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Laws of the Kingdom of the West

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Article I - The Law

Section 1 - Source of Law

The Word of the Crown is Law. Proclamations of the Crown of the West are the law of the Kingdom from the moment they are spoken, but do not rescind existing law until published in The Page. No provision or changes to law shall be in effect, nor shall the subjects of the Kingdom be responsible for such provision, until such proclamation and publication have taken place. All proclamations are subject to the governing documents and the formal decisions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) and the laws of the modern political entities having jurisdiction within the various parts of the Kingdom.

Section 2 - Amendments

Amendments to these laws shall be presented as changes, additions, or deletions to specific articles or sections. Other proclamations shall have effect only during the reign of the Crown making them.

Section 3 - Publication

Proclamations of previous reigns not incorporated herein are rescinded. The Laws of the Kingdom will be published every five years. Each July, an appendix of the law changes for that year will be published in The Page and all amendments not incorporated within are rescinded.

Section 4 - Principality Law

Section 4.1

Within any Principality of the Kingdom of the West, the word of the Coronet of the Principality is Law, subject to the formal decisions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism as embodied in the Corpora, the laws of the Kingdom of the West, and the discretion of the Crown of the West.

Section 4.2

Any changes to the laws of a Principality must be first submitted to the Crown of the West in writing and receive Its signature before being proclaimed. The proclamations of the Coronet and the laws of a Principality are subject to the same restrictions as are those of the Crown and the laws of the Kingdom as defined in Section 1, 2, and 3 above, with the following exception: The laws of the Mists, Cynagua, and Oertha need only be published in The Page.

Section 5 - Instruction of Officers

If any officer of the Kingdom of the West receives instructions, directions, or orders, save only routine administrative directives, from anyone not having authority by these laws to give such, that officer shall take no action until the Crown shall have been consulted as to Its pleasure in the matter.

Article II - The Crown

Section 1 - Other Offices

No Sovereign or Consort shall hold any other office in the Kingdom of the West during Their reign. In such time as it is necessary the Crown may temporarily reign as Coronet if that position is vacated and the laws regarding failure of the reign make this provision. The Crown may also temporarily serve as Territorial Baronial Coronet, until such time as the position(s) is filled.

Section 2 - Succession

Section 2.1

Should the successors to the Crown, hereinafter known as the Royal Heirs, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Coronation, such steps as are necessary and acceptable to them and the Crown shall be taken that they may achieve their Crowns and Thrones.

Section 2.2

Should either or both of the Royal Heirs fail to intend to reign, and sufficient evidence of this failure be presented to the Crown, a Curia Regis shall be called to consider the matter.

Section 2.3

Should the decision in the Curia Regis be that there was no failure of intent, the Crown shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the Royal Heirs achieve their Crowns and Thrones. However, should the finding be that there was a failure of intent to reign, the Royal Heirs shall be instructed to attend their Coronation as scheduled, or else to abdicate.

Section 2.4

Section 2.4.1

Should the winner of the previous Crown List elect to abdicate, either directly or through failure to respond, a Crown List shall be called at the beginning of the Coronation festival. This list shall be limited to fighters who competed in the previous Crown List, except for the victor of the previous Crown List, who shall be barred. The winner of the List and the winner's consort shall be crowned immediately.

Section 2.4.2

Should the consort of the winner of the previous Crown Tournament elect to abdicate, either directly or through failure to respond, the winner of the previous Crown Tournament must designate a new consort, acceptable to the Crown, prior to the scheduled Coronation or abdicate.

Section 2.5 - Uncompleted Reigns

Section 2.5.1

Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign.

Section 2.5.2

Should both the Sovereign or Consort, for any reason whatsoever, be unable to complete Their reign, a Regency Council composed of the reigning Coronet Sovereigns and Consorts of the various Principalities shall be created. The Council shall act in all ways as the Crown, subject to the following limitations: All actions of the Council must be taken under unanimous agreement of its members. The Council shall have the power to change the laws of the Kingdom only to the extent required to correct any contradictions between the laws of the Kingdom and either the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism or modern civil law. Any changes enacted by a Regency Council must be publicly confirmed by the next Crown of the West, or they shall be automatically rescinded. A Regency Council shall have no power to grant or create peerage of any sort. The reign of the Council shall cease upon the coronation of a Sovereign and Consort who have been selected via the usual manner prescribed in these laws.

Section 2.6

In the event of an abdication, a written Declaration of Abdication shall be submitted to the Seneschal by the Sovereign or Consort, and the Seneschal shall inform the Coronet Sovereigns and Consorts of their responsibility. Should it be the opinion of the Seneschal that the Crown, by reason of injury or death be unable to make such a written Declaration of Abdication, and that a Regency Council is needed, the Seneschal shall convene the Regency Council and a Declaration of Abdication will be issued by the Council.

Section 2.7

The Sovereign and Consort shall be fiscally responsible for those items of royal regalia entrusted to them during their reign, pursuant to the conditions of Article III, Section 15.3 of the Laws of the West.

Article III - Officers and Duties

Section 1 - Titles and Responsibilities

Section 1.1

Section 1.1.1

There shall be nine Great Officers of State in the Kingdom of the West: The Seneschal, the Vesper Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts, the Minister

of Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable.

Section 1.1.2

There shall be eleven Lesser Officers of State: The Chatelaine, the Royal Archer, the Chancellor of the College of Scribes, the Minister of Equestrian Arts, the Minister of Gold Key, the Minister of the Lists, the Chancellor of the Page School, the Royal Regalia Minister, the Web Minister, and the Royal Teamster.

Section 1.2

The Great Officers of State are responsible to the Crown for carrying out the laws and affairs of the Kingdom of the West. They are additionally responsible to their corresponding corporate officers of the SCA, Inc. in matters of policy and administration of their offices.

Section 1.3

Section 1.3.1

The Great Officers of State are charged with administration of the Kingdom under the Crown. Their chief deputies in a Principality hold a corresponding position under the Coronet of that Principality. In all cases, each officer owes allegiance to the Crown of the West, but the direct obedience of Principality officers shall be given to the representative of the Crown in the person of the Coronet.

Section 1.3.2

Each Officer of State is responsible for encouraging and assisting their subordinate officers in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the realm. As part of this responsibility, each officer shall maintain regular communications with their subordinates, especially those distant from the central part of the Kingdom.

Section 1.3.3

In addition to the specific duties defined hereunder, each officer shall carry out such other duties as are appropriate to the office, or as directed by the Crown.

Section 1.4

At least two weeks prior to each Coronation, each Great Officer and Lesser Officer of State shall give an oral or written report on the state of their offices to the Crown and the Royal Heirs.

Section 1.5

Officers may receive directions from their superiors. However, such directions may not be obeyed if they conflict with an order from the Crown or, if applicable, the Coronet. Such conflicts shall be reported immediately to the superior and, if necessary, to the Crown.

Section 2 - Appointments

Section 2.1

Appointment to and removal from all offices shall be according to the procedures established for warrants or those established for official rosters, as appropriate.

Section 2.2

No term of office shall be more than two years. Prior to the expiration of the term of a Great Officer of State, the Great Officer shall consult with the Crown concerning renewal of the term, whereupon the Crown shall determine their pleasure in the matter.

Section 2.3

Each officer, prior to resignation from the office or expiration of his or her warrant, is expected to recommend a successor to the Crown or to their immediate superior, as appropriate.

Section 3 - Financial Responsibility

Section 3.1

Each officer is held accountable to the Crown for the monies and properties they hold for their office, for the Crown, or for the SCA.

Section 3.2

At the time a new officer is appointed, the outgoing officer shall prepare an accounting of all monies and properties currently held for that office, or for the Crown, that are passing

to the successor. This shall include any changes in these monies or properties since the last yearly report to the Exchequer. Both the outgoing and the incoming officers are to sign that accounting and a copy of it is to be sent to Exchequer.

Section 3.3

Each officer is to report in writing to the Exchequer any major changes in the amounts of monies and/or properties for which that officer is held accountable during the year, rather than only in the yearly report.

Section 4 - Seneschal

Section 4.1

The Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Crown and the official media representative for the Kingdom of the West. The Seneschal shall serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within the Kingdom of the West, have the ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out the official events of the Kingdom, coordinate the formal recognition of new branches by the Crown, maintain the Code of Laws and be responsible for providing the official copy for publication, maintain a file of waivers from all events, hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Council of Seneschals, hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Great Officers of State, receive reports from all other Great Officers of State and Lesser Officers of State on the status of their offices, and make such reports as may be required by the Society Seneschal.

Section 4.2

The Chatelaine shall serve under the Seneschal, and shall be responsible for welcoming newcomers and visitors at events, answering the questions of newcomers and visitors, and encouraging the growth and integration of the Realm.

Section 4.3

The Minister of Gold Key shall serve under the Chatelaine and be responsible for the maintaining, storing, and transporting loaner costumes for use by visitors at all Kingdom events.

Section 4.4

The Web Minister shall serve under the Seneschal and shall be responsible for developing and maintaining the Kingdom web site, maintaining a roster of all branch Web Ministers, and advising the Crown and Officers regarding issues related electronic media.

Section 5 - Herald

The Vesper Herald is the principal heraldic officer of the Crown and the head of the College of Heraldry. The College of Heraldry shall provide the Crown's voice at events and shall be responsible for supervising all degrees of heraldic officers, processing of names and armory for registration by the Society, conducting heraldic research and education, and providing ceremony and devising protocol for the Kingdom.

Section 6 - Marshal

Section 6.1

The Earl Marshal is the chief martial officer of the Kingdom and shall be responsible for overseeing the conduct of all martial arts activities in the Kingdom, including, but not limited to: Tournament lists, wars, including combat archery and related activities such as scouting, target archery, and rapier combat. The Earl Marshal shall encourage the development of safety, chivalry, and authenticity upon the field, maintain a file of authorized fighters, and maintain, publish, and enforce standards for construction and use of all weapons and armor.

Section 6.2

The Minister of the Lists shall serve under the Earl Marshal as a chief deputy and shall organize and coordinate the lists as directed by the Crown in cooperation with the College of Heraldry and the Marshallate.

Section 6.3

The Royal Archer shall serve under the Earl Marshal and shall be responsible for encouraging the development of archery. The Royal Archer shall maintain, publish, and enforce rules for archery activities at events, and maintain, publish, and enforce standards for archery equipment.

Section 6.4

The Minister of Equestrian Arts shall serve under the Earl Marshal as a chief deputy and shall be responsible for: encouraging the development of and research into period equestrian arts. The Minister of Equestrian Arts shall maintain, publish, and enforce rules governing the use of horses at events.

Section 6.5

The Kingdom Rapier Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal as a chief deputy and shall maintain a file of authorized rapier combatants and encourage the development of period rapier combat. The Kingdom Rapier Marshal shall maintain, publish, and enforce rules for rapier combat activities at events, maintain, publish, and enforce standards for rapier combat, and perform any duties stipulated in the Kingdom Rapier Combat Rules and Marshallate Manual.

Section 7 - Arts

The Minister of Arts is the chief artistic officer of the Crown and is responsible for the encouragement and development of the arts within the realm. The Minister of Arts conducts the Annual Arts and Sciences Competition in conjunction with the Minister of Sciences, and serves on the Royal Commission for Regalia.

Section 8 - Sciences

The Minister of Sciences is the chief scientific officer of the Crown and is responsible for: the encouragement and development of the medieval sciences within the realm. The Minister of Sciences conducts the Annual Arts and Sciences Competition in conjunction with the Minister of Arts, and serves on the Royal Commission for Regalia.

Section 9 - Exchequer

Section 9.1

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Crown and is responsible for collecting, safeguarding, and disbursing the moneys of the realm, maintaining records of the physical assets of the Kingdom and their monetary value, reporting on the status of the Exchequer as required, publishing in The Page by each July the financial statement for the Kingdom, receiving reports from the several parts of the realm and from the Officers of the Kingdom, heading the Council of the Exchequer of the Kingdom, establishing and maintaining bank accounts for officers and local branches as needed, and assisting the Seneschal and Exchequer of any branch within the Kingdom placed in abeyance to reestablish that branch with the Society.

Section 9.2

The Council of the Exchequer shall consist of the Sovereign and Consort, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and may include the Royal Heirs, if there are heirs. It shall meet once each reign to determine major expenditures for the reign. At its first meeting for the calendar year, it shall also determine the budget for the following calendar year. It may also meet at other times as needed. All requests and proposals for the use of the Kingdom's moneys, which are not already preapproved by

the budget or by prior consent of the Council, must be submitted in writing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Unanimous consent of the Council is required to disburse funds. If there are Royal Heirs, they must be consulted before a decision is made.

Section 9.3

The Royal Teamster shall serve under the Chancellor of the Exchequer and shall be responsible for maintaining the regalia trailer and the war trailer, maintaining regalia and equipment stored in the trailers, securing storage space for the trailers, arranging for the transport of the trailers to and from events as needed, and setting the fees for transport of the war trailer to requested events.

Section 10 - Chronicler

The Chronicler is in charge of all official publications within the realm and is responsible for regular publication of The Page as the newsletter of the Kingdom, publishing the current Laws of the Kingdom and the Principalities every five years in an Administration Issue, and encouraging the publication of the results of research by the various officers or by any subject of the Kingdom.

Section 11 - Chirurgeon

The Chirurgeon is the chief first aid officer of the Crown and is responsible for encouraging the physical well being of the subjects of the Crown and supervising those who provide first aid or other medical attention at any event within the realm excepting modern authorities.

Section 12 - Constable

The Constable is the chief public safety officer of the Crown. The Constable reports directly to the Seneschal, and shall be responsible for maintaining order amongst people at events, working with modern authorities to promote public safety at events, collecting site fees and delivering the collected money to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, providing general waivers, and ensuring that people attending events sign waivers.

Section 13 - Scribes

The Chancellor of the College of Scribes shall serve directly under the Crown. The Chancellor shall be responsible for assuring that the College provides suitable scrolls to those who have received Arms from the Crown and prepare such other documents as the Crown may require.

Section 14 - Regalia

Section 14.1

The Royal Regalia Minister shall serve under the Crown and shall be responsible for maintaining and storing the royal regalia, maintaining an inventory of all kingdom regalia, including the date it was obtained and who has possession of it, informing the Chancellor of the Exchequer of any regalia obtained or retired and its value, and holding a meeting of the Royal Commission for Regalia at least once each reign. The Royal Regalia Minister shall transport royal regalia to and from events from storage at the request of the Sovereign and Consort.

Section 14.2

There shall be a Royal Commission for Regalia. Its duties are to advise the Crown as to the artistic and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment, to advise the Crown as to the acceptability of such items, and to recommend specific acquisition and retirement of regalia and equipment as needed. All offers of donation and all proposals for acquisition of royal regalia given to the Crown without having first been approved by this commission will be deemed a personal gift to the Royal Couple to whom it is presented. All items of regalia are considered to be the property of the Kingdom of the West and may be disposed of only with the unanimous consent of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of the Sovereign and the Consort, the Ministers of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal Regalia Minister.

Section 14.3

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and Royal Regalia Minister will conduct an inventory of all regalia, including its location and condition, to be completed immediately prior to its transfer to the incoming Sovereign and Consort. The outgoing Sovereign and Consort shall be fiscally responsible for lost regalia that was entrusted to their care. The Commission shall determine if the outgoing Sovereign and Consort shall be held fiscally responsible for damaged regalia or if the damage is due to normal wear and tear. The incoming Sovereign and Consort will accept custody of regalia to be placed in Their care by signature receipt of the completed inventory. The Royal Regalia Minister shall make a written report to the Royal Commission for Regalia at the conclusion of the transfer process. This section shall not be amended without unanimous approval of the Royal Commission for Regalia.

Section 14.4

The Royal Regalia Minister shall maintain an inventory of Rose Leaf tokens, Leaf of Merit tokens, Ash Leaf tokens, Western Lily tokens, Commendablis tokens, Queen's Order of Grace tokens, Order of Valor torses, Defender of the West torses, Wooden

Spoon tokens, Pied d' Argent tokens, King's Lance tokens, Golden Acorn tokens, and Western Roll of Honor tokens to be awarded by the Crown. The Royal Regalia Minister shall be responsible for the award token molds unless the molds are in use by an artisan or contractor.

Section 14.5

Charter for the Keepers of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns of the West.

The Keeper(s) of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns are appointed by the Crown, with the advice of the Kingdom Seneschal, Vesper Herald, the current Keepers, and the Regalia Minister.

The Keeper(s) of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns shall serve for an indefinite term, but shall be subject to review by the Crown and the Regalia Commission every five years at the Great Officer meeting closest to Beltane. The first review shall take place in the spring of A.S. XLV (45). The review will take place every five years thereafter regardless of the date of appointment of the Keepers.

The Keeper(s) of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns may give up their office at any time by resignation in writing to the Crown and delivery of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns into the hands of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, or the Vesper Herald.

The Keeper(s) of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns may be removed from office only for malfeasance or non-feasance in their duties as determined by a meeting of the Regalia Commission plus the Seneschal and Vesper Herald.

Section 14.5.1

The duties of the Keeper(s) of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns of the West:

To maintain the Ancient and Honorable Crowns in good condition as property of the Kingdom of the West.

To execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure that the Keeper(s)'s heirs are aware of the status of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns as property of the Kingdom of the West in the event of the death of the Keeper(s).

To ensure that the Ancient and Honorable Crowns of the West are treated at all times with respect.

To bring the Ancient and Honorable Crowns to all Crown Tournaments and Coronations or ensure through other means that they will be there. If the Royalty

states that they do not wish to have the Ancient and Honorable Crowns at the event, the Keeper(s) need not bring them.

To bring the Ancient and Honorable Crowns to other such events as the King and Queen shall command, or ensure through other means that they will be there.

To report yearly in writing to the Regalia Commission, at the Great Officer's Meeting prior to Beltane, on the condition of the Ancient and Honorable Crowns and the location at which they are kept.

Section 15 - Page School

The Chancellor of the Page School serves directly under the Crown and is responsible for insuring that the Charter of the Page School is followed. The Page School is chartered for the purpose of encouraging education about and participation in the Society for children aged six through sixteen.

Section 16 - Territorial Baronies

Section 16.1

At least every two years, each territorial Barony will conduct a polling of confidence. At a Kingdom event, determined by the schedule set in Section 16.5, the Barony will report to the Crown on the accomplishments of the Barony during the previous reporting period and on the current state of the Barony. The Kingdom Seneschal will maintain a schedule of baronial reporting dates and will ensure that the Baron, Baroness, and Seneschal of each Barony knows the event at which their baronial report is due.

Section 16.2

The Seneschal of each territorial Barony will report in writing to the Kingdom Seneschal at least six weeks before the Kingdom event at which the Barony is scheduled to report.

Section 16.3

The Baron and Baroness of each territorial Barony will report in writing to the Crown at least six weeks before the Kingdom event at which the Barony is scheduled to report.

Section 16.4

The Crown, after consulting with the Kingdom Seneschal, may either confirm the current Baron and Baroness in their office or appoint a new Baron and/or Baroness at the Kingdom event where the baronial report is presented, after consulting with the populace of the Barony as required by Corpora.

Section 16.5

The baronial reporting schedule will be, on the modern calendar, as follows:

Even-numbered years:

March Crown	none
Beltane	Vinhold
June Crown	Darkwood
Purgatorio	Eskalya
October Crown	Tarmist

Odd-Numbered years:

March Crown	Allyshia
Beltane	Fettburg, Far West
June Crown	Winter's Gate
Purgatorio	Rivenoak
October Crown	Westermark, Selveirgard

There will be no baronial reports at Twelfth Night. The verbal reports given in Court should be brief and informative.

Article IV - Arms and Orders

Section 1 - Awards

Section 1.1

The sole power to create Patents, Grants, and Awards of Arms rests with the Crown. The Crown hereby grants to the Coronet of each Principality the right to offer Awards of Arms to subjects of the Principality, and to offer a Patent of Arms and the title of Viscount or Viscountess to those who have served the Principality in the capacity of Sovereign or Consort for a full reign. The Crown hereby grants to the Baron and Baroness of the Palatine Barony of the Far West the right to offer Award of Arms to subjects of the Palatine Barony of the Far West. The Crown specifically reserves the right to grant Grants and Patents of Arms and create Peerages for any other reason and title unto Themselves.

Section 1.2

It is the responsibility of the Crown or Coronet giving Arms or other awards to ensure that the type of Arms or award, the date given, and the full name of the recipient is published in the Order of Precedence within nine months of the date the Arms or award was given. Awards not published within this time limit must be reaffirmed by the Royalty in an official court and published within nine months of that reaffirmation. Any awards not so published will not be placed in the Order of Precedence of the Kingdom.

Section 1.3

Never, under any circumstances, shall the signatures of the Sovereign or Consort, or of any previous Sovereign or Consort, be forged on any scroll or other document.

Section 2 - Royal Peerages

Royal Peerages earned in the Kingdom of the West shall be accompanied by Patents of Arms. People earning such peerages shall be assumed to fulfill the basic requirements for the elevation to the Peerage.

Section 3 - Patents of Arms

All members of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican have the right to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their Orders, and no member may be excluded from a conclave convened for that purpose.

Section 4 - Grants of Arms

Grants of Arms may be offered to the Great Officers of State or to other officers of the Crown for conscientious execution of their duties while in office. The Crown may also offer Grants of Arms to any individual whose great, unremitting, and excellent service is of equivalent value to the Kingdom.

Section 5 - The Western Lily

Section 5.1

The Order of the Western Lily may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of great honor for both their individual excellent achievements and for their consistent contributions in teaching others of their skills and knowledge of the arts, sciences, and other activities that strengthen and enhance the Kingdom.

Section 5.2

Membership in this Order will carry with it an Award of Arms, and members shall stand in precedence between holders of Grants of Arms and holders of Leaves of Achievement.

Section 6 - Leaves of Achievement

Section 6.1

The Order of the Leaf of Merit may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honor, especially for substantial and unobtrusive service to the Kingdom. The token given is a pendant in the shape of a laurel leaf.

Section 6.2

The Order of the Rose Leaf may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honor, especially for achievement in the arts and sciences. The token given is a pendant in the shape of a rose leaf.

Section 6.3

The Order of the Ash Leaf may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honor, especially for expertise in combat including, but not limited to, heavy armored combat, rapier combat, and combat archery. The token given is a pendant in the shape of an ash leaf.

Section 6.4

Membership in these Orders will carry with it an Award of Arms and members shall stand in precedence between holders of Grants of Arms and holders of Awards of Arms who also hold the title Court Baron/Baroness.

Section 6.5

The Coronet, with the permission of the Crown, shall offer Leaves of Achievement to those residing within Its Principality It finds deserving of honor. The Crown shall declare whether or not It intends to grant this permission at the commencement of each reign.

Section 7 - Other Armigerous Awards

Section 7.1

The title of Court Baron or Court Baroness may be offered to those the Crown wishes to honor. This title carries with it an Award of Arms, and those entitled shall stand in precedence between holders of Leaves of Achievement and holders of Awards of Arms.

Section 7.2

A territorial Baron or Baroness, upon retiring from that office, may receive the title of Court Baron or Baroness at the discretion of the Crown.

Section 7.3

There shall be created a Royal Missile Company. The members thereof shall have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in archery or missile weapons. Further, they shall have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy, and those aspects of courtly behavior and accomplishment expected of any armiger of the West.

Section 7.3.1

The duties of the members of this Order shall be to advise the Royal Archer and the Earl Marshal and to conduct research into aspects of the arts of archery or missile combat including, but not limited to, safety, tactics, marshaling, training, qualification, and competition.

Section 7.3.2

This Order will include all members of the former Royal Company of Archers, who will be entered into this Order as of the date of their inclusion in the Royal Company of Archers. This Order will include all members of the former Royal Company of Yeomen, who will be entered into this Order as of the date of their inclusion in the Royal Company of Yeomen.

Section 7.3.3

The selection of members of the Order will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the Order.

Section 7.3.4

Membership in this Order shall carry a Grant of Arms.

Section 7.5

There shall be an Order of the Western White Scarf. The members thereof have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in the development and teaching of rapier, as well as skill in fighting with the rapier. Further, they shall have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and those aspects of courtly behavior and accomplishment expected of any armiger of the West.

Section 7.5.1

The duties of the members of this Order shall be to advise the Kingdom Rapier Marshal and the Crown on, and conduct research into all aspects of the art of rapier combat.

Section 7.5.2

The selection of members of the Order will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the Order.

Section 7.5.3

Membership in this Order shall carry a Grant of Arms.

Section 7.6

There shall be an Order of the Western Gold Scarf. The members thereof have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in the development and teaching of the equestrian arts, as well as skill in riding. Further, they shall have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and those aspects of courtly behavior and accomplishment expected of any armiger of the West.

Section 7.6.1

The duties of the members of this Order shall be to advise the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal and the Crown on, and conduct research into all aspects of the equestrian arts.

Section 7.6.2

The selection of members of the Order will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the Order.

Section 7.6.3

Membership in this order shall carry a Grant of Arms.

Section 7.7

Membership in the Order of the Golden Poppy shall be offered by the Crown to the winner of the Annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition.

Section 7.7.1

The most recent member of the Order of the Golden Poppy shall be named as Royal Artificer or Royal Artisan, depending on their field of expertise. Membership in this Order will carry with it a Grant of Arms, and members shall stand in precedence between holders of Patents of Arms and holders of Grants of Arms.

Section 7.7.2

Duties of the Royal Artificer/Royal Artisan during the year following their victory shall include assisting the Minister of Arts and Sciences in running the following year's competitions, judging the annual Arts and Sciences Championship, and organizing the Laurels' Prize Tourney at 12th Night; offering seminars at Kingdom events in those areas of the arts and sciences in which they are particularly knowledgeable; and undertaking a project to complete Kingdom Regalia needs, which will be presented at 12th Night at the end of their term as Royal Artificer/Royal Artisan. This project must be approved by the Regalia Committee to receive funding from the Kingdom.

Section 7.7.3

In the event there is no victor in the Annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition in any given year, the outgoing Royal Artificer/Royal Artisan will provide recommendations to the Crown who will appoint an existing member of the Order to serve as the Royal Artificer/Royal Artisan for that year. The Royal Artificer/Royal Artisan is an honorary member of the royal court and may process with the Crown's entourage.

Section 7.7.4

Regalia of the Golden Poppy includes a wreath of golden poppies, a medallion with the emblem of the order, and a cloak. Members of the Order of the Golden Poppy have the right to augment their arms with golden poppies under the consultation of the heralds.

Section 8 - Non-Armigerous Orders

In addition to the armigerous Orders, the Crown may create orders which do not in themselves convey the right to bear arms. At present, these include the Queen's Order of Grace, the Order of the Queen's Cypher, the Order of Valor, Knight Banneret, Defender of the West, Pillar of the West, the Order of the King's Lance, the Order of the Queen's Arrow, the Order of the Silver Mantle, Royal Page of the West, the Order of the Golden Acorn, the Western Roll of Honor, the Wreath of Valor, the Wreath of Chivalry, the Muckin' Great Clubbe, the Old Battered Helm, the WKPM (West Kingdom Paragons of Merriment), the Order of the Noble Manor, the Order of the Queen's Treasure, Augmentation of Arms, Commendabilis, the Order of the Silver Nib, Western

Hero, the Order of the Wooden Spoon, the Order of the Pied d'Argent, the Order of Missile Champions, the Order of the Western Prima Spada, the Queen's Order of Maintenance, the Crown's Favor, and the Order of the Western Centurion.

Section 8.1

The Queens' Order of Grace is offered by the Queen to individuals She regards as having displayed great courtesy and chivalry.

Section 8.2

The Order of the Queen's Cypher is offered by the Queen to individuals who have helped Her personally during Her reign.

Section 8.3

The Order of Valor is offered by the Crown for those fighters who have made noteworthy contribution to the Kingdom in war, especially in leading war units.

Section 8.4

Knight Banneret is given by the Crown to those members of the Chivalry who have given continuing outstanding support to the Crown in battle.

Section 8.5

Defender of the West is given by the Crown to those who have supported the army of the West in any significant manner.

Section 8.6

Pillar of the West is given by the Crown to groups, such as households, who have as a group made noteworthy contribution to the Kingdom.

Section 8.7

The Order of the King's Lance is given by the Crown to those who have shown excellence in and continued support of the equestrian arts.

Section 8.7.1

The duties of the members of this Order are to advise the Minister of Equestrian Arts and to conduct research into aspects of medieval equestrian arts.

Section 8.7.2

The token of this order shall be a small silver lance suspended on a ribbon.

Section 8.8

The Order of the Queen's Arrow is given by the Crown to those who have shown excellence in and continued support of target archery.

Section 8.8.1

The duties of the members of this Order are to advise the Royal Archer and to conduct research into all aspects of medieval archery.

Section 8.8.2

The token of this order shall be a small arrow suspended on a ribbon.

Section 8.9

The Order of the Silver Mantle is given by the Crown to those participants in the martial disciplines, such as armored combat, combat archery, rapier, and equestrian combat, whose harness and equipment is of exceptional beauty.

Section 8.10

The title Royal Page of the West is given by the Crown to those children who have demonstrated exceptional courtesy and given of their service or talents to benefit the Kingdom.

Section 8.11

The Order of the Golden Acorn is given by the Crown to those who have given willingly and generously of their time and abilities for the sake of the children.

Section 8.12

The Western Roll of Honor is given by the Crown to those individuals who by their actions have inspired the populace or have substantially enriched the realm. Their name is added to the Western Roll of Honor, a scroll listing the name, date, and deed for which they are being recognized. The token given is a heater-shaped medallion with the Western demi-sun above a rolled scroll.

Section 8.13

The Wreath of Valor is given by the Crown at Crown Tournaments to the fighter whose valor on the field has proved most worthy to Their Majesties.

Section 8.14

The Wreath of Chivalry is given by the Crown at Crown Tournaments to the fighter whose Chivalry throughout the tournament has proved most worthy to Their Majesties.

Section 8.15

The Muckin' Great Clubbe is given at Crown Tournaments for ferocity upon the field. The recipient of the Muckin' Great Clubbe is chosen by the current holder. The new member is presented with the Clubbe and is charged with choosing the next holder and with attempting to rub a pound of wax into the Clubbe.

Section 8.16

The Old Battered Helm is given at Crown Tournaments to a fighter who dies gloriously upon the field. The recipient of the Old Battered Helm is chosen by the current holder. The new member is presented with the Helm, and is charged with choosing the next holder and marking the helm with a battering from a live weapon.

Section 8.17

The West Kingdom Paragons of Merriment (WKPM) is given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who help create and support period entertainment and activities for the enjoyment of the populace of the kingdom. In particular those whose efforts enhance the festivities and evening revels through dance, music, performance arts, and any other social activity may prove worthy for this honor. The token for this honor shall be a ribbon of festive colors with a leather roundel stamped with the initials of the award.

Section 8.18

The Order of the Noble Manor will be given once per year at June Crown to those individuals whose excellent and regular efforts have created an exceptionally period and well-appointed encampment. The most recent recipient of the award will be given a banner to display, which shall be passed on each year, or may create a banner in a form that best suits their encampment. Any such banner shall incorporate kingdom colors and the silhouette of a culturally appropriate dwelling. After the year of holding the initial banner, recipients of this honor may display a personal banner as mentioned herein.

Section 8.19

The Order of the Queen's Treasure is offered by the Queen to those who, by their consistent efforts in creating various excellent works and providing such items to the Crown to use as gifts to others, greatly contribute to the Crown's ability to show largesse. The token for this award shall be a treasure chest depending from a ribbon of kingdom colors.

Section 8.20

Augmentations of Arms are given at the discretion of the Crown for whatever reason the Crown may so desire. They are an addition to the Arms of the recipient, the form of which is determined after consultation with the College of Arms.

Section 8.21

The title *Commendabilis* is given by the Crown to both the fighter who was vanquished in the final round of the Crown Lists and their consort. It is given in recognition of all the combatants who fought with honor and chivalry in the Lists and those who inspired them. The ceremony names those so recognized as *Commendabilis Regni Occidentalis*. The token given is a pendant in the shape of an oak leaf.

Section 8.22

The Order of the Silver Nib is given by the Crown to members of the College of Scribes of the Kingdom for both the excellence of their scribal work and the quantity of scrolls they have produced. The token given is a silver pen nib on a black and gold braided ribbon.

Section 8.23

The Western Hero is granted by the Crown to those few fighters whose actions in war have transcended that of their fellow combatants by displaying indomitable spirit and honor on the field of battle. Those so honored will have their name, the date and field of battle, and the act(s) that earned them recognition inscribed on a Scroll of Honor with all others who have been so recognized to be immortalized for all time. There is no token given for this award.

Section 8.24

The Order of the Wooden Spoon is given by the Crown to winners of the Kingdom cooking competitions. The token given is a wooden spoon dependent from a ribbon. An individual may receive this award and token multiple times.

Section 8.25

The Order of the Pied d'Argent is given by the Crown to winners of the Kingdom dance competitions. The token given is a small pendant or pin of a silver dance slipper.

Section 8.26

Membership in the Order of Missile Champions shall be offered by the Crown to the winner of the Annual Kingdom Archery Championship.

Section 8.26.1

The most recent member of the Order shall be named as Kingdom Archery Champion.

Section 8.26.2

Duties of the members of the Order during the year following their victory shall include assisting the Kingdom Missile Marshal in running the following year's competitions, answering any missile-related challenge to the Crown from any other Kingdom, offering counsel and support at Kingdom level wars, and, at the invitation of the Crown, being included in any Royal procession.

Section 8.26.3

The token of this Order shall be a medallion, and a cloak bearing the badge of the Order to be passed to successive champions at 12th Night Coronation.

Section 8.27

The Crown shall offer membership in the Order of the Western Prima Spada to the winner of the Annual Kingdom Rapier Championship to be held at March Crown.

Section 8.27.1

The most recent member of the Order shall be named as Kingdom Rapier Champion.

Section 8.27.2

Duties of the members of the Order during the year following their victory shall include: running the following years tournament to find a successor with the assistance of the Kingdom Rapier Marshal, answering any rapier related challenge

to the Crown from any other Kingdom, offering counsel and support at Kingdom level wars, and escorting, processing, and attending the Crown as needed.

Section 8.27.3

The token of this Order shall be the Kingdom Champion's cloak bearing the badge of the Order, to be passed to successive Champions at Beltane. Former Champions, as members of the Order, will be given a Green and Gold Sword Knot to display attached to the hilt of their sword on formal occasions.

Section 8.28

The Queen's Order of Maintenance is given to the individual (or, rarely, individuals) who are found by a Queen to be critical to the success of Her reign. They are given a token which includes a teardrop as a part of the design.

Section 8.29

The Crown's Favor is given to those individuals who, by their actions, have assisted Their Majesties in a significant fashion. They are given a token carrying the depiction of the King's Crown on one side and the Queen's Crown on the other.

Section 8.30

The Order of the Western Centurion is given to those fighters who, by their actions and leadership, substantially contribute to the Kingdom's war effort.

Section 8.30.1

The token of this order will be a pendant in the form of a silver shield.

Section 8.30.2

Members of this order shall have the right to carry a centurion's swagger stick appropriate to their culture.

Section 8.30.3

Members of this order who continue to display these leadership skills may be designated First Spear Centurion. The person so designated shall hold that position until a new First Spear Centurion is named by the Crown.

Section 8.30.4

Those members of the Order named as First Spear Centurions shall have the right

to mark their tokens with a spear for each instance they serve as First Spear Centurion.

Section 9 - Honors

Honors are positions that last only for the duration of a reign. These include the Queen's Champion, the Queen's Guard, and the King's Huscarls.

Section 9.1

The Queen's Champion is selected solely at the discretion of the Queen to champion Her Honor. The Champion is given to wear a leather baldric on which the Queen's Arms are displayed.

Section 9.2

The Queen's Guard is offered to individuals selected solely at the discretion of the Queen. Members of the Queen's Guard are given to wear a red leather baldric on which the Queen's Arms are displayed.

Section 9.3

The King's Huscarls are fighters (usually of the Chivalry, but not limited to the Chivalry) selected solely at the discretion of the King who serve as the King's house guard, specifically during time of war. They are given to wear baldrics with the badge of the Huscarls to signify that they will stand between the Crown of the West and any danger that threatens it.

Section 10 - Principality Awards

The right to establish non-armigerous orders and awards to be recognized solely within the borders of a Principality is hereby granted to the Coronet of each Principality.

Section 11 - Immigrant Arms

The Kingdom of the West recognizes the Arms and Orders awarded by other Kingdoms of our Society. Armigers moving to the West will be placed on the Western Order of Precedence as though they had received the equivalent Western awards.

Section 12 - Charters and Guilds

Section 12.1 - Charter for the Bard of the West

Section 12.1.1 - Purpose

The Bard of the West is established with the goal of advancing the cause of Bardic pursuits and activities in the Kingdom at large, and for the King and Queen at Their request. The Bard of the West will focus on performing for the Crown and populace in a manner that inspires all listeners, and regales them with songs, stories, and recountings about the deeds and lives of our ancestors, as well as the happenings of Our Current Middle Ages in the Kingdom of the West. The Bard of the West will serve as a chronicler of great events, deeds, and matters of import in the Kingdom of the West through the songs and stories they will perform and record for posterity.

Section 12.1.2 - Competition

The competition for the Bard of the West will be held at Beltane Coronation. The Bard of the West shall be responsible for sponsoring and organizing the competition to determine their successor. All should be made welcome to enter the competition. The Crown and the current Bard shall judge the competition and determine the new Bard. The new Bard of the West shall be invested at June Crown and hold that position for one year.

Section 12.1.3 - Restrictions

The current Bard of the West may not enter the competition to succeed himself, and is expected to hold no other Bardic offices during their term. Should the victor of the Bard of the West competition be a current holder of another Bardic office, they shall fill out their term for that office if the time left is less than three months. Otherwise, they will be expected to arrange a suitable replacement for their previous position. It is important to note that while there will be no rank or seniority of position for the one Bardic office over any other, the purpose of limiting the number of Bardic offices the Bard of the West may hold is to ensure that there are more bards.

Section 12.1.4 - Duties of the Bard

The Bard of the West shall present each new King and Queen with a bardic piece to honor Them at Their Coronation. The new King and Queen shall be consulted to determine when the piece should be presented, whether it will be at Court, or at a celebration feast, or some other time of the Crown's choosing.

The Bard of the West shall perform a Bardic piece for Invocation at all Crown Tournaments, at the Crown's discretion. If the Bard of the West cannot be present at a Crown Tournament or Coronation event during their term, they are expected to arrange for a Bard to perform in their stead. The Bard's selected performer shall perform either a piece written by the Bard of the West, or an original piece of their own, at the Bard's discretion.

The Bard of the West is requested to attend wars in which the Kingdom of the West is a named participant (for example: the West/An Tir war) and be ready to perform pieces appropriate to the day's activities and events. If the Bard cannot attend, they are requested to arrange for another Bard to perform in their place.

The Bard of the West is expected to foster bardic activities in the Kingdom at large, and is encouraged to work with the Principalities' Bards in that regard.

Section 12.2 - Charter of the Royal Guild of Fence

The Royal Guild of Fence and its lawful agents are empowered by their charter to manage and control all manner of things that pertain to the good ordering of the practice of the art and science of rapier combat within the Kingdom of the West, except those matters that fall under the responsibilities of the Rapier Marshallate and its processes. The charter of the Royal Guild of Fence is incorporated by reference. As this document carries the force of law, it can only be changed with the consent and signature of the Crown.

Section 12.3 - Charter for the Royal Arts & Sciences Champion

Section 12.3.1

The Royal Arts & Sciences Champion is established with the goal of advancing the cause of Arts & Sciences activities in the Kingdom at large, and for the King and Queen at Their request. They Royal Arts & Sciences Champion will promote the Arts and Sciences, answer any Arts & Sciences related challenge to the Crown from any other Kingdom, offer counsel and support at Kingdom level events, and escort, process and attend the Crown as needed.

Section 12.3.2

The competition for the Royal Arts & Sciences Champion will be held at October Crown. The Royal Arts & Sciences Champion shall be responsible for sponsoring and organizing the competition to determine their successor. All should be made welcome to enter the competition. The Crown and the current

Champion shall judge the competition and determine the new Champion, who will be invested at that event and will hold the position for one year.

Section 12.3.3

The token of the Royal Arts & Sciences Champion will be a cloak, marked with the harp and calipers symbols of the Arts and Sciences.

Article V - Events

Section 1 - Scheduling

Section 1.1

There shall be three official Crown Tournaments and three official Coronation events per year in the Kingdom. They shall be held on the weekends closest to the following dates:

January 6	Twelfth Night Coronation
March 21	March Crown Tournament
May 1	Beltane Coronation
June 21	June Crown Tournament
August 27	Purgatorio Coronation
October 4	October Crown Tournament

(but may not be held on Columbus Day weekend)

Section 1.2

No Coronet tournament or Investiture may be scheduled in any Principality of the West for the same date as a Crown Tournament or Coronation.

Section 1.3

The locations of the six official Crown events shall be distributed equitably among the regions of the central Kingdom. An exception to this may be made for Purgatorio Coronation, which the Crown may decide to locate in any area of the Kingdom. However, this decision must be made by the Twelfth Night preceding the event, and shall be made only after consultation with the Royal Heirs and the Great Officers, and following the receipt of an acceptable proposal for the event from a group outside the central Kingdom.

Section 1.4

The Kingdom Seneschal will work with the Order of the Western White Scarf for rapier fighters, the Order of the Golden Scarf for equestrians, and the Royal Company of Archers for archery to ensure that there will be one Crown Tournament per year held at a location that will permit each of these activities to have a spotlight day on the Crown Tournament Sunday. These days will be used to familiarize the populace with these activities, and to hold the competitions to select the Champions.

Section 2 - Eligibility for the Crown Lists

All who wish to compete in the Crown List of the Kingdom of the West, either as a fighter or a consort, must meet the following conditions:

- * Competitors must have primary residence within the Kingdom of the West, or have permission from the Crown to participate.
- * Competitors must be current members of the SCA, and be in compliance with the Laws of the Kingdom and the governing documents of our Society.
- * Competitors must not have been excluded by the Crown for reasons it deems valid.
- * The fighter of a competing couple must be authorized for SCA armored combat and must be in compliance with the Rules of the Lists.

Section 3 - Loyalty

By entering the Crown Lists, fighters declare loyalty to the Crown, laws, and populace of the West, and shall pledge that they and their prospective consort are willing and able to pledge fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of the West should they obtain victory over the field.

By entering a Coronet List, fighters declare loyalty to the Crown and laws of the West, and to the Coronet, laws, and populace of the Principality, and shall pledge that they and their prospective consort are willing and able to pledge fealty to the King and Queen of the West, to the Coronet, and to the Principality should they obtain victory over the field.

Section 4 - Intent to Reign

All fighters and their prospective consorts, by entering the Crown Lists or by agreeing to be fought for therein, declare that they will be available for the weekends of their Coronation, the following Crown Tournament, and the Coronation of their successor, for no one shall compete for the Crown without intending to reign should they emerge victorious.

Section 5 - Opponents

Each fighter, by entering the Crown Lists, declares willingness to fight all opponents in the Lists.

Section 6 - Arms of Another

No fighter may bear upon the field any Arms or device of another unless, in unusual circumstances, the Sovereign and the owner of the Arms shall personally grant a temporary exception in a specific case.

Section 7 - Horses

The use of horses at events shall be governed by the Minister of Equestrian Arts subject to these rules:

- * Horses shall not be ridden faster than a walk within the pavilion area
- * Horses may only be used in combat activities that have been approved by the Society Equestrian Office

Section 7.1

To participate in mounted activities, riders must conform to Society Equestrian standards. An exception to the above is given to riders undergoing training for qualification at designated equestrian events.

Section 8 - Pavilions

Section 8.1

Only pavilions of reasonable period appearance shall be erected on the Eric at Kingdom events. Principalities and other local groups may enforce this provision at their option.

Section 8.2

No pavilion shall be erected closer than ten feet to the Eric (this includes guy ropes) unless a specific exemption is granted by the Crown.

Section 8.3

All guy ropes must be flagged with at least one flag visible by night.

Section 8.4

No overly bright unshielded gas or electric lanterns may be used outside of closed pavilions.

Section 9 - Firearms and Explosive Materials

Section 9.1

No non-period firearms shall be borne upon the site of any SCA event except by those required by modern law to bear such weapons or in Alaska for the use of discouraging wildlife encroachment.

Section 9.2

Period firearms must not be loaded.

Section 9.3

The use of explosive materials such as, but not limited to, black powder, white powder, smokeless powder, flash powder, or gunpowder is prohibited upon the site of any SCA event.

Section 9.4

Flammable liquids or gases used for the purpose of a noisemaker or simulated weapons fire are prohibited at any SCA event.

Section 9.5

Fireworks and noisemakers are prohibited at any SCA event.

Section 10 - Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in main public areas of the event including, but not limited to, the Eric, Court, merchants row (except within a pavilion, with permission), feast halls, etc. Nothing in this article should be construed to limit smoking within private encampments that are set up on the Eric, the area between the encampment and Eric ropes is specifically designated as off limits for smoking.

Article VI - Grievances

While it is the desire of everyone in the Kingdom to work smoothly together, treat all with courtesy and respect, and trust each other to behave in a mature and responsible fashion, there are times when tensions and disputes cause members of the populace to feel unduly distressed. In these cases, the guidelines listed in Corpora Appendix A: Suggested Channels for Complaint and Appeal should be utilized.

Article VII - The Conduct of Combat

Section 1 - Primacy of Rules of the Lists

Nothing in this article shall be construed as contravening the Rules of the Lists.

Section 2 - The Eric

The barrier or border surrounding the field where combat is to occur is known as the Eric.

Section 3 - Injury

In case of injury on the field of combat, no persons shall join the combatants and marshals already present, except the King, the Queen, the Medic on duty as deputy to the Chirurgeon, the Earl Marshal or Marshal-in-Charge, the Lord or Lady of the injured person, the parents or legal guardian of the injured person, other individuals summoned by the Crown or Chirurgeon in charge.

Section 4 - Substances

No person shall be allowed on the field of combat while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug that impairs judgment. Smoking is not permitted at any time upon the field of combat.

Section 5 - People on the Field of Combat

All persons who are on the field of combat during combat must first have signed a waiver. No person shall enter the field of combat during combat except the combatants, the officiating marshals, heralds, pages to the Office of the Lists, and others who have obtained permission from the Crown or Its representative in a specific instance.

Section 6 - Parry Items

All persons in the area of combat while combat is occurring shall have with them some implement capable of blocking blows.

Section 7 - Illegal Blows

Blows which fall at or below the knee or wrist need not be counted. Repeated intentional or careless striking of such blows shall be cause for disciplinary action by the Crown or Its representative. The normal disciplinary action to be taken on the occasion of repeated intentional or careless striking of such blows is as follows:

- * On the first such blow, the offender shall be warned.
- * On the second such blow, the offender shall be forbidden the use of the techniques which might occasion further violations.
- * On the third such blow, the offender shall forfeit the match. In the case of a flagrant violation, more severe and swift action may be taken, including, but not limited to, expulsion from the lists or event.

Section 8 - Grappling

Grappling is forbidden except for specific instances where prior approval has been obtained from the Crown or Its representative by all those involved. Grappling is defined as the deliberate grasping, or attempted grasping, of an opponent's body, armor, shield, or weapon. It shall be cause for immediate expulsion from the lists or event, and for such other action as the Crown may decide on. In group combat the haft (unbladed portion) of a pole weapon may be grasped.

Section 9 - Anvilling

The technique of blocking blows with a weapon instead of a shield, with the weapon resting upon, or being driven with force into the defender's helm or shield is called anvilling. On the first use of this technique, the defender shall be warned. On the second such use, the weapon shall be deemed broken, and must be replaced with a weapon of a different type (for example, a sword replaced by a mace).

Section 10 - Malice

Any person who deliberately attempts to injure an opponent on the field of combat shall be summarily removed from the field and the matter referred to the Crown.

Section 11 - Standards

The Combat Standards Manual of the Kingdom of the West is hereby incorporated into the Code of Laws of the Kingdom of the West by reference. As this document carries the force of Law, it can only be changed with the consent and signature of the Crown.

Section 12 - Enforcement

It is the duty of the Earl Marshal to maintain and enforce the combat standards. The Earl Marshal shall consult with and gain approval of the Crown before making any changes to the armor, weapon, or fighting standards of the Kingdom of the West. Changes to armor, weapon, or fighting standards shall have the express written approval of the Earl Marshal, who will consult with and obtain approval from the Crown, before their approval and implementation.

Section 13 - Fencing and Rapier Combat

All period fencing and rapier activities in the Kingdom of the West will be governed by rules, standards, and practices as detailed in the West Kingdom Rapier Combat Rules and Marshallate Manual; this document is included in these laws by reference. As this document carries the force of Law, it can only be changed with the consent and signature of the Crown.

Article VIII - Courts

Section 1 - Court Types

The Courts of the Kingdom of the West shall be the Curia Regis and such special courts as the Crown may periodically or occasionally convene. Each Court shall be concerned with those matters delegated to it by the Crown.

Section 2 - Curia Regis

Section 2.1

The Curia Regis shall consist of the Sovereign and Consort, who convene the Court and preside over it, the Seneschal, and such other ministers as may be concerned with the subject of the Court, and such other persons as the Crown may desire to include at a particular meeting of the Court. Decision of the Court shall be by the Sovereign and Consort after hearing the advice of their ministers.

Section 2.2

Any subject of the Crown of the West may attend sessions of the Curia Regis and may petition the Crown upon matters relevant and appropriate.

Section 2.3

The time and place of any Curia Regis must be announced at an official Crown event and, if time permits, published in The Page before the Curia Regis can convene.

Section 3 - Special Courts

Special Courts shall be composed of individuals selected by the Crown and shall be conducted as the Crown directs.

Section 4 - Final Decision

When the Crown has declared a Kingdom investigation complete and the decision final, no officer may reopen the investigation save at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Article IX - Fealty

Section 1 - Great Officers of State

All Great Officers shall pledge fealty to the Sovereign and Consort for their office at Coronation. If a Great Officer is unable to attend Coronation, they shall send written fealty with a representative or send their fealty to the Crown prior to Coronation.

Section 2 - Principality Coronets

The Coronets of the Principalities shall pledge fealty to the Sovereign and Consort for their Principality at Coronation. If the Coronet is unable to attend Coronation, They shall send written fealty with a representative or send Their fealty to the Crown prior to Coronation.

Section 3 - Territorial Barons and Baronesses

Each territorial Baron and Baroness shall pledge fealty to the Sovereign and Consort for their Barony at Coronation. If the Baron and Baroness are unable to attend Coronation, they shall send written fealty with a representative or send their fealty to the Crown prior to Coronation. Territorial Barons and Baronesses residing within a Principality may, if they choose, offer their fealty to the current Sovereign and Consort, through the Coronet as the Crown's representative. The Coronet shall convey these fealties to the Crown.

Section 4 - Peers

All peers of the West have the right to offer fealty to the Sovereign and Consort. If they are unable to do so in person, they may, if they chose, offer their fealty to the Sovereign and Consort through the Baron and/or Baroness or Coronet of the territory in which they reside as the Crown's representative.

Section 4.1

All peers residing in a Principality have the right to offer fealty to the Coronet of that Principality, saving only their fealty to the Crown of the West.

Section 5 - Other Cases

No subject of the West shall be required to pledge fealty to any branch below the level of a Principality, nor to any individual save the Crown of the West or the Coronets of the Principalities.

Section 6 - Violation of Fealty

No statement that suggests or advocates violation of fealty to a Principality or to the Kingdom shall be used by any person, group, or entity in the West. Fighters advocating such violations shall at once be forbidden to participate in any Society combat. Officers advocating such violations shall at once be suspended from office. If an entire branch advocates such violations, it shall be suspended. The above suspensions and restrictions shall remain until they have been considered in Curia by the Crown or Its appointed representatives, at which point the suspensions shall be lifted or confirmed. At the same occasion, other penalties may be assessed, if such is the pleasure of the Crown. Any restriction, suspensions, or other penalties assessed will be forwarded by the Crown to the Board of Directors of the Society if necessary to ensure their enforcement.