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Laws of the Kingdom of the West

As proclaimed by order of King Jean on the first day of May, AS VI, and as amended in the reigns of King Hagen, King James, King Paul, King Andrew, King William II, King Terrence, King Steven, King Strider, King Radnor, King Frederick, King William III, King Thomas, King Rolf, King Ronald, King Stephen, King Jade, King Stephan, King Eric, King Phillip, King Christian, King Fabian, King Valgard, King John, King Obadiah, King Veniamin, King Alden, King Cybi, King Uther, King Hauoc, King Garick, King Connor, King Thorfinn, King Titus, King Marc, King Miles, King Hans and King Alfarr.

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Proclamations of previous reigns not incorporated herein are rescinded.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 West Kingdom shall be made available on the Kingdom web site and every law change must appear on the web site within 30 days of being announced in court. All law changes must be published in The Page within 60 days of being announced in court.

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 – Abdication of Royal Heirs

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 – Officers of State

Section 1.1.1

There shall be seven Great Officers of State in the Kingdom of the West: the Seneschal, the Vesper Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, and the Constable.

Section 1.1.2

There shall be ten Lesser Officers of State: The Chatelaine, the Royal Archer, the Minister of Equestrian Arts, the Minister of Gold Key, the Minister of the Lists, the Chancellor Minor, the Royal Regalia Minister, the Web Minister, the Notary, 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 – Duties of Officers of State

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, at least four months prior to resignation from the office or expiration of his or her warrant, shall advertise in the Kingdom newsletter and other appropriate media soliciting resumes for the upcoming vacancy. Upon review of the available candidates, the officer 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 Chancellor of the Exchequer. Both the outgoing and the incoming officers are to sign that accounting and a copy of it is to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Section 3.3

In addition to the required yearly report, each officer shall submit, in writing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a supplemental report detailing any major changes in the amounts of monies and/or properties for which that officer is held accountable.

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 Heralds. The College of Heralds 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. These activities include but are not limited to: Tournament lists, rapier combat, target archery, melee and war combat and related activities such as combat archery and scouting. 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 Heralds 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 and Sciences

The Minister of Arts and Sciences is the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Crown and is responsible for the encouragement and development of the arts and sciences within the realm. The Minister of Arts and Sciences conducts the annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition (see Article IV Section 7.5), oversees the Order of the Wreath of Athena display (see Article IV, Section 8.28), organizes displays and classes at Kingdom events, and serves on the Royal Commission for Regalia.

Section 8 - Exchequer

Section 8.1

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 8.2

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 8.3

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 9 - 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 10 - 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 11 - Regalia

Section 11.1

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 11.2

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 Minister of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal Regalia Minister.

Section 11.3

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 11.4

The Royal Regalia Minister shall maintain an inventory of Rose Leaf tokens, Leaf of Merit tokens, Ash Leaf tokens, Western Lily tokens, Commendabilis 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 11.5 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 11.5.1

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 12 – Youth Activities

The Chancellor Minor serves directly under the Crown, reporting to the Kingdom Seneschal and is responsible for insuring and encouraging Youth arts and sciences opportunities and participation of youth ages six through sixteen within the West Kingdom on a kingdom level. The Kingdom Chancellor Minor is responsible for supporting and encouraging youth officers on the Principality and local levels of the office.

Section 13 - Notary

The Notary serves directly under the Crown, and is responsible for coordination and communication to ensure that Kingdom law changes are properly proclaimed and published, and that the current laws are available to the populace on the Kingdom website. This lesser officer will communicate with the Seneschal, Chronicler, and Web Minister in matters concerning law updates and changes, and will also coordinate with the Principality Seneschals and Palatine Baronial Seneschals to maintain their laws and codes in a current and updated state. The Notary will also serve as an advisor to the Crown, Principality Coronets, and Palatine Baronial Coronets in matters concerning changes and updates to the laws of the Kingdom, its Principalities, and the charters/codes of the Palatine Baronies. Properly signed and witnessed law change documents will be stored electronically by the appropriate Seneschal, who may delegate the collection of said signatures and the scanning of signed documents to the Notary.

Section 14 - Territorial Baronies

Section 14.1

Per Corpora, Section V.A.1: "The Crown shall appoint a territorial Baron and/or Baroness according to the laws and customs of the kingdom when a branch is granted baronial status, or whenever a new Baron and/or Baroness are required. The barony's opinion on the matter must be requested and received in writing, and the appointments must not be substantially opposed by the populace of the barony. Territorial Barons and Baronesses are officers and must maintain appropriate membership status." When a branch is granted Baronial status or a new Baron and/or Baroness are required, the Seneschal of the Barony (or incipient Barony) will consult with the Kingdom Seneschal as to the current procedure for selection of candidates for the Baronial Coronet(s). The procedure must include a polling, in writing, of the paid members of the Barony, unless it is a Palatine Barony, which will follow the process approved by the Crown when Palatine status was granted.

Section 14.1.1

Territorial Baronies (traditional Baronies), which are not Palatine Baronies, will conduct a polling of confidence of the currently serving Baron and/or Baroness upon the completion of their first 20 months of service, and thereafter at least once every 24 months that they continue to serve. The Crown, after consulting with the Kingdom Seneschal, may either confirm the current Baron and/or 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 Section 13.1.

Section 14.2

The Kingdom Seneschal will maintain a schedule of baronial reporting dates and will ensure that the Baron and/or Baroness and Seneschal of each Barony knows the event at which their baronial report is due at least eight weeks in advance. The baronial reporting schedule will be, on the modern calendar, as follows:

The Barony of the Far West will report according to Section 13.4, below. There will be no oral baronial reports or taxes accepted in court at Twelfth Night.

Even-numbered years:

March Crown - Allyshia
Beltane - Vinhold
June Crown - Darkwood
Purgatorio - Eskalya
October Crown – Tarmmist

Odd-Numbered years:

March Crown – Allyshia
Beltane - Fettburg
June Crown - Winter’s Gate
Purgatorio - Rivenoak
October Crown - Westermark, Selveirgard

Section 14.3

The currently serving Baron and/or Baroness and Seneschal of each traditional Barony will submit written reports at least six weeks prior to the Kingdom event at which the Barony is scheduled to report. The Baron and Baroness will report in writing to the Crown, and the Seneschal will report in writing to the Kingdom Seneschal. At the scheduled Kingdom event, each Barony will present to the Crown an oral report in court relating the accomplishments of the Barony during the previous reporting period and the current state of the Barony. If the Baronies wish to make a presentation of taxes to Their Majesties, it is suggested they do so in conjunction with their oral report. The oral reports given in Court should be brief and informative, and the presentations of taxes should likewise be kept brief. If the Barony is prohibited from presenting their oral report in court at the scheduled Kingdom event due to far distance, the report may be offered by a signed document, and presented by a designated representative in court at the scheduled Kingdom event.

Section 14.4

The currently serving Baron and/or Baroness and Seneschal of each Palatine Barony will submit written reports at least six weeks prior to each scheduled Baronial changeover. The Baron and Baroness will report in writing to the Crown, and the Seneschal will report in writing to the Kingdom Seneschal. When a Palatine Baron and/or Baroness have completed their term, upon the occasion of the investiture of their successors, they will offer an oral, in court report relating the accomplishments of the Barony during their Baronial leadership and the current state of the Barony. If the Baronies wish to make a presentation of taxes to Their Majesties, it is suggested they do so in conjunction with their oral report. The oral reports given in Court should be brief and informative. If the Palatine Barony is prohibited from holding the Baronial Investiture in a Kingdom court due to far distance, the report may be made electronically, or witnessed by any Peers and Nobles present, and a statement from these witnesses that the report was made and the State of the Barony was fairly represented will suffice. The electronic report or witness statement will be forwarded to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal within one week of the Baronial Investiture.

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.

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, the Order of the Pelican and the Order of Defense 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 with 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 7.1.1

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 7.2

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 7.2.1

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 7.2.2

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 7.2.3

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 7.2.4

Membership in this Order shall carry a Grant of Arms.

Section 7.3

The Order of the Western White Scarf was closed upon the creation of the peerage Order of Defense. All extant members of the Order of the Western White Scarf shall retain the honors received for their achievements related that order.

Section 7.4

There shall be an Order of the Western Gold Scarf. The members thereof shall 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 7.4.1

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 7.4.2

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 7.4.3

Membership in this order shall carry a Grant of Arms.

Section 7.5-- Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion

The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Minister is responsible for furthering the arts and sciences within the Kingdom of the West through organization of lectures, classes, demonstrations of period arts and sciences techniques, creation of prize challenges, and any other activity that will further the arts and sciences to the populace. Therefore, the Arts and Sciences Minister is responsible for administration of the annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition to determine the next Arts and Sciences Champion.

Section 7.5.1

In order to encourage a culture of competition for personal betterment, the annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition shall be held, all on one day, concurrent with the other Kingdom Championships (currently Archery, Equestrian and Rapier) at the Champions Tourney. The purpose of the competition will be to select the next Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion and encourage constructive criticism of the entrant's personal art such that each entrant may grow from the experience. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion shall be chosen from among the entrants of the annual Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition. The title shall be awarded to the individual who achieves the highest overall qualifying score, in all categories, during the competition.

Section 7.5.2

The competition for the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championship will be a Pentathlon of five broad categories. Competitors may enter any or all of the competitions, but must compete in each of the five categories to be considered for the Championship. The five broad categories are Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Practical Sciences, Technical Sciences and a) Research Paper or b) Masterwork. A Masterwork is defined as a separate item or project that combines at least two of the other categories into a masterwork piece but does not replace an item from any other category. The A&S Minister may, at their discretion, make suggestions for each category but may not limit them.

A competition will be deemed to have been held if either of the following occurs:

Three or more individual entries are signed in (which may be by one or multiple entrants) OR

Two or more entries are signed in (which may be one or multiple entrants), AND both have qualifying scores.

At least 50% of available points based on current judging sheets must be earned to be considered qualifying scores.

Section 7.5.3

The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion can choose to swear fealty, receive the protection of the Crown, and be available to advise the Crown upon the Crown's request. The position of Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion carries an Award of Arms if the Champion is not already armigerous.

Section 7.5.4

The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion may wear the medallion and/or cloak of office.

Section 7.5.5

During the tenure of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion, with the approval of the Arts and Sciences Minister and the Crown, she/he must begin at least one project for the benefit of the Kingdom such as teach classes, organize guest lectures, demonstrate period A&S techniques, create an A&S prize challenge, contribute to the kingdom through regalia (in consultation with the Kingdom Regalia Committee) or fundraising prize(s).

Section 7.6 - Golden Poppy

The Order of the Golden Poppy shall be closed as of March Crown AS 51. All extant members of the Order of the Golden Poppy shall retain the honors received for their achievements related that order.

Section 7.7 - Order of Missile Champions

An annual Kingdom Archery Championship will be held prior to 12th Night (see Article V.1.4). Membership in the Order of Missile Champions shall be offered by the Crown to the winner of the annual Kingdom Archery Championship, who shall be invested as Kingdom Archery Champion at 12th Night Coronation. Membership in this Order carries an Award of Arms if the new member is not already armigerous.

Section 7.7.1

Duties of the Kingdom Archery Champion during their year of their service shall include: running the next annual competition to find a successor with the assistance of the Kingdom Missile Marshal/Royal Archer; answering any missile-related challenge to the Crown from any other Kingdom; offering counsel and support at Kingdom level wars; and attending the Crown as needed.

Section 7.7.2

The tokens of the Kingdom Archery Champion shall be a medallion and a cloak to be passed to successive champions at 12th Night Coronation.

Section 7.8 - Order of the Western Prima Spada

An annual Kingdom Rapier Championship will be held prior to 12th Night (see Article V.1.4). Membership in the Order of the Western Prima Spada shall be offered by the Crown to the winner of the annual Kingdom Rapier Championship, who shall be invested as Kingdom Rapier Champion at 12th Night Coronation. Membership in this Order carries an Award of Arms if the new member is not already armigerous.

Section 7.8.1

Duties of the Kingdom Rapier Champion during their year of their service shall include: running the next annual competition 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 attending the Crown as needed.

Section 7.8.2

The token of the Kingdom Rapier Champion shall be the Kingdom Rapier Champion's cloak bearing the badge of the Order, to be passed to successive Champions at 12th Night. 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 7.9 - Kingdom Equestrian Champion

An annual Kingdom Equestrian Championship will be held prior to 12th Night (see Article V.1.4). The winner of the annual Kingdom Equestrian Championship shall be invested as Kingdom Equestrian Champion at 12th Night Coronation. . The position of Kingdom Equestrian Champion carries an Award of Arms if the Champion is not already armigerous.

Section 7.9.1

Duties of the Kingdom Equestrian Champion during the year of their service shall include: running the next annual competition to find a successor with the assistance of the Kingdom Equestrian Officer, answering any Equestrian-related challenge to the Crown from any other Kingdom, offering counsel and support to the Equestrian Community, and attending the Crown as needed.

Section 7.9.2

The tokens of the Kingdom Equestrian Champion shall be a banner and a heraldic caparison, to be passed to successive Champions at 12th Night.

Section 7.10

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. The Augmentation of Arms carries an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already hold such.

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, Commendabilis, the Order of the Silver Nib, Western Hero, the Order of the Wooden Spoon, the Order of the Pied d'Argent, 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

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 8.21

The Order of the Silver Nib is given by the Crown to 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 8.22

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 8.23

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 8.24

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 8.25

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 8.26

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 8.27

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 8.27.1

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

Section 8.27.2

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

Section 8.27.3

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 8.27.4

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 8.28 - The Order of the Wreath of Athena

Section 8.28.1

At every Crown Tournament event, individual artisans will be invited to display their Arts and Sciences projects; these projects need not be completed nor need they be accompanied by documentation. This display, hosted by the Arts and Sciences Minister, represents the work of populous members who are practicing the Arts and Sciences to the best of their ability.

Section 8.28.2

The Arts and Sciences Minster will preside over a popular polling format wherein each member of the populous votes on their favorite item in the display, i.e. each member of the populous selects the item that they like the best without executing a judging sheet or making comments.

Section 8.28.3

The individual who prevails, as well as the artisans responsible for the next two highest placing displayed pieces, shall be called into court to display their work and to receive three cheers.

Section 8.28.4

The individual who prevails is given the “Wreath of Athena” which is a rosemary wreath decorated with purple and yellow ribbons, i.e. the colors of the Arts and Sciences Office. The victor of this popular polling will then be allowed to wear this wreath for the duration of the event and this honor will be recorded in the awards list.

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 a leather baldric to wear 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 a red leather baldric to wear 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. The King’s Huscarls may wear the badge ‘Or, a crown dancetty of three voided vert surmounted by a sword gules,’ 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.

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 6Twelfth Night Coronation
March 21March Crown Tournament
May 1Beltane Coronation
June 21June Crown Tournament
August 27Purgatorio Coronation
October 4October 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 - Scheduling of Kingdom Champions Event(s)

The Kingdom Seneschal will coordinate with the Crown, the Arts and Sciences minister, the Order of Defense for rapier fighters, the Order of the Western Gold Scarf for equestrians, and the Royal Missile Company for archery to ensure that there will be an annual event (or events), held prior to 12th Night, featuring competitions to select the Kingdom Arts and Sciences, Rapier, Equestrian, and Archery Champions. In consultation with the Crown, this event (or events) will be held at a suitable location or locations that will permit each of these activities.

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.

Each competitor in a Royal List must be fighting for a prospective consort of the opposite sex, unless the Crown has elected to permit a competitor to fight for a consort of the same sex.

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.

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 - Locations on the List Field

Only pavilions of reasonably period appearance shall be erected on the List Field at Kingdom events. No pavilion or other structure erected on the List Field perimeter shall be taken down prior to closing court at any Kingdom event without the express permission of the Crown or, in Their absence, the event steward or Kingdom Seneschal. Principalities and other local groups may enforce this provision at their option.

Section 8.2 - Spacing

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

Section 8.3 – Safety Flagging

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

Section 8.4 - Lighting

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 defined herein as inhaling and exhaling any burning or vaporized substance, when such action also creates smoke or vapor that enters the environment as a “second hand” breathable substance. Using a nebulizer

or inhaler for a medical condition is NOT to be considered smoking under this section. Smoking is prohibited in main public areas of the event including, but not limited to, the List Field, 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 edges of the List Field. The area between the encampment and List Field perimeter 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 - 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 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, first aid personnel (responding at the request of the Earl Marshall, Marshall in Charge, or Crown), 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 attending first aid personnel.

Section 3 - 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 4 - 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 5 - 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 - 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 8 - 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 9 - 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.



Laws of the Principality of the Mists

As proclaimed by William and Maythen in February A.S. XIV, and amended by Maythen and William, James and Verena, William II and Jeanette, Stephen and Sariya, Caivs and Kathrine, Sionnaich and Loryna, Leon and Ariella, Drew and Siobhan, Robert and Yseult, Chad and Krysta, Valgard and Megan, Fabian and Rosewitha, Douglas and Amanda, Alfred and Tyne, Garick and Talitha, Richard and Anastacia, Michael and Wander, Ki Do and Marjorie, Richard II and Elisabeth, Braun and Eliza, Leon and Kiriana, Hanse and Ceara, Brion and Shaheena, Stephen and Elina, Dmitriy and Jimena, Geoffrey and Catherine, Roric and Peza, Helgi and Oonagh, Brion and Ysabella, Leon and Muirgheal, Eyvindr and Cyneswith and Roric and Syele, Leohtulf and Gillian, Ajax and Uta, Loy and Sof'ia, Brian and Marguerite, and Alfar and Eilis.

Article I – THE LAWS OF THE MISTS

Section 1 – Precedence of the Law

The order of precedence of law shall be as established in the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA).

Section 2 – The Word of the Coronet

Section 2.1

The word of the Coronet is law, subject to the word of the Crown of the West.

Section 2.2

Any proclamation of the Coronet of the Mists must be published to become law and is subject to the governing documents of the SCA, the decisions of the Board of Directors, and the code of laws of the Kingdom of the West. Any proclamation shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken, but no subject of the Coronet shall be considered to be breaking the law, through ignorance, until it has been published.

Section 2.3

If any officer of the Principality of the Mists 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 Coronet of the Mists shall have been consulted to Its pleasure in the matter.

Section 3 – Amendment of the Laws

Section 3.1

Amendments to these laws shall be presented as changes, additions, or deletions to specific articles or sections.

Section 3.2

All changes, additions or deletions to the laws shall be approved by the Crown.

Section 3.3

Other proclamations shall have effect only during the reign of the Coronet making them.

Section 4 – Publication of the Laws

Section 4.1

The Laws of the Principality shall at a minimum be published every time the Laws of the Kingdom of the West are published.

Section 4.2

It is the responsibility of the Principality Seneschal to ensure that any law changes that have been properly approved and proclaimed be published as specified in the governing documents of the SCA.

Section 4.3

Proclamations of previous reigns not incorporated into the Principality Laws when published in accord with 4.1 (above) are understood to be rescinded. The Principality Seneschal shall be responsible for providing the official newsletter or alternate official source of record with the current laws.

Section 5 – Principality Charter

To ensure the passage of law and the duration of State from reign to reign, the Principality shall have a charter that shall be read at each Investiture after the new Sovereign and Consort have attained the Coronet and shall read:

<Name>, Prince of the Mists, and <Name>, Princess of the Mists, to the Populace of the Mists, Greetings:
NOW KNOW YE that We have conceded and granted, and by this charter confirmed, to all the Great Officers and the Bard of the Mists all the concessions, grants, liberties, and free customs that <Name> and <Name>, Our predecessors, gave and conceded to them with the exceptions of any changes to law and customs that We deem necessary.

Article II – THE CORONET

Section 1 – The Process of Achieving the Coronet

Section 1.1

The Princely Sovereign shall have won the right to reign by combat in the lists at a duly authorized Coronet tournament. The Princely Consort shall have been the inspiration of the Princely Sovereign at that tournament.

Section 1.2

The Coronet Sovereign- and Consort-elect shall bear the titles of Lord/Lady of the Mists as appropriate to their genders.

Section 2 – Other Offices

No Sovereign and Consort of the Mists shall hold any other office in the Principality during Their reign. Offices normally held by Them shall be filled by Their deputies or such other persons as They might appoint for the duration of Their reign.

Article III – FEALTY, RIGHTS & CUSTOMS

Section 1 – Fealty

Section 1.1

The Lord and Lady of the Mists, at Their Investiture to the Coronets, shall swear to serve and protect the people of the Principality, to uphold the laws of the Principality and the laws of the Kingdom of the West, and to insure the succession. That oath shall be given to the reigning Coronet Sovereign and Consort, or to the Crown in Their place, and be witnessed by those who attended the Coronet Lists and will affirm the validity of the claim of the Lord and Lady of the Mists.

Section 1.2

No member of the populace of the Principality of the Mists shall be coerced, forced, or assumed to be in fealty to any Coronet, officer, or person, within the Principality, except the great officers of the Principality who must swear fealty to hold their offices. The Coronets of the Mists shall in no way, by law or fealty, restrict any subjects from banding together, or organizing into common groups, associations, or households. Individual subjects within any of these groups are still bound by Principality law and Kingdom law.

Section 2 – Rights

Section 2.1

It shall be the right of every subject of the Principality of the Mists, having followed every other avenue of resolution, to address grievances directly to the Coronet.

Section 2.2

It shall be the right of every subject of the Principality of the Mists to be warranted or rostered in order to insure every officer protection under mundane civil law. In all cases no warrant or roster, interim or otherwise, shall supersede or conflict with any issued by the Crown of the West. A warrant or roster issued by the Crown of the West shall always take precedence.

Section 2.3

It shall be the right of all officers in the Principality of the Mists to be ruled by their Coronets, and the right of the Coronet to rule for the duration of Their reign. Therefore, no Coronet Sovereign or Consort may enter the Coronet Lists to succeed Themselves, nor may either of Them enter a Crown Lists until They have concluded Their reign.

Article IV – APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, ORDERS, AND HONORS

Section 1 – Appointments

These Appointments may be made by the Coronet or chosen via competition.

Section 1.1 – Princess' (Prince's) Escort/Guard

It shall be the right of the Consort during Her/His reign to establish an Escort or Guard, naming to it unbelted fighters of competence (including rapier fighters and other combatants). It shall be the duty of the Escort or Guard to come to the aid of the Consort should it become necessary and within their power. This body may be known as the Princess' Escort or Guard, or the Prince's Escort or Guard, as appropriate.

One or more Councilors to the Escort/Guard, selected from the peers of the realm, may be appointed by the Consort to act as advisor(s) to the Escort/Guard.

Section 1.2 – Princess' (Prince's) Artisans

It shall be the right of the Consort during Her/His reign to establish a Company of Artisans, naming to it skilled members of the populace who are not Companions of the Laurel. It shall be the duty of the Artisans to assist the Consort when it is within their power. This body may be known as the Princess' Artisans or the Prince's Artisans, as appropriate.

One or more Councilors to the Artisans, selected from the peers of the realm, may be appointed by the Consort to act as advisor(s) to the Artisans.

Section 1.3 – Consort's Champion

It shall be the right of the Consort of the Mists during Her/His reign to choose a Champion who shall defend Her/His honor and come to Her/His aid should it become necessary and within his/her power. He/She may be known as the Princess' Champion or the Prince's Champion, as appropriate.

Section 1.4 – Banner Bearer

A Banner Bearer may be chosen in a manner that pleases the Sovereign during whose reign that Banner Bearer serves. The manner of determination may be announced and carried out prior to Investiture. Appointment and term is for the current Reign.

The Banner Bearer will be given a battle-suitable banner and be charged with maintenance of regalia for this office. The Banner Bearer will fight at the Sovereign's side when both are upon the field of battle. At the pleasure of the Sovereign, the Banner Bearer may take the field with the banner without the Sovereign's presence.

Section 1.5 – Prince's (Princess') Lance

The Prince's (Princess's) Lance is the personal armed guard for the Sovereign when He/She is in battle. The unit shall consist of fighters appointed by the Sovereign. Appointment and term is for the current Reign. The Lance shall attend the Sovereign upon the field of battle when able. There may be one named as officer over the Lance who shall carry the title Oberst (Colonel) of the Prince's (Princess') Lance, to be chosen by the Sovereign for the individual's skill in the arts of war.

Section 1.6 – Bard of the Mists

The Bard of the Mists shall be chosen in an annual competition which will take place at least one month before Mists Fall Investiture. The sitting Bard shall preside over the selection of his or her successor. The incoming Bard shall be invested at a time and place of the Coronet's choosing, usually at Fall Investiture. The duties of the Bard are as follows:

The Bard shall have a work prepared for each major Principality event, the works to be collected in a single book handed from Bard to Bard.

The Bard should be prepared to entertain at the request of the Coronet, and may be requested to compose special pieces from time to time.

The Bard shall at all times endeavor by teaching and by example to exemplify the ideals of the Mists bardic tradition.

The Bard shall be part of the Royal retinue and shall attend Their Highnesses at Principality events, sitting at the right hand of the Sovereign when possible. The Bard shall be served at Principality feasts after the Principality Sovereign and Consort, and the Crown if They be present, and before the populace.

The Bard shall be under the following geas, that is to say, the prohibition of his office: The Bard may not refuse to perform for the Coronet Sovereign and Consort of the Mists or for anyone under the age of twelve except that the Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall take precedence.

Section 1.7 – Silver Muse

An annual Arts and Sciences competition will be held. The competition will begin at Spring Coronet and continue through Fall Investiture. This competition will be conducted by the Arts and Sciences Minister or a designated deputy, in consultation with the Coronet. The victor of this competition shall be known as the Silver Muse. The appointment and regalia shall pass from the current holder to the winner of the competition at Fall Investiture or the next possible event thereafter. The criteria for winning the competition is as follows:

Participation in at least five (5) Mists A&S competitions. To qualify, the entry must receive at least 50% of the available points for that competition. At least one entry must include a "teaching" component – a Do It Yourself handout or some other form of "how to do what I did" instruction. This information (with the permission of the entrant) will be published via the Mists website to further the shared knowledge within the Principality.

The competitor must make a contribution to the Principality gift basket, or may instead create an item of regalia; competitors are encouraged to speak with the Principality Regalia Minister if a regalia item is their choice, to ensure they are creating an item that is needed.

Section 1.8 – Equestrian Champion

At the Coronet's pleasure, a Mists Equestrian Champion may be appointed. This shall be a position granted to a Mists subject who greatly supports and advances the equestrian arts in the Principality. The Equestrian champion is charged with continuing in these efforts, and serves until the next Investiture, or at the pleasure of Their Highnesses.

Section 1.9 – Rapier Champion of the Mists

Twice per year, at each Coronet Tournament, a rapier tournament will be held to determine the Rapier Champion of the Mists. The winner of the tournament will be invested at the next Investiture and shall hold the title for 6 months. During this time, it is the duty and privilege of the RCM to represent the Principality on the field and to encourage and promote rapier combat within the Principality. The RCM is responsible for running (or for arranging to have run) the tournament to choose their successor. The regalia of this position is a baldric.

Section 1.10 – Archery Champion of the Mists

Once per year, on or about the time of Spring Coronet Tournament (allowing for site limitations for archery), an archery tournament will be held to determine the Archery Champion of the Mists. The winner of this tournament will be invested at Spring Investiture and shall hold the title for one year. During this time, it is the duty and privilege of the ACM to represent the Principality on the field and to encourage and promote archery within the Principality. The ACM is responsible for running (or for arranging to have run) the tournament to choose their successor.

Section 2 – Awards

Awards are given by the Coronet. Awards may be given only once to any individual.

It shall be the right of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to present any such armigerous awards as may be approved by the Crown of the West.

Section 3 – Orders

Entry to Orders is granted by the Coronet, and individuals, once made members of an Order, may not be entered into that Order again, with the exception of the Order of the Corolla Nebulorum.

Section 3.1 – Order of the Pegasus

The Order of the Pegasus may be given to any children or young persons who have shown exceptional courtesy, chivalry, and service to the Principality.

Section 3.2 – Order of the Corolla Nebulorum

The Order of the Corolla Nebulorum may be given by the Coronet to those persons who have in any outstanding way enriched the Principality. The Corolla shall be a pendant hanging from a single ribbon or multiple ribbons depending on the number of Corollas the recipient has received. An individual may only be inducted into each suborder one time. The Corolla Aulica is awarded for service to the Principality and hangs from a white ribbon. The Corolla Vitae is awarded for achievement in the Arts and Sciences and hangs from a blue ribbon. The Corolla Muralis is awarded for leadership and achievement in war and hangs from a green ribbon.

Section 3.3 – Princess' Order of Grace

It shall be the right of the Princess of the Mists to award the Princess' Order of Grace to those who are courteous to all. It is customary to grant this recognition sparingly.

Section 3.4 – Order of Les Dames de la Mer

The Order of Les Dames de la Mer shall be awarded to those who have served as Consort of the Mists. Members of this order shall be models of honor and grace to all those in the Principality.

Section 3.5 – Order of the Golden Branch

The Order of the Golden Branch is made up of all those persons who have served as Bard of the Mists. Membership in this Order carries with it an Award of Arms if the person has not already received one. The Bard of the Mists, during his or her year's tenure in office, shall be considered the chief of the Order and organize the activities of the Order in the teaching of bardic skills and the bardic traditions.

Section 3.6 – Order of the Armure Epatant

The Order of the Armure Epatant may be awarded by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to those fighters, both melee and missile, whose field appearance is exemplary and recognizable as being from a time period within the scope of the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Candidates for this Order must have done a significant portion of the research and/or construction of their armor, garments, and accessories themselves. All members of this Order shall also be charged with maintaining their on-field appearance and encouraging others to follow their example.

Section 3.7 – Order of Jaffa

The Order of Jaffa may be awarded to those who simultaneously display the heights of puissance and courtesy on the field of war.

Section 3.8 – Order of the Cheval Argent

Those who foster and support the equestrian arts within the Principality may be awarded the Cheval Argent.

Section 3.9 – Order of the Stylus Nebulorum

This award shall be given to those individuals who either by the quality of their calligraphy and illumination, or by their service to the Scribal Arts of the Principality deserve recognition. The Coronets, at Their pleasure, may recognize any member of the Order as an Exemplar of the Order, for continued outstanding contributions to the Scribal Arts.

Section 3.10 – Order of the Iron Lance

This award shall be given to those war units that have repeatedly come to the aid of the Coronet or the defense of the Principality in times of war and thereby won renown for the Principality.

Section 4 – Honors

Honors are granted by the Coronet. An individual may receive the same honor multiple times.

Section 4.1 – Honor of the Silver Ivy

The fighter who achieves the final round of the Coronet List but does not prevail and his/her consort shall receive the Honor of the Silver Ivy. Those who receive this Honor shall continue to be models of honor and inspiration to all within the Principality.

Section 4.2 – Torse of Honor

The Torse of Honor may be awarded by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to an unbelted fighter who has shown particular courtesy, chivalry, and/or valor in the Coronet Lists. This award is to be given out at the Coronet tournament after the lists and may only be given once per reign.

Section 4.3 – Consort's Favor

It shall be the right of the Consort of the Mists to award the Consort's Favor to those who have been particularly helpful to Her/Him during Her/His reign. The token of this honor is not provided by Regalia but is provided by each Coronet to be unique to their reign.

Section 4.4 – Honor of the Period Encampment

The Honor of the Period Encampment shall be awarded to an individual or household who presents an encampment with a medieval atmosphere during the reign in which it is awarded. This honor shall be presented no more than once per reign. The recipient(s) of this honor shall display the official banner during the following reign, after which the banner shall be returned to the Coronet. Past recipients of this honor may display a pennon of similar design, created by their own hands.

Section 4.5 – The Honor of the Coeur d’Azur

This honor is given to those individuals, wherever situate, who have shown great courage, service, or courtesy that has enriched the Principality and inspired the Populace of the Mists.

Section 4.6 – Coronet’s Favor

The Coronet’s Favor is given to those individuals who, by their actions, have assisted Their Highnesses in a significant fashion. The token of this honor is not provided by Regalia but is provided by the Coronet to be unique to each reign.

Section 4.7 – Link of Courtesy

This award shall be given to those individuals who Their Highnesses have found to not only be courteous and chivalrous but, though their actions, have inspired such courteous behavior in others thus forming an ever growing link throughout their community.

Section 4.8 – Honor of the Lancers of the Mists

At the discretion of the Sovereign, those who have served as the Oberst (Colonel) of the Lance may be entered into the Honor of the Lancers of the Mists.

Section 4.9 –Saltator de Nebula

There shall be a dance competition held at Coronet Tournament and Investiture events. The Coronet may, upon consultation with the Arts and Sciences Minister or their appointed deputy, name the victor of the dance competition as Saltator (m) or Saltatrix (f) de Nebula.

Section 4.10 – Silver Spoon

There shall be a cooking competition held at Coronet Tournament and Investiture events. The Coronet may, upon consultation with the Arts and Sciences Minister or their appointed deputy, name a victor of the cooking competition.

Section 5 – Publication of Appointments, Awards, Orders and Honors

It is the responsibility of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort bestowing an appointment, award or honor to ensure that the type of recognition, the date it was given, and the full name of the recipient be published in the Order of Precedence within nine months of the date of the proclamation of recognition. Recognitions not published within this time limit must be reaffirmed by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort in an official court and published within nine months of that reaffirmation.

Article V – CURIA PRINCIPIS

Section 1 – Purpose

It shall be the right and privilege of the Coronet to convene and hold a Curia Principis for the purpose of hearing counsel and discussing or making pronouncements on any issue of concern to the Principality of the Mists.

Section 2 – Conduct

Section 2.1

The Curia Principis shall consist of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, who convene the Court and preside over it, any Ministers as may be concerned with the subject of the Court, and other persons as the Coronet may desire to include at a particular meeting of the court.

Section 2.2

Any subject of the Coronet of the Mists may attend sessions of this court and may petition the Coronet upon matters relevant and appropriate.

Section 2.3

Decisions of the court shall be made by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort after hearing the advice of the Ministers and the populace present.

Section 2.4

When the Coronet of the Mists has declared a Principality investigation complete and the decision final, no Officer may reopen the investigation or overrule the decision, save at the direction of the Crown of the West or the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Section 2.5

The business of the Principality of the Mists is not secret from the subjects of the Coronet.

Article VI – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1 – Great Officers

Section 1.1

There shall be seven Great Officers of State in the Principality of the Mists. They shall be the Seneschal, the Seawolf Herald, the Knight Marshal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chronicler, and the Constable. These Great Officers shall serve within the Principality in the same capacities as their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West serve the Crown of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West and to their responsibilities to their Kingdom and Society superiors.

Section 1.2

The Seneschal, at Spring Investiture, shall present the newly-invested Coronet Sovereign and Consort with a tentative calendar of events for the next calendar year for approval. The Seneschal shall ensure that the approved calendar is then submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal (or Keeper of the Kingdom Calendar) so that the dates will be entered into the Kingdom calendar.

Section 2 – Lesser Officers

The Chatelaine, Minister of the Golden Key, Minister of Lists, Keeper of the Regalia, Principality Archer, Chancellor Minor, Minister of Equestrian Arts, Webminister, and Principality Teamster shall be Lesser Officers of State. They shall serve within the Principality in the same capacities as their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West serve the Crown of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West and, where appropriate, their Kingdom and Society superiors.

Section 3 – Warrants

Officers shall be warranted or rostered as required by their superior officers

Section 4 – Reports and Commissions

Section 4.1

All officers of the Principality shall report regularly to their duly appointed superiors. All great and lesser officers of the Principality shall present written reports to the Coronet at Spring and Fall Coronet Tournaments.

Section 4.2

The Great Officers shall inform the Lord and Lady of the Mist in writing of the state of the Principality at least two weeks prior to Their Investiture unless they have made a written or verbal report to the Lord and Lady of the Mists at the Principality Officers' meeting at Coronet.

Section 4.3

There shall be a commission for regalia consisting of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, the Ministers of Arts and Sciences, the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Principality Keeper of the Regalia. Its duties are to determine the artistic and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment, and to recommend specific acquisition and retirement of regalia and equipment as needed. All offers of donation and all proposals for acquisition of regalia will be handled through this commission. Any article of regalia given to the Coronet without having first been approved by the commission will be deemed a personal gift to the Coronet Sovereign and Consort to whom it is presented. All items of regalia are considered to be the property of the Principality of the Mists and may only be disposed of with the unanimous consent of the commission.

Section 4.4

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Keeper of the Regalia shall conduct an inventory of all regalia, including its location and condition, to be completed immediately prior to its transfer to the incoming Coronet Sovereign and Consort. A representative of both the incoming and outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort must be present. The Keeper of the Regalia shall make a written report to the commission for regalia and both the incoming and outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort. The commission shall determine if the outgoing Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall be held fiscally responsible for loss or damage to regalia entrusted to Their care. The incoming Coronet Sovereign and Consort accept custody of regalia to be placed in Their care by signature receipt of the completed inventory.

Article VII – SUCCESSION, SCHEDULING OF EVENTS, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LISTS

Section 1 – Succession

Section 1.1

Should the victors of the previous Coronet tournament, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Investiture festival, such steps as are necessary and acceptable to them and the Coronet shall be taken that they may achieve their Coronets.

Section 1.2

Should the victors of the previous Coronet tournament not intend to reign, and sufficient evidence of their failure be presented to the Coronet, or should they be unable to reign due to a disaster, a Curia Principis shall be called to make preparation for a Coronet Lists which shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture festival or, if this date shall have passed, at the soonest date practical. The victors of this list shall be crowned Coronet Sovereign and Consort immediately.

Section 1.3

Should the Consort of the Sovereign-elect be unable or unwilling to achieve the Coronet, the Sovereign-elect shall choose another as Consort. If, during the reign, the Consort is unable or unwilling to continue the reign, the Sovereign may, if he or she chooses, choose a new Consort, who shall be invested publicly or privately as Prince- or Princess-Consort, according to Article III, Section 1, of these Laws.

Section 1.4

Should the Sovereign become unable or unwilling to complete His or Her reign, the Consort shall act as Regent and contain all the power of the Coronet.

Section 1.5

Should both the Prince and Princess of the Mists, for any reason whatsoever, be unable to complete Their reign, and there being no successors to the Coronet, the Coronet shall pass to the Crown of the West until another Coronet Tournament is scheduled, and successors to the Coronet of the Mists. The winners of this will be invested immediately. If there are successors to the Coronet, they will be invested immediately. If there are successors to the Coronet, they will be invested as the new Prince and Princess of the Mists by the Crown of the West at the Crowns earliest convenience.

Section 2 – Scheduling of Coronet Events

Section 2.1

There shall be two Coronet Tournaments and two Coronet Investitures each year.

Section 2.1.1

Spring Coronet Tournament shall be held in the Spring. Spring Investiture shall be held within seven weeks following the tournament or as soon thereafter as possible.

Section 2.1.2

Fall Coronet Tournament shall be held in the Fall. Fall Investiture shall be held within seven weeks following the tournament or as soon thereafter as possible.

Section 3 – Participation in Coronet Lists

Section 3.1

All authorized fighters resident in the Principality have the right to compete in the Coronet Lists of the Principality of the Mists unless they are in violation of the rules of the lists, the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or the laws of the Principality or Kingdom. All fighters must be acceptable to the Crown of the West and the Coronet of the Mists.

Section 3.2

By entering the Coronet Lists, a fighter declares his or her loyalty to the Coronet, the Principality laws, the populace of the Mists, and the Crown of the West.

Section 3.3

Each fighter, by entering the Coronet Lists, declares that he or she will be able to attend his or her Coronet Investiture, the following Coronet tournament, and the Coronet Investiture of his or her successor. No one shall compete for the Coronet of the Mists without intending to reign should he or she win.

Section 3.4

The conduct of combat, rules of the lists, requirements of arms and armor, and rules concerning the use of horses shall be exactly as stated in the laws of the Kingdom of the West except that the Coronet Sovereign and Consort and the Knight Marshal of the Principality shall act in place of the Crown Sovereign and Consort and Earl Marshal where so stated.

Section 3.5

All subjects of the Principality of the Mists entering in the Coronet Lists and their consorts, who must also reside within the Principality of the Mists or acceptable to the Coronets, must be paid members of the SCA, Inc. Memberships must be demonstrated prior to entering the lists. Anyone not appearing on the Registry's list, or having other acceptable proof of membership, will be deemed unacceptable and not permitted to compete in the Coronet Lists.

Article VIII – BRANCHES

Section 1 – Creation and Elevation of Branches

Section 1.1

The creation or elevation of branches within the Principality will be performed in a manner consistent with Kingdom Law.



Laws of The Principality of Cynagua

(Most recent changes 10/1/2016, by Fearghus and Silvie, Prince and Princess)

ARTICLE I: THE LAWS OF CYNAGUA

Section 1 – Source of Law

The Word of the Coronet is Law within the Principality. The right of the Coronet to ordain Law within the Principality is limited only by the Crown and Laws of the West, the governing documents and decisions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and the laws of the mundane political entities having jurisdiction within the Principality.

Section 2 – Amendments

The laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet by proclaiming and publishing specific changes, additions, or deletions to specific Articles and Sections. Other proclamations shall be understood to be in effect only during the reign of the Coronet and shall lapse upon the Investiture of Their Successors.

Section 3 – Proclamations

Any proclamation or amendment of the laws shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken, but no subject of the Principality shall be accountable for breaking the law due to ignorance, until that law or proclamation has been published.

Section 4 – Publication

Publishing of the proclamations and amendments will be done by the printing the proclamations or amendments in the Principality newsletter and in The Page.

Section 5 – Availability

A complete and current draft of the laws will be compiled by the Office of the Seneschal and made available to the populace at the Spring Coronet Tournament.

ARTICLE II: TOURNAMENTS AND INVESTITURES

Section 1 – Scheduling

There will be two Coronet Tournaments and two Investitures each year. Spring Coronet Tournaments will be held on the Sunday of the last full weekend (Friday through Monday) of May (i.e. Memorial Day Weekend) and October Coronet will be held on the Saturday closest to October 31st. Winter Investiture will be held on the last Saturday of January and Summer Investiture will be held on the Saturday closest to July 14.

Section 2 – Entry to Lists

Each authorized fighter, belted or unbelted, residing in the Principality is privileged to compete in the Coronet Lists provided they are in compliance with the Rules of the Lists, the Laws of the Principality, the Laws of the Kingdom, the Corpora of our Society, the mundane entity having jurisdiction, and have not been excluded by the Coronet for reasons it deems valid.

Section 3 – Eligibility

Each competitor in the Coronet Lists must agree to the following conditions to be eligible to compete in the Coronet Lists:

- A. The victor will reign.
- B. The victor will attend the next two Investitures, and the next Coronet Tournament.
- C. The competitor has a Companion who will reign.
- D. The Competitor and Companion are paid members of the SCA, Inc., and reside at an address which receives the Kingdom newsletter.

E. The Competitor and Companion are aware that these positions will require expenditures in excess of membership fees, which may include, but not be limited to the following: site fees, telephone costs, transportation cost and other expenses related to reigning.

F. The Competitor or Companion must have resided within the Principality at least thirty days prior to the Coronet Tournament and/or be acceptable to the Coronets.

G. Each competitor in a Royal List must be fighting for a prospective consort of the opposite sex unless the Coronet has elected to permit a competitor to fight for a prospective consort of the same sex.

Section 4 – Combat Conventions

The Coronet Lists combat conventions shall be the same as those of the Kingdom Crown Lists.

Section 5 – Succession

Neither of the Coronets may succeed themselves to either throne.

Section 6 – A Plaisance

Should the Coronet Sovereign or the Consort choose to fight upon the field for His or Her own pleasure, the Herald shall announce that the fight is a plaisance.

Section 7 – Titles

The victor and their Consort of the Coronet tournament shall bear the titles of Lord of the Swan and Lady of the Swan until their Investiture.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

Officers of the Principality will consist of the following:

- A. The Great Officers, and such deputies as they may choose to appoint.
- B. Established Lesser Officers, and such deputies as they may choose to appoint.
- C. Such other Lesser Officers, and their deputies as the Coronet may choose to appoint for the duration of Their reign.
- D. And each of these Greater and Lesser Officers will be responsible for their regalia, signing a receipt for said regalia at the time they assume their office and passing the regalia to the succeeding officer at the time they step down. (Copies of the signed receipt should be delivered to the Coronet and the seneschal at the time an officer position changes over.)

Section 2 – Reports

Each Great Officer and each Established Lesser Officer shall give a written report on the State of their Office to the Prince and Princess of Cynagua, the Lord and Lady of the Swan and the Seneschal of Cynagua, thirty days prior to Cynagua Principality Investiture or at the time of the scheduled Cynagua Officers Meeting, whichever occurs first. At the request of the Prince and Princess of Cynagua and/or the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the “Council of the Purse” shall be convened no later than thirty days prior to Cynagua Principality Investiture or at the time of the scheduled Cynagua Officers’ Meeting, whichever occurs first.

Section 3 – Great Officers

The Great Officers shall be the following:

- A. The Seneschal, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Principality.
- B. The Sable Swan Herald, who shall be responsible for heraldic devices, orders of precedence, ceremony, and announcements at events.
- C. The Principality Marshal, who shall have jurisdiction over fighting and the field of honor.
- D. The Chancellor of the Exchequer who shall be responsible for accounting for the monies of the Principality and the vassal branches of the Principality; and shall have custody of the monies of the Principality.

E. The Minister of the Arts and Sciences, who shall be responsible for the encouragement and display of the medieval arts and medieval sciences in the Principality.

F. The Chronicler, who shall be responsible for maintaining the Principality newsletter; and the publishing and circulation thereof.

G. The Constable who shall be responsible for security and shall act as liaison with the mundane/general public.

Section 4 – Lesser Officers

The Lesser Officers shall be the following:

A. The Minister of the Lists, who shall be responsible for the scheduling of fights in the Coronet Lists, and shall maintain records of the names of the qualified authorized fighters in the Principality. The Minister of the Lists shall serve under the Marshal as a chief deputy.

B. The Chatelaine, who shall act as an interface to the public media, and who shall encourage recruiting activities in the Principality. Furthermore, while the Gold Key Deputy is responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) at all Principality events, the Chatelaine is ultimately responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb as the Gold Key is the deputy of the Chatelaine.

1. The Chatelaine may appoint a Gold Key deputy with the consent of the Coronet and upon approval of the Kingdom Gold Key Officer. If there is no Gold Key deputy, the Chatelaine shall assume the responsibilities of the Gold Key deputy.

2. The Gold Key deputy will be directly responsible to the Chatelaine to assist the Chatelaine with offering loaner garb to the mundane/general public and shall report directly to the Chatelaine.

3. The Gold Key deputy shall be directly responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) to the mundane/general public at both Cynagua Coronets, both Cynagua Investitures and the Cynagua-Mist War where Cynagua is hosting the war. The Deputy shall keep a record of who is borrowing which pieces of “loaner garb” so that it can be recovered if the person does not return it before the end of an event.

4. The Gold Key deputy shall be responsible for maintaining a written record, i.e. a written inventory, of the loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) and shall submit a copy of this record semi annually at the Cynagua Officers Meeting.

5. The “loaner garb” (i.e. period costumes) are the property of the principality of Cynagua. The Chatelaine and Gold Key deputy must confer with the Principality Seneschal (or a deputy assigned by the Seneschal for the purpose) prior to disposing of any loaner garb. Any property that is disposed of must be accounted for on the inventory records. It must be indicated both how it was disposed of and the reason why.

C. The Minister of the Bow, who shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to archery and light or missile weapons combat in the Principality. The Minister of the Bow shall serve under the Marshal as a chief deputy.

D. The Sable Swan Scribe, who shall encourage, foster and coordinate the production of scrolls as they pertain to the populace of the Principality.

E. The Minister of the Mint, who shall have the responsibility and privilege of producing coinage, as requested by the Prince and Princess.

F. The Keeper of the Regalia shall store, maintain, inventory, and transport the regalia of the Principality.

G. The Mentor of Youth Activities shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to children within the Principality, in conjunction with the Kingdom Chancellor Minor and Youth Activities office.

H. Equestrian Minister, who shall be responsible for the encouragement, development and research into medieval equestrian arts. They are also responsible for the maintenance of rules to enforce the governing of the use of all horses at Principality events. This office will serve under and be answerable to the Principality Marshalate.

Section 5 – Other Lesser Officers

Other Lesser Officers shall take office when the Coronet chooses to appoint a person to fill the following offices:

A. The Chancellor, who shall be responsible for advising the Coronet of (SCA and mundane) matters. This officer may remain in office as long as the Royalty who appointed him/her shall reign.

B. The Prince’s or Princess’ Chamberlain, who shall be responsible to assist the Prince and/or Princess in all matters, and shall offer such counsel as seems meet.

C. Such other offices as the Coronet may establish.

ARTICLE IV: AWARDS

Section 1 – The Ruxton

Upon recommendation by the Peers of this Principality, the “Ruxton” is bestowed by the Coronets of Cynagua on those members of the populace who have performed extraordinary service to the Principality. Extraordinary service is defined as that service which is above and beyond all general standards of duty as exemplified by holding offices or Autocrating events, without thought of personal gain or glory, over an extended period of time.

Section 1.1

The Ruxton shall come with an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already have one.

Section 1.2

There will be a maximum of two awards given per reign.

Section 1.3

There is no token for this award, as the award itself is given for service normally “unseen” and not normally visible to the public’s view.

Section 2 – The Cambium Award

The Cambium Award (cambium: a thin formative layer between the xylem and phylum of most vascular plants that gives rise to new cells and is responsible for secondary growth-Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary) may be awarded by Their Highnesses upon recommendation by one or more of the peers residing in the Principality, to a person who exhibits a cheerful willingness to actively participate in the establishment and preservation of the ambiance (milieu vital) of the Current Middle Ages by:

- A. Adopting a persona.
- B. Wearing apparel appropriate to the time/space of the persona.
- C. Demonstrating at least a beginning level of understanding of the mode, manner, mores, and mood of the persona.
- D. Expressing an interest in learning the culture as expressed by the language, arts, crafts, sciences, religion, social structure, or habits of the persona.

Section 2.1

The token of the Award shall be a small wooden heart pendant from a gold (yellow) ribbon.

Section 3 – The Order of La Courtesia

The Order of La Courtesia may be offered to those the Coronet finds deserving of great honor for exhibiting the following behavior:

- A. Courtesy and friendliness; not only manifested by gallantry in the presence of the known and titled, powerful, but in the presence of the as yet unknown, the meek and humble.
- B. Grace and forbearance in times of stress as well as in times of peace.

Section 3.1

The token of the Order shall be a crystal snowflake, pendant from a silver (white) ribbon.

Section 4 – The Order of the Friendly Castle

The Order of the Friendly Castle may be offered to those the Coronet finds deserving of great honor for the qualities of “high hospitality” by:

A. Cheerfully providing shelter, feeding or clothing members of the populace to the fullest extent their means allow.

B. Graciously sharing their information and knowledge with anyone who would seek it.

Section 4.1

The token of the Order shall be a token of a heraldic “friendly castle” (a two towered castle with an open portal) with a swan perched above the castle, suspended from a sable (black) ribbon.

Section 5 – Order of the Hearth Stone

The Order of the Hearth Stone may be awarded by the Prince and Princess to a person who continuously exhibits a medieval camp and pavilion, thereby enhancing the Current Middle Ages for all.

Section 5.1

The token of the Order shall be a piece of landscape jasper within a setting of silver.

Section 6 – Order of the Black Swan

The Order of the Black Swan is to be awarded by the Princess to those combatants who fought and reached the final round of the Coronet Lists, but failed to prevail.

Section 6.1

The perpetual token of the Order shall be a triangular silver medallion with a silver swan holding a sword, pendant from a silver chain. This individual medallion shall be handed down to the most recent runner-up, whether he be a new or old member of the Order.

Section 6.2

A smaller permanent token of the same design shall be given to each new member.

Section 6.3

The Princess shall award the perpetual token as soon as she deems it possible after the Coronet Lists, and shall award the permanent token to each new member at that time also.

Section 7 – The Order of the Swan’s Heart

The Order of the Swan’s Heart is to be awarded to the Consort of the runner up in the Coronet tournament.

Section ~~17~~ 7.1

The token of this order shall be a heart fashioned from a stone of worth and pendant from an argent ribbon. This token shall be awarded to each new member.

Section 8 – Cynaguan Medal of Honor

The Cynaguan Medal of Honor is given by the Coronet to those fighters who have demonstrated valor, bravery, and skill in times of war.

Section 8.1

The Medal shall be a metal swan talisman, pendant from a green and red ribbon.

Section 9 – Order of the Crystal Swan

The Order of the Crystal Swan shall be the exclusive Order bestowed upon and honoring all past Consorts of Cynagua. Each Consort shall induct Their predecessor into the Order at Their Investiture. The token for this award shall either be one acceptable to the Coronet, or a small pendant of a “crystal swan” strung on a ribbon of white, black or gold.

Section 10 – Order of the Cygnet

The Order of the Cygnet is given by the Coronet to the younger members of the realm (under the age of 16 years) for their contributions to the Principality.

Section 10.1

The token for the order shall be a black wooden swan suspended from a black ribbon.

Section 11 – Scutiferus Cynaguae

The secondary service award in the Principality shall be called the Scutiferus Cynaguae (Shieldbearer of Cynagua) and be awarded by Their Highnesses for exceptional service to the Principality.

Section 11.1

The token for this award shall be a small bronze shield suspended by a black ribbon.

Section 11.2

The collective recipients of this award shall be known as the Scutiferuli Cynaguae (Shield bearers of Cynagua).

Section 11.3

The award shall only be given to individuals.

Section 12 – The Roll of Captains

Their Highnesses may honor the Captain of Their guard by ordering his/her name inscribed upon the Roll of Captains, that his/her service to the Coronet shall be remembered.

Section 12.1

The person entered into this Roll shall receive a token bearing a helmet with torse and mantling, suspended from a black ribbon.

Section 13 – The Cynaguan Order of Grace

It is the sole prerogative of the Consort of Cynagua to bestow this award to those persons felt to be exceptional in courtesy and chivalry.

Section 13.1

There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 13.2

The token for this order will be a gold tone “C” with a crystal suspended from its base.

Section 14 – Order of the Melan Pteron Cynagua

The Melan Pteron Cynagua is awarded by the Coronet for Achievement in the arts and sciences. The Coronet can only offer this award to a person for any art or science performed within the Principality or for the benefit of the Principality.

Section 14.1

This award shall consist of a token which is in the form of a black feather.

Section 15 – Order of the Gilded Swan

The Coronet may honor those fighters in the Principality who have added to the pageantry on the field of honor by the display of period armor while on the field of combat.

Section 15.1

The token for the Order is a bronze pendant of a helm with torse and mantling which is in the shape of a swan.

Section 15.2

No more than two new members shall be admitted to this Order per reign.

Section 16 – Torse Cynagua

The Coronet may award the Torse Cynagua to a fighter who has shown particular courtesy, chivalry and/or valor in the Coronet lists. This award is to be given out at the Coronet tourney after the lists and may be given only once per reign.

Section 16.1

The token for this award shall be a torse of Argent, Sable, and Or ribbons.

Section 17 – Den Grimme Aelling

This award is to be given by the Coronet for the support and effort given to the Principality by peoples that do not reside in the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 17.1

The token for this award is a late hatching egg, upon a silver coin, suspended from a sable ribbon.

Section 18 – The Solea Argentea

The Coronet may honor those members of the populace who have contributed their time, efforts and knowledge to the promotion and enrichment of the Equestrian Arts throughout the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 19 – The Quill

The Coronet may honor scribes who have contributed through their support of time and expertise to the promotion and enrichment of the scribal arts. To honor those who create scrolls and mentor scriptoriums for the scribes and populace of Cynagua, the Coronet charges the Office of the Sable Swan scribe to record and tally all successfully completed scrolls and official Principality documents in order that the scribing efforts may be acknowledged. Official documents will be defined as charters, letters of marque and specific letters of import.

Section 19.1

The tokens for this award will be as follows: For five (5) scrolls and/or official documents, a bronze feather. For ten (10) completed scrolls and/or official documents, a silver feather. For twenty (20) completed scrolls and/or official documents, a gold feather.

Section 20 – The Black Swan's Archer

Their Highnesses may honor those members of the populace who have excelled in the skill and knowledge of Archery, whether it is on the archery field or in war, with The Black Swan's Archer.

Section 20.1

The token for this award is a roundel of polished Yew.

Section 21 – The Ordo Gladius Ater

The Ordo Gladius Ater is to be given by the Coronet to those who have demonstrated exceptional skill and knowledge in all aspects of Rapier.

Section 21.1

The token for this order shall be a gold toned triangular pendant, embossed with a black rapier pointing upwards.

Section 22 – The Circlet of Gallantry

The Coronets may bestow this award to those of their populace who they feel display a vigorous or courageous nobility of spirit and/or behavior.

Section 22.1

There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 22.2

The token for this award is a head wreath adorned with a red ribbon.

Section 23 – The Circlet of Honor

This award is bestowed by the Coronet to those who are a source or cause of respect, by displaying a nobility of mind or integrity, and adhering to a strong ethical code.

Section 23.1

There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 23.2

The token for this award is a head wreath adorned with a white ribbon

Section 24 – Princess’ Token

In recognition of the cheerful help from persons for the Princess during her reign, the Princess may give a token.

Section 25 – The Heart of the Princess

There are those members of the populace that go so far above and beyond the normal course of loyalty, service and duty that their deeds touch the heart of the Princess. The Princess may honor those extraordinary efforts with “The Heart of the Princess.”

Section 26 – The Coronet’s Favor

Given to recognize those who contribute to the well-being of Their Highnesses and of the Principality of Cynagua. The token of this award is a medallion depicting a swan.

Section 27 – The Prince’s Token

In recognition by the Prince for those persons who have given Him help and assistance throughout his reign, the Prince may reward them with a personal token of his making.

Section 28 – Order of the Heart of the Black Swan (Au Coeur del le Cygne Noir)

There are many who serve the Coronet and the Principality of Cynagua; however, there is an individual whose dedication to the Prince goes so far above and beyond the normal course of Loyalty, Service and Duty that the Prince must recognize this essential and meaningful service. As such, it is right and proper that the Prince honor this extraordinary individual with induction into the Order of the Heart of the Black Swan (Au Coeur de la Cygne Noir). This award may only be given no more than two times per reign.

ARTICLE V: TRADITIONS

Section 1 – Arts/Sciences Championship

The Minister of Arts & the Minister of Sciences, acting in concert, will be responsible for scheduling a series of eight (8) competitions (four art and four science competitions) over the course of the year to determine the

individual with the foremost skill in the medieval Arts and Sciences. Starting with Spring Coronet and ending with Winter Investiture, an Arts competition, as well as a Sciences competition will be held at each Principality event. These will serve as the basis for the yearly Arts & Sciences Championship, or “Lumen Cynagua.” To be eligible for the Championship, a competitor must enter a minimum of four (4) of these eight (8) competitions. While multiple items may be entered in a competition, only the highest score in each competition will count toward the Championship. The competitor with the highest total of four scores will be named Champion. The competition will be open and limited to those residing in the Principality throughout the entire year. The winner will be awarded the “Lumen Cynagua” in court at the Spring Coronet following the last competition, i.e. Winter Investiture, and styled Champion of Arts and Sciences as well as the Principality Artisan for the following year.

Section 2 – The Princess’s Champion (or Prince’s Champion should the Prince be Consort)

The Princess of Cynagua, or Prince if he is Consort, has the right to choose, by appointment or by list, a Champion to bear arms for Their protection and the implementing of Their will.

Section 3 – Lord Defender of Cynagua

Section 3.1

There come times when the Coronet Sovereign is unable to be present, yet the weight of His/Her sword should be felt by those who have given cause. So it is that one has been chosen as Lord Defender, to wield his/her sword for the Coronet Sovereign.

Section 3.2

At the command of the Coronet Sovereign there will be one lists tournament a year to determine the Lord Defender of Cynagua. That list will be held at May Coronet and will be restricted to unbelted fighters.

Section 3.3

Each competitor in the lists must agree to or meet the following conditions in order to be eligible to compete: A. The competitor must be an authorized unbelted fighter. B. The victor will be awarded the title of Lord Defender of Cynagua. C. The victor must swear fealty to the Coronet Sovereign and those who succeed Him/Her. D. The competitor must be a subscribing member of the SCA, Inc. E. The competitor must be a resident of the Principality of Cynagua. F. The Rules of the Lists will apply in all cases.

Section 3.4

The Lord Defender may not succeed him or herself.

Section 3.5

Should the Lord Defender be unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Coronet Sovereign shall appoint a successor to fill the position until the next Lord Defender Tournament.

Section 4 – Escort for the Lady of the Swan

It was determined by Prince Maelgwyn that we should do honor to and not forget the contributions of the Ladies of Cynagua who have ruled, either on the Throne of the West or Cynagua. Therefore, a tradition was established that, at the wish of the Lady of the Swan, she may honor the Cynaguan Ladies of the Rose and Members of the Order of the Crystal Swan by requesting their escort at Her Investiture. By such escort, the beauty and grace which Cynagua’s Noble Ladies have added to the Principality may pass to Her Incipient Highness, that She may take from their example and do honor to them also.

Section 4.1

When such an escort is planned, it will be the right of the highest-ranking ladies first, to accept or decline, (i.e. first our Duchesses, then Countesses, then Viscountesses will be included in the ceremony).

Section 4.2

There is no limit to the number of escorts the Lady of the Swan may have, provided the Ladies currently reside within the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 5 – The Bard of Cynagua

The Bard of Cynagua shall encourage, foster and coordinate activities pertaining to the Bardic Arts within the Principality. The Bard of Cynagua will step up at the last court of the Prince and Princess who are stepping down at Summer Investiture, swear fealty to Prince and Princess (and Their successors throughout the Bards term of office), hold the office for a term of one year and may not succeed himself/herself.

Section 5.1 Duties

The Bard will be responsible for developing and performing an original song or verse honoring Cynaguan prowess in battle prior to each Mists-Cynagua War. The Bard is also responsible for developing and performing an original song or verse to be presented to each outgoing Prince and Princess and each incoming Prince and Princess at each Investiture as well as a song or verse dedicated to the Principality, the Coronets, or the Coronet Tournament at the Invocation of each Coronet Tournament. Each of these works are to be included in the “Bardic Tome” of Cynagua and handed down from bard to successive bard.

Section 5.2 Selection

The Bard of Cynagua will be chosen by a contest held each Spring at the Coronet Tournament. Three (3) voting judges (to wit, the current Bard of Cynagua, the Prince and Princess of Cynagua, and the Lord and Lady of the Swan) shall select the competitor who by art and skill surpasses all others. Each judge shall cast one vote and the winner shall be determined when one competitor receives a majority of the three (3) votes during the deliberation process at the completion of the competition.

Section 5.3 Competition

The bardic contest should consist of four (4) parts:

- A. An original composition honoring Cynagua, its Prince, and/or Princess.
- B. A recitation from a period source.
- C. A presentation of the competitor’s bardic masterwork, i.e. their best presentation.
- D. Bard’s Choice (a topic or form selected by the current Bard of Cynagua).

Section 5.4 Runner-up

Should the Bard of Cynagua be unable to complete his/her term as Bard, the runnerup of the last Bard of Cynagua contest shall be installed as the Bard of Cynagua to finish the term.

Section 5.5 The Order of the Winged Harp

Upon successful completion of the Bard of Cynagua’s term, he/she shall be inducted into the Order of the Winged Harp, which shall be comprised of past bards of Cynagua who successfully completed their terms. The token of the Order shall be “Argent, a winged Irish harp Or”, in the form of a pendant.

Section 6 – Prima Spada of Cynagua

Section 6.1

In the course of events when the Coronet Sovereign is unable to be in attendance, but the presence of their sword must be felt by those who have caused contention, let it be the duty and privilege of the Prima Spada to step forward and wield his/her blade for the Coronet Sovereign in Rapier matters.

Section 6.2

There will be a tournament held annually at Fall Coronet to decide the Prima Spada of Cynagua. The lists will be restricted to authorized Rapier combatants.

Section 6.3

Each participant in the lists must agree to or meet the following conditions in order to be eligible to compete:

- A. The Participant must be an authorized rapier combatant.
- B. The winner will be given the title of “Prima Spada of Cynagua.”
- C. The winner must swear fealty to the Coronets of Cynagua and those who succeed them.
- D. The participant must be a paid member of the S.C.A. Inc.
- E. The participant must be residents of the Principality of Cynagua, unless they have specific dispensation from the Coronets of Cynagua to compete.
- F. The Rapier “Rules of the Lists” will apply in all cases.

Section 6.4

The Prima Spada may not succeed him/herself.

Section 6.5

If the Prima Spada cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Coronets shall appointment a replacement to hold this position until the next Fall Tournament is held.

Section 6.6

The token for the Prima Spada is a cape in the colors of the Principality, embroidered with the device of the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 7 – Cynaguan Archery Champion

- A. There will be an archery tournament held once a year between Spring Coronet and Winter Investiture to determine the holder of this title.
- B. It is the duty and privilege of the Cynaguan Archery Champion to bear his or her bow either on the field of combat and/or in tournaments to represent the Coronet Sovereign as the Principality’s Archery Champion.
- C. The Archery Champion of Cynagua is responsible for holding a tournament and determining the format of the year’s competition (in consultation with Their Highnesses and the Minister of the Bow) to determine his or her successor.
- D. The Tournament may be open to all comers; however, only those competitors who have resided within the Principality at least thirty days prior to the Archery Tournament may compete for the title of the Archery Champion of Cynagua.
- E. The victor of this tournament will be awarded the title at Winter Investiture and will be retained for one year.
- F. The Archery Champion of Cynagua may not succeed him/herself.
- G. The regalia for the Champion shall be a ceremonial cloak, quiver and a baldric; at the end of the Cynaguan Archery Champion’s year of service, the regalia possessed by the champion will be relinquished at Winter Investiture and the Coronet will bestow this same regalia to the succeeding Archery Champion.

Section 8 – The Cynaguan Guard

The Cynaguan Guard is an honor offered to unbelted fighters selected solely at the discretion of the Coronet. Members of the Cynaguan Guard are given to wear a black leather baldric on which the Coronet of Cynagua’s Arms are displayed. The Coronet may appoint a Knight Counselor to the Cynaguan Guard to assist the Guard in pursuing both prowess and chivalric virtue.

Section 9 – The Cynaguan Artisan

The Cynaguan Artisan is an honor offered to those individuals who are not members of the Order of the Laurel who are pursuing the Arts and Sciences; these Cynaguan Artisans are selected solely at the discretion of the Coronet. Cynaguan Artisans are bestowed a favor designating the honor bestowed upon them. The Coronet may appoint a Laurel Counselor to assist the Cynaguan Artisans in pursuing their Arts and Sciences.

Section 10 – The Standard Bearer of Cynagua

Their Highnesses may honor a fighter residing within the Principality by naming that person as the Principality Standard Bearer for that Reign.

Section 10.1

Those so honored may be awarded a token of a banner, suspended from a ribbon of black and yellow.

ARTICLE VI: COUNCILS, COURTS AND GUILDS

Section 1 – Council of the Purse

There shall be a Council of the Purse consisting of the Coronet, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Seneschal to determine matters of finance and the distribution of funds. Three of the four members of the Council must agree in order to reach a decision.

Section 2 – Kingdom Status Advisory

The Peers of the Principality will act to advise the Coronet as to the Principality's readiness to advance to Kingdom status, based on information provided by the officers of the Principality.

Section 2.1

The final decision to petition the Board of Directors for Kingdom status shall be made solely by the Coronet acting on the advice of the Officers and Peers of the Principality.

Section 3 – Principality Guilds

To encourage the growth of the Arts and Sciences, Guilds may be established by the Coronet, choosing a person of considerable skill to be recognized as a source of information on a particular Art or Science, and charged with the responsibility to, within his/her means, conduct classes in said Art or Science and otherwise disseminate his/her skill to the populace. New Members shall be elected by the Prince and Princess until such time as the guild has three members, then the three guild members shall set the criteria for further election of journeymen within the Guild.

Section 4 – Regalia Commission

Commission of Regalia is comprised of the Coronet, the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the Seneschal, the Exchequer, the Keeper of the Regalia and two Cynaguan Royal Peers as appointed by the Coronet. The Commission's duties include being responsible for the maintenance, retirement and acquisition of regalia. The Council of the Purse (the Coronet counted as two votes, the Seneschal and the Exchequer) shall serve as the voting members of the Commission while the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the Keeper of the Regalia and the appointed two Cynaguan Royal Peers will serve in an advisory capacity. All items of regalia are considered the property of the Principality of Cynagua and may be disposed of only with the approval of the Commission. Approval for the acquisition, maintenance or retirement of new regalia shall require only a simple majority vote of the Commission. Any article of regalia given to the Coronet without prior or subsequent approval during the current reign by this Commission will be deemed a personal gift.

Section 4.1

The Coronet will appoint a total of two Cynaguan Royal Peers (i.e. prior princes and princesses of Cynagua) to serve in an advisory capacity on the Regalia Commission at July Investiture prior to stepping down. Each of these two Cynaguan Royal Peers will serve a two year term. These terms shall be staggered so that they do not end in the same year. At the end of the two year term, the reigning Coronet may re-appoint them for an additional two year term or replace them at the Coronet's pleasure.

Section 4.2

The Keeper of Regalia shall conduct an inventory of all regalia immediately prior to its transfer from the Coronet (or Their representative) to the Lord and Lady of the Swan (or Their representative). The Lord and Lady of the Swan will accept custody of regalia placed in Their care by signature receipt of the inventory. The Keeper of Regalia shall make a timely written report to the Regalia Commission at the conclusion of the transfer process. Note: some regalia may not be transferred until the Investiture of the new Prince and Princess, but the majority of the regalia and the trailer should be transferred at an event or other meeting place convenient to the incoming and outgoing Royalty prior to Investiture, so a complete inventory may require the presence of the Regalia Minister at both times.

Section 4.3

The Seneschal, Exchequer and Keeper of Regalia shall determine if damage done to the regalia is due to normal wear and tear or if the Coronet should be financially responsible for the damage to regalia entrusted to the Coronet, i.e. the actual cost of the repairs. If regalia entrusted to the Coronet's care has been lost, the Coronet shall be financially responsible for the replacement value of the lost regalia.

ARTICLE VII: SUCCESSION

Section 1 – Failure to be Invested

Should the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Investiture, all steps that are necessary shall be taken by them, the Coronet, and the Crown, to invest them as Prince and Princess. Said investitures shall be conducted at an official SCA event and within the Principality.

Section 2 - Intent not to Reign

Section 2.1

Should either or both the Lord and Lady of the Swan intend not to reign, and sufficient evidence of said intent not to reign be presented to the Coronet, a Curia Regis shall be called to investigate and consider the matter. Notice of the meeting of the Curia Regis shall be given to the Lord and Lady of the Swan, in writing, except when there are less than one hundred twenty (120) hours/five (5) days before the Investiture Ceremony.

Section 2.2

Should the decision in the Curia Regis be that the Lord and Lady of the Swan do intend to reign, the Coronet shall take such steps as are necessary that the Lord and Lady of the Swan shall be invested.

Section 2.3

Should the finding of the Curia Regis be that the Lord and Lady of the Swan do not intend to reign the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan shall be instructed to attend the Investiture Festival as scheduled, or else to abdicate. Said instructions shall be in writing if there have been more than 96 hours/4 days notice of the decision of the Curia Regis before the Investiture Ceremony.

Section 2.4

Should the Coronet victor elect to abdicate, either directly or through his or her failure to respond to the Coronet's instructions that he/she attend, or his/her failure to attend the Investiture Ceremony without notice, except under Section 1.1, a Coronet List shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture. This list shall be limited to fighters who competed in the previous Coronet List, except for the victor of the previous Coronet List, who shall be barred. The Victor of the new list and his/her consort shall be invested immediately.

Section 3 – Failure to Complete the Reign

Section 3.1

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

Section 3.2

Should both Their Highnesses, for any reason whatsoever, be unable to complete Their reign, the Coronet shall pass to the Crown of the West, until another Coronet Tourney is able to be scheduled. Said list shall be held at an official SCA event within the Principality. The winner of this list will be invested immediately.

Section 3.3

Should either the Prince or Princess be unable to attend the Coronet list where Their successor is decided, through no fault of Their own, then the Prince or Princess who was able to attend shall perform all necessary acts (see Section 3.1).

Section 3.4

Should both Their Highnesses be unable to attend the Coronet list where Their successor is decided, through no fault of Their own, then the Crown shall complete all necessary acts. If the Crown is unable to do so, then a committee shall be formed to perform all acts necessary. This committee shall consist of the following Principality Officers: Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer.

Section 3.5

If both the Coronets are unable to attend the Investiture of Their successors, then the Crown shall complete the Investiture (see Section 3.2). If both the Coronet and the Crown are unable to attend the Investiture, then the Investiture shall occur at the first possible SCA event held within the Principality.

Section 4 - Abdication

Section 4.1

In the event of an abdication by the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, a written Declaration of Abdication shall be submitted to the Coronet and the Seneschal of the Principality. Should it be the opinion of the Seneschal or the Coronets that the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, by reason of injury or death, are unable to make such a written Declaration of Abdication, the declaration will be made by the Coronet of Cynagua.

Section 4.2

In the event of an abdication by the Prince and/or Princess, a written Declaration of Abdication shall be submitted to the Crown of the West, and to the Seneschal of the Principality. Should it be the opinion of the Seneschal or the Crown that the Coronet, by reason of injury or death, are unable to make such a written Declaration of Abdication, the declaration will be made by the Crown of the West.



Laws of the Principality of Oertha

Current as of July A.S. LI

As proclaimed by Kylson and Anne in March A.S. XIX, and amended by Eric and Erlyn in July A.S. XXI, Nickolai and Annora in July-January A.S. XXII, Brendan and Aryana in A.S. XXIV, Phelan and Vanora in A.S. XXV, Brendan and Aryana in A.S. XXVII, Morbran and Margarita in January-July A.S. XXVII, Georg and Katarzina in July-January A.S. XXVII, Gregor and Alicianne in July-January A.S. XXX, Morban and Margarita in A.S. XXX, Gregor and Alicianne in July-January A.S. XXXI, Georg and Katarzina in January-July A.S. XXXII, Fergus and Margarita in July - January A.S. XXXVII, Cyrus and Caitriona in January-July A.S. XLI., Dietrich and Bianca July - January A.S. XLII, Fathir and Etain January XLIII - August, XLIV, Rurik and Trava July XLVI - January XLVI, Rurik and Trava in December XLVII, Gregor and Isabella July XLIX - January XLIX, Shawn and Arabella, January XLIX - July L, Duncan and Violet July L-January L, and Shawn and Arabella January L - July LI .

ARTICLE I: Law and the Word of the Coronet of Oertha

Section 1

The Word of the Coronet is Law, subject only to the Word of the Crown and the order of precedence established in the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc.

Section 2

Any proclamation of the Coronet becomes the Law of the Principality from the moment it is spoken by the Coronet at court, subject only to the Word of the Crown and the order of precedence established in the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc.

Section 3

Until a proclamation of the Coronet has been printed in the Kingdom newsletter, no subject of the Coronet shall be considered to be breaking the law if acting, through ignorance, contrary to that proclamation.

Section 4

Only those proclamations of the Coronet approved by the Crown and published in the official kingdom newsletter shall become permanent amendments to Principality Law. All other proclamations are understood to be in effect only for the duration of the Coronet's reign, and shall lapse with the investiture of a successor.

Section 5

The laws of the Principality of Oertha shall be published once a year in the official Principality newsletters. The Seneschal shall be responsible for providing the Chronicler with the current laws.

Section 6

If any officer of the Principality of Oertha receives instruction, directions, or orders, save only routine administrative directives, from anyone not having the authority by these laws to give such, that officer shall take no action without attempting to consult the Coronet as to its pleasure in the matter.

ARTICLE II: The Process of Achieving the Coronet, and the Rights of Fealty Between The Coronet and The Populace

Section 1

The Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall attain their Coronets in the following manner:

Section 1.1

The Princely Sovereign shall have won by combat the list at a duly authorized Coronet Tournament. The Princely Consort shall have been the inspiration of the Princely Sovereign at that tourney.

Section 1.2

Upon Investiture, the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort-elect shall swear their fealty to the people of the Principality of Oertha, and to uphold the laws of the Principality of Oertha and the laws of the Kingdom of the West, and that oath shall be given to the reigning Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort, or their representatives and be witnessed by the Principality Seneschal, Principality Herald, or their representatives, and the Principality Marshal or such members of the marshallate and Chivalry of the West as have witnessed the Coronet lists and will bear witness to the validity of the claims of the tournament winner and consort.

Section 2

It shall be the right of the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort of Oertha to present the following awards:

Section 2.1 Armigerous Awards

Any such armigerous awards as may be approved by the Crown of the West.

Section 2.2 The Companions of the Diamond Willow

The Companions of the Diamond Willow to any of Their subjects who have performed outstanding service to the Principality. The token for this award shall be a diamond willow pendant hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 2.3 The Order of the Snowy Owl

The Order of the Snowy Owl to any of Their subjects who have notably enriched the Principality in the fields of Arts and Sciences. The token for this award shall be a blue glass bead etched with a feather, or a snowy owl in flight, hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 2.4 The Oerthan Order of Grace

The Oerthan Order of Grace to any of Their subjects who display commendably courteous or chivalrous behavior. The token for this award shall be a silver snowflake pendant hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 2.5 The Princess' Riband

The Princess' Riband to any of Her subjects whose talents and unstinting service have uniquely enriched the Princess' reign. The Riband holds no precedence and may be given to the same person as many times as various princesses deem he or she is worthy. The token for this award shall be uniquely determined by the Princess bestowing it.

Section 2.6 The Order of the Oerthan Sword

The Order of the Oerthan Sword for martial prowess and chivalrous behavior on and off the field. This award is presented from the hand of the Princess, usually upon the consideration of candidates proposed by the Knights Council. The token for this order shall be a belt sword ring made of blue leather and metal.

Section 2.7 The Order of the Raven's Heart

The Order of the Raven's Heart to their younger subjects (under 17 years of age) for exceptional contributions to the Principality. The token for this order shall be a heart within a circle, both made of hematite. This award may be given to the same person as many times as various Coronets deem he or she is worthy.

Section 2.8 The Order of the Polaris

The Order of the Polaris to Their subjects who foster tradition and teach the customs and ways of the Society to the populace. The token of this award shall be a sphere of interlocking pearls suspended on a blue silk ribbon.

Section 2.9 The Order of the Silver Ulu

The Order of the Silver Ulu for notable achievements in the practice and research of the culinary arts. The token for this award shall be a silver ulu pendant hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 2.10 The Order of the Bards of Oertha

The Coronet may elevate any of Their subjects to the Order of the Bards of Oertha, who have notably enriched the Principality in the bardic arts. The Coronet may decide to present this recognition directly, or may determine the individual to be awarded through a contest. The token of this award shall be a golden harp pendant hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 2.11 The Order of the Argent Stylus

The Order of the Argent Stylus is given to Their subjects who have made notable achievements in the art and service of scribing.

Section 2.12 Order of the Glove

The Order of the Glove to Their subjects who have displayed chivalry and prowess on the rapier field and possess the qualities of a courtier. The token for this award shall be a blue leather glove decorated with the white Oerthan wolf.

Section 2.13 The Ursa Minor

The Ursa Minor may be given upon successful completion of the Oertha Page School program, in recognition of the service and knowledge gained through the program. The Page School officer shall maintain the program, and will advise the Coronet of participants who, through service and learning, have shown maturity in the customs of the Society and Principality. The token for this award shall be a bear charm, hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 2.14 The Argent Flame

The Argent Flame is given to those who show true Oerthan hospitality to strangers and friends to our fair Principality. Who through their generosity and charity provide for the needs of newcomers and members alike. The token is a silver flame formed into a pendant.

Section 2.15 The Order of Orion

Given for achievement/excellence in the field of Archery. The token for this award may be an Arrowhead Or for fostering Archery; an Arrowhead Argent for Target Archery; or an Arrowhead Azure for Combat Archery.

Section 2.16 The Ursa Major

Their Highnesses may bestow the Ursa Major on any of Their subjects whose outstanding efforts and unstinting service have positively guided the Treasures of Oertha. The token for this award is a Bear Sow with cub suspended on a cord of Principality colors.

Section 2.17 The Coronet's Favor

Given to recognize those who contribute to the well-being of the Coronet. The token of this award shall be determined by the Coronet.

Section 2.18 The Order of the Sandhill Crane

Presented for notable achievements in enhancing the pageantry and richness of these Current Middle Ages, primarily through the use of heraldry, whether it be display, oral, or written. The token of this award shall consist of a white crane.

Section 2.19 The Order of the Wandering Wolves

Presented to those individuals departing, or have departed Oertha, who have considerably enriched the Principality. The token for this award is an argent wolf passant, head erect.

Section 2.20 The Shield of Chivalry

Presented by the Consort during His/Her final court to the fighter who has displayed outstanding chivalry both on and off the field, during the Coronet tournament. The recipient of the shield will carry and maintain it until the next Coronet list, at which time it will be returned to the Consort. The token of this honor is a shield decorated as the Consort sees fit.

Section 2.21 Order of the Lumen Borealis

Membership in the Order of the Lumen Borealis shall be offered by the Coronet to the winner of the annual Principality Arts and Sciences competition.

Section 3

In recognition of the fact that fealty is a reciprocal oath, and that the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort are considered by the Coronet oath to be Liege Lord and Lady to each and every subject of Oertha; the following shall be the rights of every subject of Oertha as granted by the Coronet and law:

Section 3.1 The Right of Complaint to the Coronet

It shall be the right of every subject of Oertha to address grievances directly to the Coronet.

Section 3.2 The Right to Sport Combat

It shall be the privilege of the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort, should He or She either choose, to take the field of honor to sport in combat, at pleasure in His or Her own name and honor, subject to only that He or She does not enter the Coronet List to succeed Himself or Herself, and subject to the normal rules of the List of the West Kingdom. Striking the Prince or Princess Coronet Sovereign or Consort in this sport shall in no way be conceived of as treasonous to their Person. Should the combatant choose, he or she may request, in courtesy to the Coronet, that the Prince or Princess Coronet Sovereign or Consort acknowledge a “killing” blow verbally rather than, as is customary, allowing them to fall to the ground but failure to make the request shall not be construed as disrespect to the Person or Title of Prince or Princess.

Section 4 - Curia Princes

Section 4.1

It shall be the right and privilege of the Coronet to convene and hold a Curia Princes for the purpose of hearing counsel, discussing, or making pronouncements on any issue of concern to the Principality of Oertha.

Section 4.2

The Curia Princes shall consist of the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort who convene the court and preside over it, any Ministers as may be concerned with the subject of the court, and other persons as the Coronet may desire to include in a particular meeting of the court.

Section 4.3

Any subject of the Coronet of Oertha may attend the sessions of this court and may petition the Coronet upon matters relevant and appropriate.

Section 4.4

Decisions of the court shall be made by the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort after hearing the advice of the Ministers and the populace present. All decisions of the court must be printed in the next newsletter to be considered official.

Section 4.5

When the Coronet has declared a Principality investigation complete and the decision final, no officer may reopen the investigation or overrule the decision, save at the direction of the Crown of the West or the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Section 4.6

Notice of a Curia Princes must be printed in the Guardian before the meeting, with an agenda of topics to be considered and the time and location of the court.

Section 4.7

The business of the Principality of Oertha is not secret from the subjects of the Coronet.

Section 5

Should the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort for any reason whatsoever be unable to complete their reign, a Regency Council composed of the Principality Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer shall be created. The Council shall act in all ways as the Coronet subject to the following limitations:

Section 5.1

All actions of the Council must be taken under unanimous agreement of its members.

Section 5.2

The Council shall have the power to change the laws of the Principality only to the extent required to correct any contradictions between the laws of the Principality, and the Kingdom laws, the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc., or mundane law.

Section 5.3

Any changes enacted by a Regency Council must be publicly confirmed by the next Prince and Princess Sovereign and Consort of Oertha or they shall be automatically rescinded.

Section 5.4

A Regency Council shall have no power to grant awards.

Section 5.5

The reign of the Council shall cease upon the investiture of a Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort who have been selected via the usual manner as prescribed in these Laws.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Guilds

Section 1

The Greater Officers of the Principality of Oertha are the Seneschal, the Stellanordica Herald, the Knight Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable. Lesser Officers of the Principality need not swear direct fealty during the Coronet Investiture, and include the Chatelaine, the Clerk of Regalia, the Rapier Marshal, the Archery Marshal, the Minister of Lists, and the Stellanordica Scribe.

Section 2

These officers shall have the same duties within the Principality as do their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West.

Section 2.1

Each greater officer shall swear fealty to the Coronet of Oertha at each Investiture. If it is impossible for an officer to attend the event a written oath of Fealty should be sent to the Principality Herald or with their deputy to be read at Investiture.

Section 2.2

Each officer of the Principality is responsible for encouraging and assisting their subordinate officers in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the Principality. As part of this responsibility, each officer shall maintain regular communications with their subordinates.

Section 2.3

With sufficient evidence that an officer is not fulfilling the duties of that office, the Coronet may petition their Kingdom officer for removal and replacement.

Section 3

The officers of the Principality shall inform the Prince and Princess Coronet of the state of the Principality in writing at Investiture. Failure to do so may result in removal from office at the Coronet's discretion, subject to Article III, Section 2.3.

Section 4

Each officer will appoint one deputy capable of assuming the office at anytime. This deputy need not be the replacement in cases where a replacement for the officer is needed. Each officer may appoint deputies to serve specific functions of the office.

Section 5

Each officer shall submit a roster of local officers and Principality deputies at least a month before each Kingdom Coronation to the Coronet for signature.

Section 6

There shall be an Exchequer's Council consisting of the Prince and Princess Coronet Sovereign and Consort, the Seneschal, and the Exchequer. All expenditures shall have approval of the Council.

Section 7

Only guilds recognized by the Coronet may hold contests at Principality events. All others are subject to Section 8.

Section 7.1

A guild shall become an official Oerthan guild upon submitting a charter and a minimum of six signatures, of which at least one shall be from each geographic area. New groups will be placed in the appropriate area for guild determination. A guild shall remain official and active by submitting a minimum of six signatures, of which at least one must be from each area, on a dated roster to the incoming Prince and Princess at Their Investiture. One half of the active guilds in Oertha shall report at Summer Coronet, and the other half shall report at Winter Coronet. Guilds shall maintain a contact with the Seneschal, who shall determine which guilds submit a roster at which Investiture. Failure to submit a roster could result in the guild losing official status. It is the right of the Coronet to accept or deny a guild's petition of official or continuing status.

Section 8

The Principality arts and sciences competitions will be administered by the Minister of Arts and Sciences. All other contests at Coronet Tournaments and Investitures will be held at the discretion of the Autocrat.

Section 8.1

The Minister of Arts and Sciences will be responsible for scheduling a series of six (6) competitions over the course of the Principality annual event calendar to determine the individual with the foremost skill in the medieval Arts and Sciences. Starting with Summer Coronet and Investiture, one competition will be scheduled each Coronet and one at each of four events within the Principality. Each competition will draw from one of six categories (Textile Arts, Domestic Arts and Sciences, Technological Sciences, Studio Arts, Performing Arts and Research) so that by the end of the Championship each category will have been represented. The competitions shall be chosen by the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The list of competitions and competition schedule will be announced at Summer Coronet and Investiture. Announcement of the next categories shall be made at the closing court, or during the announcement of the winner of the Annual Principality Arts and Science Competition, whichever occurs last.

To be eligible for the Championship, a competitor must enter a minimum of four (4) of the six (6) competitions. The competitor with the highest total of four scores will be named Champion. Individual competitions will be open to all; however, the Champion must reside with the Principality. The winner will be awarded a Lumen Borealis at the Summer Coronet and Investiture following the last competition, and styled the Oerthan Champion of Arts and Sciences.

Section 9

The Coronet of Oertha shall be notified in writing about all gifts to Principality Regalia before it is made or presented. All gifts given without prior notice shall be returned to the donor at which time the donor can clarify whether the gift is regalia or a personal gift.

Section 10

All monies collected through auctions, shilling, donation, etc. that are “ear-marked” for Oerthan coffers shall be turned in to the Oerthan Exchequer within thirty (30) days of the event at which they are collected.

Section 11

There shall be a Commission of Regalia. The Commission shall consist of the Prince and Princess, the Seneschal, the Stellanordica Herald, the Exchequer, and the Clerk of Regalia or their designated representatives.

Section 11.1

The duties of the Clerk of Regalia shall include the following: The Clerk shall maintain an inventory listing of all Principality regalia including the declared value of each item and the name of the individual in possession of each item. The Clerk shall store items of regalia that are retired or used only for special purposes, communicate to the Principality Chancellor of the Exchequer the inventory information for financial reporting purposes, and make efforts that the Principality Commission of Regalia meet at least once during each Coronet reign. Upon the Investiture of a new Prince and Princess of Oertha, the Clerk shall conduct an inventory of all items of regalia prior to its transfer to the incoming Coronet, and afterwards shall make a written report to the Commission of Regalia and both incoming and outgoing Coronets.

Section 11.2

The duties of the Commission of Regalia shall include the following: The Commission shall advise the Coronet on the merit and value of Principality regalia and approve the specific acquisition, retirement or disposal thereof. At least once during each Coronet reign, the Commission shall meet and examine the regalia inventory report prepared by the Clerk of Regalia. The Commission shall determine if the outgoing Coronet or other individuals will be held financially responsible for loss or damage of regalia entrusted to their care. The incoming Sovereign and Consort will accept custody of regalia to be placed in Their care by signature receipt of the completed inventory, as acknowledgement of their financial responsibility for the care and custody of Principality property. A copy of the inventory shall be kept by each member of the Commission.

Section 12

All items of regalia are the property of the Principality and may be disposed of only with the approval of the Commission of Regalia. If the item has sufficient value to be declared in the Principality’s annual financial report, then the approval of the Principality Exchequer Council shall also be obtained before disposal. Principality regalia shall be considered not only those items commonly used by the Coronet, but also items in the possession of Principality officers which are of substantial monetary, historical or ceremonial value.

ARTICLE IV: Succession, Tournaments, and Conduct of Combat

Section 1

Section 1.1

The fighter who achieves victory in the Coronet lists shall be invested as Prince or Princess, as the case may be. His/Her consort shall be invested as Prince or Princess Consort (See Article II).

Section 1.2

The fighter who placed second in the Coronet Lists shall, at the same event, be invested as the Lord or Lady Guardian. This title shall ordinarily hold no essential rights or privileges. Their Highnesses shall expect the Guardian and his/her consort to observe the procedures and bearing of the Coronet, so that they might be conversant in its ways should they, one day, be Prince and Princess in their own right.

Section 2

Section 2.1

No fighter or consort may succeed themselves.

Section 2.2

Should the Sovereign- and Consort-elect not intend to reign, and sufficient evidence of their failure be presented to the Coronet, or should they be unable to reign due to circumstance, the couple who placed second in the Coronet Lists shall be invested as Prince and Princess in their place.

Section 2.3

If during the reign the Consort is unable or unwilling to continue the reign, the position shall remain vacant for the remainder of the reign.

Section 2.4

Should the Sovereign become unable or unwilling to complete his or her reign, the Consort shall act as Regent and retain all the power of the Coronet.

Section 2.5

Should the Sovereign be unable to attend the Investiture of his/her successor, the Consort shall act as Regent.

Section 3

There shall be two Coronet Tournaments a year, held approximately the third weekends in January and July. The Coronet Investitures shall be held within thirty hours of the tournament. The responsibility for selecting the dates for the Coronet Tourneys and Investitures shall rest with the Seneschal. Dates will be announced at the first of each year. The locations will be rotated throughout the regions, with any group eligible to place bids.

Section 3.1

Coronet Tournaments locations shall be selected using the priority bid system described in Sections 3.2 and 3.3.

Section 3.2

Branches wishing to host a Coronet event must submit a written bid to the Coronet, Exchequer, and Seneschal. This bid must provide the specifics of autocrat, date, location, and accommodations for the List and Investiture. Final bid approval will be verified by the Coronet who will be reigning during the event.

The following points will be considered with regard to bids:

- A) Any group within the Principality that meets Society, Kingdom and Principality Law for hosting a fighting event may place a bid.
- B) Bids, once accepted, can only be changed by agreement of the Coronet, the Seneschal, the hosting branch, and the autocrat except as may be necessary to meet Society, Kingdom, or previously existing Principality law.
- C) In consideration of the possible remoteness of some branches, the Coronet or Seneschal may request the bid to provide reasonable evidence that enough authorized fighters can be expected to attend so that the minimum List requirements set forward in Society, Kingdom, and Principality Law can be met.
- D) In the unlikely case that no qualifying bid is received, the Coronet and the Seneschal shall select

either the largest branch in the Principality or the branch that has not hosted a Coronet event in the longest time and request that group to prepare an event that meets at least the minimum requirements set forward in Law.

If no acceptable bid can be developed, the Coronet shall direct the Seneschal to autocrat the Event and the Principality Officers shall complete the Autocrat Team.

Section 3.3

A branch that has not held a Coronet event in as many times as there are eligible branches may submit a bid that asserts priority. In the case of multiple priority bids, the branch that has not held a Coronet event in the longest time shall receive higher priority. A priority bid that meets the standards set forth in these Laws shall be strongly considered in preference to any other bid. The final decision for the winning bid will rest with the Seneschal.

The following points will be considered with regard to bids:

- A) Baronies and Shires are eligible for priority ranking. Other branches may receive priority ranking only by bidding through the nearest barony or shire.
- B) For a bid to receive priority consideration, it must be submitted no later than one week prior to the Coronet event preceding the event for which the bid is written (6 months and one week before the event).
- C) For purposes of priority, new groups shall be counted as if they held the Coronet event immediately prior to their establishment. In the case that this creates a tie for priority, the event shall be awarded to the new group.

Section 3.4

The Principality Seneschal shall have primary responsibility for working with the hosting branch. The autocrat of the Coronet event shall be responsible to the Seneschal, who is in turn responsible to the Coronet in all matters involving the Coronet Tourney and Investiture. Any decision to replace the appointed autocrat will be made by the Seneschal after consultation with the Coronet.

Section 4

All authorized Oerthan fighters have the right to compete in the Coronet Lists of the Principality of Oertha unless they are in violation of the rules of the lists, the Bylaws and governing documents of the Society, or the laws of the Principality or Kingdom. All fighters must be acceptable to the Coronet of Oertha.

Section 4.1

By entering the Coronet Lists, a fighter declares his or her loyalty to the Coronet, the Principality Laws, the Populace of Oertha, and the Crown of the West.

Section 4.2

Fighters and consorts must have physically resided and participated on a regular basis in the Principality during the most recent reign. Regular participation shall be defined as attendance at three or more published activities, such as: fighter practices, local events, officer or guild meetings. Fighters and consorts must agree to reside in the Principality for the duration of their reign.

Section 4.3

Each fighter, by entering the Coronet Lists, declares that he or she will be able to attend his or her Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of his/her successor, for no one shall compete for the Coronet of Oertha without intending to reign, should he or she win. Each competitor entering the Coronet Lists shall fight for a prospective consort of the opposite sex unless the Coronet has elected to permit a competitor to fight for a prospective consort of the same sex. The competitor shall name the prospective consort as Consort Princess or Consort Prince should he or she win. This person shall be willing and able to attend his or her Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of his or her successor.

Section 4.4

The conduct of combat, rules of the lists, and the requirements for arms and armor shall be exactly as stated in the laws of the Kingdom of the West except that the Prince, Princess, and the Knight Marshal of the Principality shall act in the place of the King, Queen, and Earl Marshal where so stated. The final responsibility for the lists will rest with the Principality Marshal.

Section 5

The Coronet Lists shall have present representatives of the Principality Seneschal, Herald, and Marshal in addition to either Sovereign or Consort. Combat will not be held unless five fighters enter the list. Should any of these conditions not exist on the weekend appointed for the Coronet Lists, a Regency Council will be convened to reschedule the tournament at the first reasonable opportunity. The Council shall consist of the Prince and Princess, Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer and shall be subject to the limitations of Article II, Section 5.

ARTICLE V: Branches

Section 1

Elevation of any branch to the status of Barony or Province shall be in accord with the Laws of the West and the governing documents of the SCA, Inc. However, the petition for such status may be forwarded through the Coronet of Oertha and the Principality Seneschal to the Crown.

Section 2

A new branch below the level of Barony or Province may be founded within the Principality when such a proposed branch has at least five subscribing members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, at least three officers, including a Seneschal, and Exchequer and either a Herald, a Marshal, or a Minister of Arts and Sciences, and when such a proposed branch shall find favor with the Prince and Princess of Oertha, and be granted existence by the Crown of the West. If such a branch shall require proficiency in any office, most especially the marshallate (due to considerations of safety in combat), it may request that a deputy of that office be sought of the corresponding Principality officer who will give what aid and training may be practical until a branch member is qualified to receive appointment within that office.

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