**

1. A Court of Courtesy may be called by the Consort upon the Consort's 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 List, or for alleged violations of mundane law.
2. As individual cases demand individual treatment, the format for Courts Of Courtesy are flexible. However, one of the following formats is recommended.
  - a. A hearing before a panel of gentles of the Consort's choice; or
  - b. A hearing before the Consort alone.
3. All other details of the Court of Courtesy are up to the discretion of the Consort except:
  - a. All parties must agree in advance, in writing, to abide by the decision of the Consort.
  - b. The Consort 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 Consort is final and cannot be appealed, nor can the same case be brought before a succeeding Consort. The decision must be in accordance with East Kingdom Law, the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc., and mundane law.

# 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.
- Consort's Heir: The consort of the victor in a Royal List, during the time period between their victory and their Coronation or Investiture (formerly Crown Princess, and may still be referred to as such if that is the preference of the individual holding this office).
- Coronet: The Sovereign and Consort of a Principality.
- Crown: The Sovereign and Consort of 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.
- Event Steward: The individual in charge of an event (also sometimes called the "autocrat").
- Formal Order Meeting: An Order meeting at which the Crown or Heirs are physically present.
- Gentle: Person
- Heirs: The victor in a Crown Royal List and the Consort, during the time period between Their victory and Their Coronation or Investiture.
- In Writing: Unless otherwise specified, means provided by mailed letter to the recipient(s)'s postal address of record or by email to the recipient(s)'s official eastkingdom.org address.
- Informal Order Meeting: A gathering of the Companions of an Order.
- 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.
- Polling: The method by which the Royals obtain the advice of an official branch.
- Region: A described contiguous geographic subdivision of the Kingdom.
- Reign: The period of time between a Crown'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 Lists: Properly constituted armored combat tournament to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as "Crown Lists" or "Crown Tournaments" for kingdoms and "Coronet Lists" or "Coronet Tournaments" for principalities.
- Royal Progress: An event at which either or both of the Monarchs are present and hold court.
- 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.
- SCA, Inc. or SCA: The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California nonprofit (or not-for-profit) corporation.
- 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.
- Sovereign's Heir: The victor in a Royal List, during the time period between their victory and their Coronation or Investiture (formerly Crown Prince, and may still be referred to as such if that is the preference of the individual holding this office).
- Summer Crown: The victor of Fall Crown Tournament and Their Consort.
- Winter Crown: The victor of Spring Crown Tournament and Their Consort.

# Appendix B. East Kingdom Registered Heraldry

1. East Kingdom Arms & Badges
  - a. East Kingdom Arms / Sovereign of the East  
Purpure, within a laurel wreath vert fimbriated Or, an eastern crown of three grand points tipped with pearls and two lesser points, all Or.
  - b. Consort of the East  
Purpure, an Eastern Crown within a wreath of roses Or, barbed vert seeded gules.
  - c. Heir to the Sovereign of the East  
Purpure, an Eastern Crown and in chief a label Or.
  - d. Heir to the Consort of the East  
Purpure, an Eastern Crown and on a chief Or three roses purpure.
  - e. Populace Badge  
(Fieldless) A tyger passant azure.
2. East Kingdom Offices/Officer Badges
  - a. Chronicler  
Or, a tyger passant azure maintaining a quill argent.
  - b. Tyger Clerk of the Signet Office  
Or, a tyger's head erased azure, engorged with an Eastern Crown argent; on a chief azure a quill pen fesswise Or.
  - c. Lists Office  
Per fess argent and azure, a quill pen fesswise and a tilting lance fesswise reversed counterchanged.
  - d. Chamberlain of the East Kingdom  
(Fieldless) A cushion purpure.
  - e. Chancellor of Exchequer  
Per bend, Or, a dragon's head coupé purpure, and azure three bezants.
3. Order Badges: Orders of High Merit
  - a. The Order of the Silver Crescent  
(Fieldless) In pale a crescent inverted argent and an Eastern crown Or.
  - b. The Order of the Maunche  
Per pale Or and purpure, a maunch counterchanged.
  - c. The Order of the Tygers Combattant  
Per pale Or and azure, two tygers combattant counterchanged.
  - d. The Order of the Sagittarius  
Azure, a sagittary passant to sinister, the human torso turned to dexter Or.
  - e. The Order of the Golden Rapier  
(Fieldless) A tyger's head cabossed azure jessant of a rapier Or.
  - f. The Order of the Golden Lance  
Per fess azure and Or, a tilting lance fesswise and a tyger courant counterchanged.
  - g. The Order of the Golden Mantle  
(Fieldless) A mantle Or.
4. Order Badges: Armigerous Orders
  - a. The Order of the Silver Rapier  
Azure, a rapier inverted and an orle argent.
  - b. The Order of the Silver Tyger  
Azure, a tyger rampant and an orle argent.
  - c. The Order of the Silver Brooch  
(Fieldless) A closed brooch argent.  
Per pale argent and azure, a closed brooch counterchanged.
  - d. The Order of the Silver Wheel  
(Fieldless) A cartwheel argent.
  - e. The Order of Apollo's Arrow  
(Fieldless) On a sun argent an arrow azure.
  - f. The Order of the Silver Mantle  
(Fieldless) A mantle argent.
5. Order Badges: Orders of Honor
  - a. The Consort's Order of Courtesy  
(Fieldless) On a dexter glove aversant argent, a rose azure charged with another Or.
  - b. The Order of the Tyger's Cub  
Or, a tyger sejant azure, its forepaws resting on a torteau.

- c. Tyger of the East  
(Fieldless) A demi-tyger azure.
  - d. The Order of Gawain  
(Fieldless) A garter buckled in annulo vert charged on the tongue with a mullet Or.
  - e. The Order of Gilder  
(Fieldless) A burnisher Or.
6. Award Badges: Other East Kingdom Awards
- a. Award of the Burdened Tyger  
Or, a tyger sejant erect, forepaws clasped over its head, azure.
  - b. Award of the Golden Lyre  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure sustaining a lyre Or.
  - c. Company of Fellowship  
Azure, a covered salt cellar shedding salt within an orle argent.
  - d. Company of Morpheus  
(Fieldless) A pile of sand Or.
  - e. Award of Rabbit in the Moon  
Argent, a rabbit sejant erect regardant and a bordure vert.
7. Champion Badges
- NOTE: These may be used by all Kingdom champions. Sovereign's champions will display the champion badge with the Sovereign's arms. Consort's champions will display the champion badge with the Consort's arms. Pennsic champions will display the badge in sinister base on a field Quarterly Or and purple.
- a. Champions of Arms  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining a spear bendwise sable hafted of wood proper.
  - b. Archery Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining an arrow Or.
  - c. Rapier Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining a rapier proper.
  - d. Equestrian Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure sustaining a tilting lance bendwise bendy sinister Or and purple.
  - e. Bardic Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining a clarion Or.
  - f. Arts and Sciences Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining a candle Or lit gules.
  - g. Thrown Weapons Champions  
(Fieldless) A tyger rampant azure maintaining an axe Or.
8. Other East Kingdom Badges
- a. Northern Army  
Sable, a mullet of four points elongated to base, a bordure embattled argent.
  - b. Southern Army  
Azure, five mullets of six points in cross Or.  
(Fieldless) Five mullets of six points conjoined in cross Or.
  - c. Archer Rankings  
Argent, four arrows fretted points to chief within a bordure sable.  
Gules, four arrows fretted points to chief within a bordure argent.  
Or, four arrows fretted points to chief within an annulet sable.  
Or, four arrows fretted points to chief sable within a bordure gules.

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