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Definitions

<b>Board (BoD)</b>	Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
<b>Consort</b>	The member who was fought for in the Crown or Coronet Lists and was invested as royalty.
<b>The Coronet</b>	The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting jointly. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.
<b>Corpora</b>	The document defining those policies governing historical recreation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
<b>The Crier</b>	The official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir.
<b>The Crown</b>	The Sovereign and Consort of An Tir, acting jointly.
<b>Crown Principality</b>	A group of contiguous branches working toward Principality status.
<b>Curia</b>	A council of officers and Crown advisors meeting to assist in administering the Kingdom.
<b>Designated Adult</b>	A responsible adult of legal age 'designated' by the parents or court-appointed guardian to watch over their children.
<b>Event Steward</b>	The branch deputy seneschal assigned to a specific event and responsible for the administration and execution of that event.
<b>Member</b>	Paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
<b>Principality</b>	A geographical area of the Kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by armored combat.
<b>Proclamation</b>	A directive of the Crown or Coronet that shall have effect only during the reign of the proclaiming Royalty.
<b>Regent</b>	The person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown

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	is unable to reign.
<b>Region</b>	An administrative designation for a group of branches.
<b>Royal Heirs</b>	The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor's consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom) or Investiture (principality).
<b>Royalty</b>	The Sovereign, Consort, Crown Prince and Princess, Principality Princes and Princesses, and all Principality Heirs.
<b>SCA</b>	The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation.
<b>Society</b>	The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA).
<b>Sovereign</b>	The victor in the Crown Lists of An Tir who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen.
<b>Subject</b>	A non-Crown participant who resides within the borders of, and/or is considered to be a denizen of, the Kingdom of An Tir.

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## ARTICLE I THE LAW

### Article I.A The Word of the Crown

The word of the Crown is law. The Crown acknowledges, and is subject to, modern law, the governing documents of the Society, and the current written Laws of An Tir. The Crown shall be cognizant of the rights and privileges of its vassals and subjects by tradition, custom and usage.

### Article I.B Changes to Kingdom Law

All changes to these laws must be proclaimed at a legal Society event with complete copy published in *The Crier* or any publication that is recognized as some form of the official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir. If the law changes are printed in some other format other than a regular monthly issue of *The Crier*, a notification of the law changes and where they will be published must appear in next available edition of *The Crier* and on the Kingdom Website. No provision of law shall be in effect, nor shall any subjects be responsible for such provision, until such proclamation and publication have taken place. \*\*\*

### Article I.C Principality Law

- 1) Within any Principality of the Kingdom of An Tir, the word of the Coronet is Law subject to the same restrictions as Kingdom Law. Additionally, Principality Law is subject to Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown. The Coronet is subject to its current written Principality Laws. \*\*\*
- 2) Any changes to the Laws of a Principality must first be submitted to both the Crown of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed. They must then be proclaimed at a legal Society event and published in *The Crier* or any publication that is recognized as some form of the official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir. If the law changes are printed in some other format other than a regular monthly issue of *The Crier*, a notification of the law changes and where they will be published must appear in next available edition of *The Crier* and the appropriate Principality newsletter, before they are fully in effect. \*\*\*

### Article I.D Editions of the Law

This edition (May AS XLVII) is the current edition of *The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir*, and all earlier versions are repealed.

### Article I.E Publishing Schedule

A complete and current correct copy of the *Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir* will be published in full in a downloadable form on the Kingdom of An Tir website.

## **Article I.F Additional Handbooks**

The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in *the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir* and shall be treated as though they are part of Kingdom Law:

- 1) *The An Tir Book of Combat* (The ABCs), covering the conduct of combat and other martial art forms as well as applicable equipment standards
- 2) *The An Tir Book of Target*, covering conduct of all archery and thrown weapons activities and equipment standards.
- 3) *The An Tir Book of Fence*, covering conduct of all rapier/fencing activities and equipment standards.
- 4) *The An Tir Book of Horse*, covering the conduct of all equestrian activities and equipment standards.
- 5) *An Tir Financial Policy*, covering all financial matters.
- 6) *An Tir Kingdom Publication Policy*, covering all print and electronic publications.
- 7) *An Tir Calendar Policy*, covering all matters regarding the official Kingdom calendar.

## **ARTICLE II THE ROYALTY**

### **Article II.A Duties of the Royalty**

The duties, responsibilities, and privileges of the Crown are detailed in Corpora.

### **Article II.B Duties of the Royalty of An Tir**

The Crown shall use Their power to defend and protect An Tir and Their subjects. The Crown shall work to see that justice is done and that the glory that is An Tir is in no way diminished. The Crown agrees to allow personal access information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites, and assures that They may legally cross the U.S./Canadian international border for the duration of Their Reign.

### **Article II.C Succession, Abdication, and Failure to Reign**

#### 1) Crown Lists:

- a) The Crown Lists shall be fought at two Crown Tournaments per year as detailed in Article V.B.
- b) **All** authorized fighters of An Tir who are acceptable to the Crown have the right to compete in the Crown Lists of the Kingdom of An Tir, unless they are in violation of the rules of the Crown Lists, the governing documents of the Society or the laws of the Kingdom.
- c) **All** combatants and prospective consorts must be presented to the Crown. The final decision as to the acceptability of any otherwise-qualified participant in the Crown Tournament shall rest with the Sovereign.
- d) By entering into the Crown Lists, a combatant declares that the combatant has a prospective consort, who has agreed to reign with them should they win. During the invocation of the Crown Lists, all combatants and prospective consorts shall declare that they are loyal to the Crown, and will uphold the laws of, and respect the customs and traditions of the Kingdom. They shall further declare that, should they be victorious, They will attend Their Coronation, and shall preside over the activities of the following Crown Tournament, and the Coronation of Their successors, for no one shall compete for the Crown without intending to reign should they win. Entering in the Crown Lists also affirms that both the combatant and their prospective consort maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S./Canadian international border for the duration of Their reign, should they be victorious.
- e) Both the combatant and prospective consort shall be present at the Crown Tournament. Both the combatant and the prospective consort shall have been active subjects of An Tir for no less than one year prior to the Crown Tournament. The Sovereign may grant exceptions to these requirements, if requested in advance, and if the Sovereign is satisfied that all obligations will be met by the combatant and consort. No person may have more than one combatant fighting for him or her in a given Crown List, and no combatant may fight for more than one prospective consort.

- f) At each Crown Tournament the Kingdom Seneschal or a designated representative shall confirm the membership status of each combatant and prospective consort. Upon verification of memberships, the combatant's name may be entered in the Crown Lists. If a combatant is victorious in the Crown Lists, they shall provide proof that their membership will last through the end of their reign as Sovereign and Consort.
  - g) All combatants and prospective consorts entering the Crown Lists of An Tir must be a minimum 18 years of age.
  - h) Neither the Sovereign nor the Consort may fight or be fought for in the Crown Lists.
- 2) The Sovereign and Consort:
- a) Failure of either the Sovereign or Consort to attend a required Crown event constitutes a failure to reign of that person and shall be taken as an abdication of the Throne, unless the failure to attend was beyond the control of the Sovereign or Consort and They had intended to attend.
  - b) If both the Sovereign and Consort are significantly late in arriving at a Crown Event, the Champion of An Tir shall assume the duties of Regent and commence the activities of the event. When the Sovereign or Consort arrives, They shall immediately assume Their duties and the Regent shall resume the duties of the Champion of An Tir. If it is a Crown Tournament, the Regent shall supervise the Crown Tournament and invest the victor and the consort as Royal Heir and Consort. If it is a Coronation, the Regent shall invest the Royal Heir and Consort as Sovereign and Consort.
  - c) A letter from the Sovereign and/or Consort to the Kingdom Seneschal indicating intent to abdicate constitutes official abdication.
  - d) Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign, or elect to abdicate, the other shall assume the duties and privileges of both for the remainder of the reign.
- 1) The Royal Heir and Consort:
- e) Should the Royal Heir and Consort, 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 Crown. An announcement of the change will be made as soon as possible in The Crier.
  - f) If the Royal Heir and Consort elect to abdicate, or if the Crown Tournament is invalidated for any reason, a new Crown Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Coronation event. This tournament shall be limited to all fighters who meet the requirements to enter the Crown Lists and who competed in the previous Crown Tournament. The previous victor and their consort shall be barred from the tournament. The winner of this Crown Tournament and their consort shall be crowned at this event.
  - g) If the prospective Consort cannot assume the Crown for any reason, the prospective Sovereign shall choose a new Consort acceptable to the Crown. The new Consort must



meet the requirements set forth in Article II.C, regarding who may be fought for in the Crown Lists.

3) The Regent:

- a) In the event that both the Sovereign and Consort are unable to conclude Their reign or have abdicated, the Champion of An Tir shall serve as Regent.
- b) If the Champion of An Tir cannot carry out the Regent's duties, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call a meeting of the Noble Estate. As a body, they shall select the most suitable person of Ducal or County rank to serve as Regent.
- c) Duties:
  - i) The Regent shall not have the authority to alter *The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir* or to give awards.
  - ii) If the Crown has officially abdicated without Heirs, the Regent shall crown the victor and consort of the next Crown Tournament as Sovereign and Consort immediately.
  - iii) The Regent may not fight or be fought for in the Crown Lists.
  - iv) If the Crown officially abdicates after Their Heirs have been chosen, the Regent shall crown the Heirs at the next scheduled Coronation event.

**Article II.D Crown Finances**

- 1) The Crown and Heirs shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, copying, postage, electronic mail and telephone expenses incurred in preparation for and in conjunction with Their reign.
- 2) The Crown and Heirs shall be exempt from fees at all events they attend within the Kingdom.

**Article II.E The Principality Coronet**

- 1) The Coronet will render an oath of fealty for Their lands at each Coronation of the Sovereign and Consort of An Tir. This Oath may be delivered by letter, but must be renewed in person at the first opportunity.
- 2) The duties, responsibilities, and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora.
- 3) Succession of the Coronet shall be conducted under the appropriate sections of Principality Law.
- 4) The Coronet shall provide a report on the state of Their Principality to the Crown of An Tir at the Crown's Coronation. Copies shall be sent to Their Principality Heirs..
- 5) The Coronet and Heirs shall be exempt from fees at all events they attend within the Kingdom.

## **ARTICLE III      OFFICERS OF COURT AND STATE**

### **Article III.A Officer Responsibilities**

All Officers of Court and State shall:

- 1) Be paid members of the Society and have access to *the Crier* at their place of residence.
- 2) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3) Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.
- 4) Carry out additional duties as are appropriate to their office and/or as directed by the Crown.
- 5) Agree to allow personal access information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites.
- 6) Be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to attend required Crown events.
  - ⊖ Reasonable travel expenses are defined as mileage paid at the current rate authorized by the US IRS to and from an event for one vehicle.
- 7) Be exempt from site fees at all Crown events, and at Kingdom events if they are performing the duties of their office.

### **Article III.B Officers of Court**

- 1) Kingdom Champions are considered the Officers of the Royal Court.
  - a) Kingdom Champions are selected through competition, rather than by appointment.
  - b) All Kingdom Champions' terms of service shall be for a period of approximately one year until the next applicable Championship Tournament is held.
  - c) If a Kingdom Champion should become an Heir to the Crown or Coronet, that champion shall surrender the Championship, and in all cases the Crown shall choose a suitable replacement.
  - d) Kingdom Champions may not be Kingdom Great Officers. They may hold other offices and titles not in conflict with Kingdom Laws or their oaths of fealty. No individual may hold or participate in more than one Kingdom Championship at a time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a Kingdom Champion from competing in the tournament to select their successor.
  - e) Kingdom Champions shall be exempt from event fees at all Crown and Kingdom events.
- 2) All Kingdom Champions shall:

- a) Be in fealty to the Crown (or its acceptable alternative in accordance with Article VII.B.5).
  - b) Support the Crown in war, and take the field at the Crown's command.
  - c) Maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S. and Canadian international border for the duration of their term of service.
  - d) Attend all Crown events, unless receiving exemption from the Crown.
  - e) Speak or act in the Crown's name when delegated to do so.
  - f) Further the interests of their area of endeavor.
  - g) Have a place at the high table for the champion and an escort.
  - h) Stand armed near the Crown at all events.
  - i) Bear and display the regalia of their position.
- 3) Specific Descriptions of Kingdom Champions:
- a) The Champion of An Tir:
    - i) The tournament to choose the Champion of An Tir will be held the weekend of July Coronation and shall end with the installation of the new Champion of An Tir.
    - ii) The tournament format shall be acceptable to the Crown and to the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
    - iii) The Champion of An Tir shall:
      - (1) Maintain membership in the Society.
      - (2) Maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S. and Canadian international border for the duration of their term of service.
      - (3) Become Regent in accordance with Article II.C.3
      - (4) Act as Bearer of the Great Sword of State.
      - (5) Attend meetings of the Curia at Crown events.
  - b) The Kingdom Champion of Rapier Combat:
    - i) The tournament to choose the Champion of Rapier Combat will be held the weekend of Twelfth Night Coronation and shall end with the installation of the new Rapier Champion.
    - ii) The tournament format shall be acceptable to the Crown and the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat.

- c) The Kingdom Protector:
  - i) The tournament to choose the Kingdom Protector will be held the weekend of September Crown and shall end with the installation of the new Kingdom Protector.
  - ii) The tournament shall be acceptable to the Crown and the Royal Archer.
- d) The Arts & Sciences Champion:
  - i) The tournament to choose the Arts & Sciences Champion will be held on the first weekend of March and shall end with the installation of the new Arts & Sciences Champion.
  - ii) The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Arts & Sciences Minister.
- e) The Bardic Champion:
  - i) The tournament to choose the Bardic Champion will be held at the same event as the A&S championship, and shall end with the installation of the new Bardic Champion.
  - ii) The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Arts & Sciences Minister.
- f) The Equestrian Champion:
  - i) The tournament to choose the Equestrian Champion will be held during September Crown when possible, or as close to that date as feasible, and shall end with the installation of the new Equestrian Champion.
  - ii) The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Kingdom Equestrian Officer.

### **Article III.C Officers of State**

- 1) All Officers of State of An Tir are responsible for carrying out the laws and affairs of the Kingdom of An Tir.
- 2) All Officers of State shall:
  - a) Report on a regular schedule in accordance with Article III.D.
  - b) Provide copies of all reports to Corporate and Kingdom superiors to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.<sup>++</sup>
  - c) Not hold a branch office in more than one branch at a time, nor may a person hold a branch office and a Principality or Kingdom office at the same time. Exceptions may be granted by the Crown and the relevant Kingdom officer in writing on a case-by-case basis.

- d) Select and warrant a contingency deputy who meets the approval of the Crown within ninety (90) day of assuming office. The role of the contingency deputy is to administer the office if the Kingdom officer, for whatever reason, cannot continue in that role. A contingency deputy may not be a spouse/partner of the Kingdom officer. The contingency deputy is not presumed to be the next officer. They are encouraged to apply for the position if they would like to hold the office. All pertinent contact information shall be provided to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the officer's immediate superior.
  - e) Encourage and assist 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.
  - f) Have such deputies, assistants and subordinates, as are necessary to the functioning of their office.
  - g) Follow lawful direction from superiors.
    - 1) Directions may be not obeyed if they conflict with:
      - a) Written laws.
      - b) An order from the Crown (or if applicable, the Coronet).
    - 2) Such conflicts shall be reported immediately to the superior and, to the Crown (and if applicable, the Coronet).
  - h) Have the ability to create rules, regulations and policy relating to their specific office. Any such rules, regulations and policies are subject to the approval of and modification by their superior officer and/or the Crown.
- 3) Appointment and Removal:
- a) All officers, including administrative deputies not specifically named herein, serve at the pleasure of their immediate superior and the Crown.
  - b) All officers within the realm shall be appointed and warranted by means of a roster warrant which is signed by the Crown and the appropriate Kingdom or Society Officer.
  - c) Grounds for dismissal by the Crown and/or the officer's superior shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - 1) The officer has demonstrated a substantial failure to perform the duties of the office after having been given notice of the nature of the failed duties and having been given a reasonable opportunity to correct said failures.
    - 2) The effectiveness of the officer has been impaired to a substantial degree due to personal reasons or a breakdown in the officer's ability to deal with the Crown, the

officer's superior, the officer's deputies and subordinates or the populace with whom the officer must work.

- 3) The officer has willfully abused the office by using it to hinder or annoy others, or to advance some purpose inconsistent with the trust of that office.
- 4) The officer has performed the office at an unacceptably low level for an unacceptably long period of time.
- 5) The officer has demonstrated a continuing inability to work with the Crown.
- 6) The officer has demonstrated a failure to abide by Kingdom Law.

4) Kingdom Officers of State:

a) All Kingdom Officers of State shall:

- 1) Report to the Crown upon request, and provide copies of said reports to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- 2) Be reimbursed for reasonable office, postage, copying and electronic mail access expenses incurred in the performance of their office.

a) All expenses are subject to the limits of the officer's budget and/or approval of the Financial Committee.

3) The Great Officers of State in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be: Kingdom Seneschal, Black Lion Principal Herald, Earl Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kingdom Chronicler, Kingdom Chatelaine, and Kingdom Scribe. §

4) All Great Officers of State shall:

- a) Be appointed by the Crown with the concurrence of the corresponding Society officer, where one exists.
- b) Provide a written report on the state of their Offices to the Royal Heirs at least one month prior to each Coronation. A copy of this report shall be sent to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- c) Attend the four Crown events each year, and attend and report at Curia meetings.

(1) The Crown may grant permission to be absent in extraordinary circumstances. In such cases, a primary deputy must attend in the officer's stead.

- (2) Fees for the four Crown events shall be waived during an officer's term of service.
  - d) Not hold any other Society or Kingdom office, without express approval by the Crown.
  - e) Provide the contact information for their contingency deputy to *The Crier* for publication.
  - f) Be reimbursed for reasonable telephone expenses incurred in the performance of their offices.
  - g) Be responsible (themselves or their designated representative) for running their activities at Crown events.
- 5) The Lesser Officers of State in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be: Kingdom Webminister. Deputies of the Great Offices shall be listed under the Great office (Article III.C.4.c).
- b) Appointment, Removal and Terms of Office:
- 1) Warrants for terms of office for Kingdom Officers of State shall be for two years and the expected end-of-term date shall appear with the officer listing in *The Crier*.
    - a) At the end of each Kingdom Officer's term, applications for the position will be accepted from all willing candidates.
    - b) One term is the maximum allowed for Greater Officers of State.
      - (1) A maximum of two one-year term extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Crown.
      - (2) Two consecutive terms is the maximum allowed for Lesser Officers of State. An incumbent officer must reapply for the office if they wish to be considered for reappointment.
      - (3) Those who have served as Kingdom officers may apply for office again after at least one term out of office.
    - c) Notification of the opportunity to apply for a Kingdom Office must be published in *The Crier* at least three months in advance of the upcoming end-of-term for each Officer of State.
    - d) Applications for a Kingdom office shall be made in writing to the Crown, with copies provided to: The Royal Heirs (if applicable), the incumbent officer, the incumbent officer's Kingdom or Society superior, and the Kingdom Seneschal.
    - e) The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal shall review a new Kingdom Officer's performance in the office after the first six months.

c) Specific Duties of the Officers of State:

Here follow the descriptions of the Officers of State, in order of precedence. Lesser Officers (or Deputies) are listed as subsidiaries to the appropriate Greater Officer listing.

1) The Kingdom Seneschal:

a) The Kingdom Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Kingdom. The Kingdom Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within the Kingdom.

b) The Kingdom Seneschal shall:

(1) Assist the Crown in matters of Kingdom Law and Corpora; administer the local branches through local seneschals; receive copies of all reports to the Crown on the state of all other greater and lesser Offices of State, Principalities, and Baronies.

(2) Coordinate the formal recognition of new branches by the Crown; hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Curia and of branch seneschals.

(3) Be in regular communication with the Crown; be responsible for soliciting bids for all Crown events and have ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out Kingdom level events.

(4) Serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.

(5) Be an alternate signatory on all appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.

(6) Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal:

(1) The Kingdom Calendar shall:

(a) Maintain the Kingdom calendar of events.

(b) Ensure that all events advertised in Kingdom and Principality newsletters are official events as outlined in Corpora.

(c) Compile and maintain the Calendar Policy, which shall contain a current list of branch conflict areas.

(2) The New and Incipient Branches Deputy shall:

(a) Act as the chief administrative advisor to the Kingdom Seneschal regarding new branch applications.

(b) Maintain all files and correspondence records for incipient branches.

(c) Provide assistance and advice to the new and incipient branches.



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- (d) Monitor incipient branch progress and report their status regularly to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- (e) Advise incipient branches of an applicable full status decision after approval by the Kingdom Seneschal.

(3) The Waiver Secretary shall:

- (a) Ensure that all required waivers, rosters, and sign-in sheets for events are collected and safely stored in such a way as to be easily located as required.
- (b) Keep adult waivers on file for seven (7) years, and minor waivers for twenty-one (21) years.

(4) The Kingdom Events Deputy shall:

- (a) Serve as a resource for event-related administration and education.
- (b) Aid in the education of event stewards and seneschals in the policies and procedures of the Calendar.
- (c) Facilitate the process of event submissions.
- (d) Oversee Crown and Kingdom events, participating in the kingdom event proposal process and working with Crown and Kingdom Event Stewards to ensure that required paperwork is filed and that all laws and financials policies are being followed.
- (e) Maintain the An Tir Event Steward web site and moderate the event steward's email discussion list.

(5) The Family Activities Officer:

- (a) The Family Activities Officer is the chief officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of majority.
- (b) The Family Activities Officer shall:
  - a) Administer the Society Youth and Family Activities program.
  - b) Assist branches in developing activities specifically for children and their families.
  - c) Serve as an information officer for safety issues affecting children and teens at events.

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- d) Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children under eighteen and their families at Kingdom events.
  - e) Educate children under eighteen and their families on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and of the Society.
  - f) Promote the ideals of service and chivalry among the youth of An Tir.
- (6) Share information on Family Activities with interested persons
- (a) Deputies of the Family Activities Officer:
    - a) Deputies of the Family Activities Officer shall:
      - (a) Promote the welfare of all children at Society events.
      - (b) Educate children under the age of majority and their families on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and of the Society.
      - (c) Assist with the implementation of the Pages Program at events.
      - (d) Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children under eighteen and their families at local events.
      - (e) Share information on Family Activities with interested persons.
- (7) The Kingdom Media Officer shall [provide resources and education to those members of the populace interacting with the media]: \*
- (a) Maintain a working knowledge of Media Relations documents and notify local officers of changes.
  - (b) Act as liaison to organized news media on behalf of the Kingdom of An Tir at or regarding Kingdom-sponsored events and activities.
  - (c) Create and/or distribute press materials:
    - a. Disseminate Society-prepared press materials for kingdom use
    - b. Author and disseminate Kingdom-specific materials
    - c. Author and disseminate or approve event-specific materials, as needed.
- 2) The Black Lion Principal Herald:
- (1) The Black Lion Principal Herald is the chief heraldic officer of the Kingdom and the head of the An Tir College of Heralds.

(2) The Black Lion Herald shall:

- (1) Act as the Crown's chief advisor in all heraldic matters.
- (2) Act as the Voice of the Crown in coordination with the Royal Herald.
- (3) Facilitate the timely processing of registration of the arms, devices and badges of the populace.
- (4) Make and maintain the Order of Precedence and update the Awards Roster for An Tir.
- (5) Advise the Crown and populace on matters of ceremony and protocol.
- (6) Encourage the practice of heraldry within the Kingdom.
- (7) Be responsible for official announcements at Kingdom events.

3) The Earl Marshal:

a) The Earl Marshal is the chief martial officer of the Kingdom.

b) The Earl Marshal shall:

- (1) Represent the Crown in the Crown's absence, supervising the fighting on a field of honor.
- (2) Interpret and maintain the martial standards and regulations of the Kingdom.
- (3) Facilitate the education of the populace in combat with the aim of encouraging authentic, safe, fair and chivalric combat to the greatest extent possible.

c) Deputies of the Earl Marshal:

(1) The Armored Combat Marshal shall:

- (1) Encourage the development of period heavy weapons combat.
- (2) Maintain, publish and enforce:
  - (a) Rules for heavy weapons combat.
  - (b) Equipment and safety standards for period heavy weapons combat.

(2) The Royal Archer shall:

- (1) Encourage the development of period archery.
- (2) Maintain, publish, and enforce:

- (a) Rules for archery and period missile weapons.
  - (b) Equipment and safety standards for archery and period missile weapons.
- (3) The Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat shall:
- (1) Encourage the development of period rapier combat.
  - (2) Maintain, publish and enforce:
    - (a) Rules for rapier combat.
    - (b) Equipment and safety standards for period rapier combat.
- (4) The Warlord of An Tir will be appointed by the Crown of An Tir.
- (1) The Crown of An Tir will receive guidance and council from the Captains of all the armies in order to help the Crown make a decision of who Their Warlord will be. The Warlord should be an individual that these captains feel can lead An Tir's army and all of their troops.
  - (2) The Warlord's responsibilities will be:
    - (a) to create war scenarios and battle scenes in and around the Kingdom of An Tir.
    - (b) to assist and participate in the events "Art of War"
    - (c) to attend "An Tir West War"
    - (d) to be in contact with the various War Captains and War Households within An Tir.
    - (e) to remain in contact with the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
    - (f) expected to deal with or assist the Crown with attending general meetings at Wars with other Kingdoms that An Tir and/or the Crown will be attending and dealing with scenarios and treaties of wars.
  - (3) Other than "An Tir West War" the Warlord is not expected to attend any other wars outside of the Kingdom of An Tir but should, if possible, attend "Estrella War", "Gulf Wars" or "Pennsic" if possible and represent the Crown and/or the Kingdom Champion should the Crown or Kingdom Champion not be available at these events.
  - (4) The Warlord of An Tir will not serve a term longer than 2 years. At the Crowns discretion, the Warlord of An Tir can serve a second and final term of 2 additional years after a successful poll of confidence held by the

War Captains of An Tir. The confidence polling is simply a tool for the Crown to find if the War Captains of An Tir have confidence in the Warlord. The Crowns of An Tir as in all matters pertaining to An Tir have the final decision who will and will not be An Tir's Warlord.

(5) The Minister of the Lists shall:

- (1) Organize and coordinate Lists for the Crown Tournaments and Kingdom Martial Championships as directed by the Crown and the Earl Marshal.
- (2) Teach and assist other Ministers of the Lists in the execution of their duties.

(f) The Kingdom Equestrian Officer shall:

- (i) Encourage the research into and development of period animal activities including equestrian, canine and falconry.
- (ii) Maintain, publish and enforce rules governing the use of animals at events.
- (iii) Establish and maintain an authorization system for riders and equestrian marshals.

(g) The Youth Armored Combat deputy shall:

- (i) Pass a background check as administered by the Kingdom Seneschal's office;
- (ii) Encourage the Youth Combat Arts throughout the Kingdom;
- (iii) Establish and maintain an authorization system for youth combatants and marshals.

(h) The Martial Authorization Officer shall

- (i) Collect the authorization forms and related documents for all fighters and marshals, enter this information into the Authorization database, and coordinate with the Waiver Secretary to store the original forms (whether paper or electronic versions) for the required period of time.
- (ii) Provide information about authorized fighters and marshals to the Minister of the Lists and their deputies so that they can manage tournaments, and to other Kingdom officers who have need of this information for reports or other purposes
- (iii) Maintain the roster of Kingdom, Principality, and local branch marshal officers, and have this signed by the Crown twice a year.

- (iv) Consult with the Kingdom Martial Officers and other relevant individuals to insure that the combat manuals contain clear and enforceable explanations of the process to authorize fighters and marshals, and that the Kingdom has the necessary forms to carry out these tasks.

IV. The Minister of Arts and Sciences:

- (1) The Minister of Arts and Sciences is the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Kingdom.
- (2) The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:
  - (a) Encourage the research and development of historian accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies.
  - (b) Organize the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Tournament, with the assistance of the current Arts and Sciences Champion.
  - (c) Serve on the Royal Regalia Commission.
- (3) Deputies of the Minister of Arts and Sciences:
  - (a) The Guild and Company deputy shall:
    - (i) Administer Guilds and Companies throughout the kingdom
    - (ii) Report to the Minister of Arts & Sciences on a regular basis
  - (b) The Bardic Deputy shall:
    - (i) Administer the bardic arts throughout An Tir.
    - (ii) Organize the Kingdom Bardic Championship, with the assistance of the Kingdom Bardic Champion.
    - (iii) Maintain a registry of bards and other entertainers, serving as liaison between performers and those seeking them.

v) The Chancellor of the Exchequer:

- (1) The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Kingdom.
- (2) The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall:
  - (a) Maintain the Kingdom's financial records.
  - (b) Receive and verify the accuracy of reports from branch exchequers and other entities.

- (c) Compile and submit a doomsday report to the Society as dictated by Corpora.
- (d) Serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.
- (e) Advise the Crown on matters of finance.
- (f) Oversee the procedures of branch exchequers.
- (g) Provide counsel to anyone needing advice on financial matters relating to the Society.
- (h) Relate and enforce Kingdom and Society financial policy.

(3) Deputies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer:

(a) The Minister of Accounts shall:

- (i) Assist the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the preparation of reports.
- (ii) Coordinate reports from branches.
- (iii) Enforce the Kingdom Financial Policy.
- (iv) Act as the principal administrative and contingency deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- (v) Serve as alternate signatory on appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.

(b) The Royal Chamberlain shall:

- (i) Maintain and inventory the Royal Regalia. A completed inventory form shall be signed by the Royal Chamberlain, the Crown and the Royal Heirs at each Coronation event.
- (ii) Maintain insurance on regalia items.
- (iii) Maintain a secured storage facility for regalia not currently being used.
- (iv) Order and maintain a sufficient supply of medallions and other tokens given by the Crown.
- (v) Solicit bids for the repair or replacement of existing regalia items, or the creation of new ones.
- (vi) Serve on the Royal Regalia Commission.

vi) The Kingdom Chronicler:

- (1) The Kingdom Chronicler is the chief record keeper for the Kingdom, and is ultimately responsible for all official publications within the realm.

(2) The Kingdom Chronicler shall:

- (a) Maintain and oversee official communication through electronic media, such as web pages and e-mail.
- (b) Encourage the publication of the results of research by any subject of the Crown.
- (c) Keep the minutes at Curia meetings, and distribute minutes to Kingdom Officers and Royalty in a timely fashion.

(3) Deputies of the Kingdom Chronicler:

(a) The Grete Boke shall:

- (i) Maintain the history of An Tir and make this history available to the populace.

(b) *The Crier* Editor-In-Chief shall:

- (i) Accept submissions for, compile, collate, publish and distribute the Kingdom newsletter, within an acceptable time frame, and in accordance with Corpora.
- (ii) Publish official announcements of the Crown.
- (iii) Publish changes to Kingdom Law.
- (iv) Manage all Kingdom and Society newsletter stipends.

(c) The Kingdom Publications Deputy shall:

- (i) Maintain all official Kingdom documents both in print and online. Official Kingdom documents are defined as all documents originating from a Kingdom Officer in accordance with their office as specified in Article I.F.
- (ii) Coordinate with Kingdom Officers concerning official Kingdom documents and revisions to said documents originating from their office.
- (iii) Verify compliance to modern laws and Society Governing Documents for all official Kingdom documents.
- (iv) Produce printed editions for all documents as needed and/or required by Kingdom Law.
- (v) Keep *the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir* updated as directed by the Crown.
- (vi) Provide each Royal Heir and Consort with a current copy of *the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir* before Their Coronation.



vii) The Kingdom Webminister:

- (1) The Kingdom Webminister supervises all web-publishing activities of the kingdom, and is the editor or supervises the editor of the kingdom website, which is responsible for maintaining a professional public face to the world.
- (2) The Webminister shall:
  - (a) Ensure all local branch websites meet the standards set forth by the Society Webminister.

viii) The Kingdom Chatelaine:

- (1) The Kingdom Chatelaine is the chief welcome officer of the Kingdom.
- (2) The Kingdom Chatelaine shall:
  - (a) Introduce new and prospective members to appropriate branches and current members.
  - (b) Provide education on the conventions of the Current Middle Ages and the Kingdom.
  - (c) Encourage active participation and period behaviors.
  - (d) Coordinate with Gold Key, a deputy to the Chatelaine, to make period clothing accessible to new members.
  - (e) Represent the Society accurately and favorably.

xi) The Kingdom Scribe:

- (1) The Kingdom Scribe shall:
  - (a) Serve as the administrative head of the College of Scribes.
  - (b) Maintain the Great Seal of State and the Signet Rings of the Crown of An Tir, surrendering these items to the Crown in time of need and upon occasions of State.
  - (c) Maintain and administer the Backlog Scroll Roster for the Kingdom and coordinate with the scribes of An Tir to ensure the timely completion of the scrolls from the roster.
  - (d) Ensure, through coordination with Black Lion Principal Herald, the accuracy and suitability of original scrolls containing heraldry. (v) Ensure, in cooperation with the Royal Scribe, that all charters and scrolls for the reign they are serving are completed.

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- (e) Maintain a supply of impressions of the Great Seal and Signet, furnishing these to the Crown as needed.

(2) The Royal Scribe:

- (a) The Royal Scribe is appointed by the Crown, usually prior to Their Coronation.
- (b) The Royal Scribe shall organize the assembly of awards and production of award Charters and Scrolls for the reign. Duties include:
- (c) Coordinate with the Kingdom Scribe's office to maintain supplies for Charters, seals, and the scribal boxes.
- (d) Monitor award notification to the Order of Precedence and the Crier
- (e) Report to the Kingdom Scribe on the status and administration of Original Scrolls commissioned and/or completed for the reign in which they serve.

### **Article III.D Reporting**

- 1) The calendar year is divided into the following reporting quarters:
  - a) First Quarter = January, February, March.
  - b) Second Quarter = April, May, June.
  - c) Third Quarter = July, August, September.
  - d) Fourth Quarter = October, November, December.
- 2) All branch officers are to report on the previous quarter to their Principality superior or designated reporting deputy by the first of the following months: February, May, August and November.
  - a) If there is no Principality or designated reporting officer to report to, an officer must report directly to their Kingdom superior.
  - b) A copy of each report shall be provided to the branch seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness or Royal Patron of the branch.
  - c) A Kingdom Officer can require greater reporting frequency from any officer within their purview if the needs of the office dictate.
- 3) Principality officers and reporting deputies are to report on the previous quarter to their Kingdom superiors by the fifteenth of the following months: February, May, August, and November. In the case of Principality officers, copies must be sent to the Coronet and Principality Seneschal.
- 4) Deputies to Kingdom Great Officers report on the previous quarter to their corresponding Greater Officers by the first of the following months: February, May, August, and November.

## **ARTICLE IV PRECEDENCE, AWARDS AND ORDERS**

### **Article IV.A The Order of Precedence in the Kingdom of An Tir §**

- 1) Sovereign and Consort
- 2) Royal Heir and Consort
- 3) Principality Coronets
  - a) The Summits
  - b) Tir Righ
- 4) Heirs to Territorial Principalities.
  - a) The Summits
  - b) Tir Righ
- 5) The Champion of An Tir.
- 6) Other Kingdom Champions (in order of creation)
- 7) Holders of the Lion of An Tir
- 8) Dukes and Duchesses
- 9) Counts and Countesses
- 10) Viscounts and Viscountesses.
- 11) Territorial Barons and Baronesses
- 12) Members of the Orders of the Chivalry, Laurel and Pelican
- 13) Members of the Orders of the Jambe de Lion, Goutte de Sang, Gray Goose Shaft, White Scarf, Hasta Leonis, Lion et de la Lance, and Sable Gauntlet
- 14) Holders of a Grant of Arms
- 15) Former Founding and Landed Barons and Baronesses
- 16) Barons and Baronesses of the Court
- 17) Holders of an Award of Arms

### **Article IV.B Awards of Other Kingdoms**

- 1) The Kingdom of An Tir recognizes the Arms and Orders awarded by other Kingdoms of the Society
- 2) Armigers permanently moving to An Tir will be placed in the An Tir Order of Precedence by the College of Heraldry as though they had received the equivalent award in An Tir.

### **Article IV.C Awards and Orders of An Tir**

- 1) The power to bestow all awards flows from the Crown.
  - ⊖ Any subject may make recommendations to the Crown regarding any level of award.
  - ⊖ It is the duty of those with administrative responsibilities to bring forward the names of individuals deserving of recognition.
  - ⊖ No branch or other entity below Baronial level may bestow awards.
    - ⊖ Shires and other branch entities below Baronial level may give scrolls of praise and recognition and other tokens.
- 2) *The An Tir Handbook* contains the complete histories and descriptions of all the honors of the Kingdom.
- 3) Awards within Principalities:
  - ⊖ The Principality Coronets, with the permission of the Crown, may bestow Awards of Arms to subjects of Their Principality.
    - ⊖ The names of the Crown shall be incorporated into the text of the scroll or charter.
    - ⊖ The Coronet shall request permission at the commencement of each reign.
  - ⊖ The Principality Coronet shall create such awards as are needed for the recognition of the subjects of Their Principality.
  - ⊖ The Crown of An Tir grants the Principality Coronets the privilege of offering a Patent of Arms by recognizing the attainment of Viscounty rank by those who have met the requirements as outlined in Corpora.
- 4) Armigerous Awards:
  - ⊖ Armigerous awards bestow the recipient the right to bear arms.
    - ⊖ Armigerous awards determine ranking in the order of Precedence in the Kingdom of An Tir.
- 5) Letters Patent:

⊖) Royal Peers

The following shall be known as the Royal Peers of An Tir:

- ⊖) Those who have reigned as Sovereign or Consort one time may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank and title of Count or Countess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Crown.
- ⊖) Those who have reigned as Sovereign or Consort for a second (or greater) time may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank of Duke or Duchess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Crown.
  - (1) All those of Ducal rank (Duke or Duchess or their equivalents) may create for themselves a Ducal retinue (personal herald, guard, ladies in waiting, etc.), which will be recognized by the Crown and may hold Ducal Audiences or Courts. They may not grant any awards, but they may give tokens and scrolls of praise and recognition.
- ⊖) Those who have reigned as Coronet or Consort any number of times may be offered the right to bear arms by letters patent, with the rank and title of Viscount or Viscountess (or the equivalent). This awarding is customarily bestowed by the succeeding Coronet.

⊖) Non-royal Peers:

The award of membership in any of the Orders described in this section elevates the recipient to the Peerage and confers the right to bear arms by letters patent. Corpora has detailed criteria on the Peerages.

⊖) All Peers shall:

- ⊖) Be considered equal in rank and honor, within the auspices of their letters patent.
- ⊖) Be exemplars of chivalry and courtesy, and should be acquainted with a wide range of the arts and skills valued in the Society for Creative Anachronism.
- ⊖) Have the right and responsibility to advise the Crown and the Royal Heirs regarding selection of members for their respective orders.
- ⊖) No member of a Peerage may be excluded from a conclave convened for this purpose.
- ⊖) Membership in the Order of the Pelican may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have provided great and long-sustained service to the Kingdom at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.
- ⊖) Membership in the Order of the Laurel may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for the peerage and who have demonstrated great skill in one or more of

the arts and sciences at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.

A) Membership in the Order of Chivalry (Knighthood or Mastery-at Arms) may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for peerage and who have displayed skill at arms at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.

B) Prospective members accepted by the Crown may choose from the following:

(1) Knighthood, if they are willing to place themselves in fealty to the Crown of An Tir.

(2) Mastery-at-Arms, if they are not.

B) Membership in the Order of Defence may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for peerage and who have displayed skill at rapier or cut-and-thrust combat at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.◊

6) Other Armigerous Awards:

⊖ Membership in the following orders confers upon the member a Grant of Arms:

B) **Goutte de Sang** (Drop of Blood) may be offered to those especially deserving of honor for substantial service to the Kingdom.

⊖ **Jambe de Lion** (Arm of the Lion) may be offered to those especially deserving of honor for skill in the arts and sciences and willingness to share their skill with others.

⊖ **Gray Goose Shaft** may be offered by the Crown on the advice of the members of the order, for demonstrating exceptional skill and chivalry in one or more of the following areas: Target Archery, Combat Archery, Missile Combat, Thrown Weapons, Siege Weapons and Equestrian Archery; plus service to An Tir and its people, knowledge of the courtly graces, and obedience to the laws and ideals of An Tir and the Society.

(1) Members of the Order of the Gray Goose Shaft shall be known as Archos.

(⊖) Students of an Archos shall be known as Arcuarius

⊖ **The White Scarf** may be offered by the Crown on the advice of the members of the order, for demonstrating exceptional skill and chivalry in rapier combat, service to An Tir and its people, knowledge of the courtly graces, and obedience to the laws and ideals of An Tir and the Society. With the creation of the Order of Master of Defence, the Order of the White Scarf is now closed.◊

- Σ) **Hasta Leonis** (Spear of the Lion) may be offered for excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of the art of war.
- ΣϨ) **The Lion et de la Lance** may be offered for excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of the equestrian arts.
- ΣϨϨ) **The Sable Gauntlet of An Tir** may be offered to those especially deserving of honor for their excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of combat.<sup>◊</sup>
- ⊃) The following awards confer upon the recipient an Award of Arms.
  - ⊃) A **Court Baronetcy** may be offered by the Crown for outstanding efforts to the Kingdom. The titles of Court Baron and Court Baroness carry an Award of Arms.
  - ⊃) An **Award of Arms** may be offered to individuals or groups at the pleasure of the Crown.
- 7) Non-Armigerous Awards and Honors:
  - ⊃) Non-armigerous awards do not confer the right to bear arms.
  - ⊃) With the exception of the Honor of the Lion of An Tir, non-armigerous awards have no bearing on an individual's standing in the order of Precedence.
  - ⊃) The Honor of the Lion of An Tir is given with the recommendation of the previous recipients and may be bestowed once per reign by the Crown. It is given to honor those who emulate the ideals and embody the essence of An Tir and the Laurel Kingdoms. The Crown shall only present this award at Kingdom level events at which the recipient is present.
  - ⊃) A Unique Augmentation of Arms is considered the highest honor a person can be given for sustained service to Crown and Kingdom)
  - J) The **Order of the Rose**:
    - a. Membership to this order is offered by the reigning Consort to those who have completed serving a term as Consort to the Sovereign. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.
  - A) The **Order of the Lords and Ladies of Valorous Estate**:
    - a. Membership to this order is offered by the reigning Coronet Consort to those who have completed serving a term as a Principality Consort.
    - b. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behavior among all members of the Society.
  - B) The **Silver Rose** is given by the Royal Consort to the person who finishes second in the Crown Lists.



- Γ) The **Silver Lily** is given by the Royal Consort to the consort of the combatant who finishes second in the Crown Lists.
- Β) The **Lion's Sword** is given by the Sovereign upon an individual's completion of a term as Champion of An Tir, either by holding the position until the next Champion's Tournament or by ascending the throne during their tenure as champion.
- Ζ) The **Lion's Rapier** is given by the Royal Consort upon an individual's completion of a term as Champion of Rapier Combat.
- Η) The **Lion's Arrow** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Protector.
- Θ) The **Lion's Heart** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion.
- Ι) The **Troubadour of the Lion** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Bardic Champion.
- Κ) The **Ordre du Cheval et du Lion** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Equestrian Champion.
- Λ) The **Iron Chain** is given by the Crown upon the recommendation of the previous recipients for deeds of true courage and bravery in the face of personal and real danger.
- Μ) The **Honor of the Lion's Cub** is given by the Crown to children who have shown noble merit.
- Ν) The **Belated Rose** is given by the Royal Consort on the recommendation of the Orders of the Rose and of the Lords and Ladies of Valorous Estate for courteous and courtly behavior.
- Ξ) The **Honor of the Carp** is given by the Royal Consort for excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behavior and encampment.
- Ο) The **Mano d'Oro** may be given by the Crown on the recommendation of the Minister of Arts and Sciences for significant time and service to the furtherance of the arts and sciences in the Kingdom. Only one per reign is customarily given.
- Π) The **Sable Chime** is bestowed by the Crown for performance of period bardic arts throughout the Kingdom.
- Ρ) The **Sable Scrivener** is given by the Crown for excellent service to An Tir by a member of the scribal community.
- Σ) The **Muckin' Tall Maul** is given upon recommendation of the previous recipient for ferocity on the field during the Crown Lists.

- T) The **Old Shattered Shield** is presented by the previous recipient for valor and authentic death in the Crown Lists.
- Y) The **Lion's Torse** is given by the Sovereign for armor worn on the field that is period, functional and aesthetically pleasing.
- Φ) The **Fury of the Lion** is given for ferocity and chivalry on the field of battle.
- X) The **Throne's Favor** is given by the Crown to a subject or group for a significant contribution to the Kingdom through conspicuous service.
- Ξ) The **King's Favor** is a token of personal favor given by the King.
- Ϻ) The **Forget-me-not** is a token of personal favor given by the Queen
- Ω) The **Lion's Strength** is given for consistent and significant contributions to the Kingdom for 20 years or more
- Ϙ) The **Leo Minor** is given to the teens of An Tir for continued service to the Kingdom
- ϙ) The **Rath of An Tir** is given for period encampments that are pleasing to the Crown
- ⊞) **Ordre la main de Sainte Nicholas** is awarded to those who have gone above and beyond the obligations of fealty and rank to contribute to the word fame of the Kingdom through donations of time, goods, and service in the creation of largesse, clothing for the Crown, and Kingdom regalia. Is customarily given no more than twice per reign.
- BB) **The Bountiful Hand** is bestowed by the Crown to the many individuals and groups who contribute to the word fame of the Kingdom through donations of time, treasure, and service in the creation of largesse, clothing for the Crown, Kingdom scrolls, Kingdom regalia, and anything else created on behalf of the Crown or Kingdom.

#### **Article IV.D Royal Commissions**

- 1) The Crown may grant unto any artisan a Royal commission carrying with it the right to include in their correspondence and on their signs and banners the phrases: "By Royal Appointment" and "type of artisan to (or of) Kings (or Queens, or the Crown)."
- 2) Upon the commencement of each new reign, any artisan holding a Royal commission shall offer it up to the new Crown. It shall be the prerogative of each new Crown to determine whether or not the artisan shall continue to hold the Royal commission.

## ARTICLE V. EVENTS

### Article V.A Events in An Tir

- 1) All events must be sponsored by a full-status branch of the Kingdom, registered with the seneschal of the sponsoring branch, publicized to the membership of that branch and conducted according to Society rules and Kingdom law.
- 2) Any branch holding an event on lands not within their own designated borders must receive written permission from the An Tir representative of those lands or sites before holding an event there.
  - a) Written permission MUST be obtained to pursue those lands or sites for an event. If permission is denied you may appeal the decision to the Crown.
  - b. Baronies do not need to seek permission to utilize lands within their boundaries, which includes those of their Cantons.
- 3) All events must be registered with the Kingdom Calendar by using the most current Event Information Form.
  - a) Event Information Forms (EIFs), barring unforeseen and unusual circumstances, should be in the hands of the Kingdom (or Principality) Calendar no less than three (3) months before an event is to take place.
- 4) All branches shall place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar with complete copy appearing in *The Crier*.
- 5) Dates for events shall be assigned after conflict issues are resolved.
- 6) Formal actions and announcements with long-term impact on the Kingdom may only occur at events which have had copy published in *The Crier*. These include:
  - a) Crown and Coronet Lists.
  - b) Coronations and Investiture.
  - c) Appointment Principality and Kingdom officers.
  - d) Presentation of awards and titles.
  - e) Proclamations of law.
  - f) Establishment or advancement of branches.

- 7) It is traditionally encouraged, but not required, that branches donate ten percent of the profits of their events to a specific Kingdom fund of their choice, with the general fund being the default.
- 8) All event stewards must be SCA members.
- 9) Owners (in whole or part) of property on which an event is to be held, or their immediate families, may not be the even steward for said event, nor be part of the event steward team.
- 10) Contracts with landowners for the use of property or land must clearly state a set price for payment of the use of the property or land. This price can be structured either as an amount per attendee, or as a price for the event as a whole.

## **Article V.B Crown and Kingdom Events**

- 1) Crown events:
  - a) The Crown events shall be:
    - i) Twelfth Night Coronation
    - ii) May Crown Tournament.
    - iii) July Coronation.
    - iv) September Crown Tournament.
  - b) The Crown events shall:
    - i) Be a minimum of two full days in duration.
    - ii) All host a meeting of Curia.
  - c) No other event may conflict with a Crown event.
- 2) Kingdom events:
  - a) The Kingdom events shall be:
    - i) Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship / Kingdom Bardic Arts Championship.
    - ii) An Tir/West War.
    - iii) Crown Councils.
  - b) No other event may conflict with a Kingdom event within the Region or Principality where the Kingdom event is being held.
  - c) No Principality level event (Coronet, Investiture) may conflict with a Kingdom event, nor may they conflict with any other Principality level events (Coronet, Investiture) in any of the Principalities of An Tir

- 3) The Crown and Kingdom events will be held on the most practical weekends closest to these dates:
  - a) Twelfth Night Coronation - the second weekend of January.
  - b) Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship and Kingdom Bardic Championship - the first weekend of March.
  - c) Spring Crown Council - as proclaimed by the Crown.
  - d) May Crown Tournament - Canadian Victoria Day weekend (the first Monday before May 25th).
  - e) An Tir / West War - July 4th weekend.
  - f) July Coronation - the third weekend of July.
  - g) September Crown Tournament - Labor Day weekend (the first Monday of September)
  - h) Fall Crown Council - Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day weekend (The weekend closest to November 11)
- 4) The Kingdom Seneschal, the Crown and the Kingdom Events Deputy shall determine the location of the Crown and Kingdom events through bids from subordinate branches.
  - a) Actual dates shall be published by or as soon after Twelfth Night as possible for the upcoming year.
- 5) Any Society branch within An Tir may bid on any An Tir Crown or Kingdom event.
  - a) Seasonal changes in weather and travel conditions shall be valid considerations in reviewing all bids.
- 6) Event Finances:
  - a) All final reports and receipts for Crown or Kingdom events must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer and Kingdom Event Deputy within sixty (60) days of the close of the event.
    - i) If all final reports, receipts and sixty percent of any profit made on a Crown or Kingdom event have been sent to the Kingdom Exchequer within thirty (30) days of the event, the remaining forty percent may be kept by the host group.
    - ii) If the final reports, receipts and funds are returned after thirty (30) days, then only ten percent of the profit may be retained by the hosting group, and the remaining ninety percent is to be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer.
    - iii) If the final reports, receipts and funds are returned after sixty (60), then no percentage (0) may be kept by the hosting group.

- iv) If it is the wish of the host group, they may donate some portion of their share to the Kingdom.
- v) Reports shall be copied to the Kingdom Events Deputy.
- b) Site Fees for Crown and Kingdom Events \*
  - i) Adult (18 and over) site fee will be a minimum of \$20.00 unless a variance is granted in advance.
  - ii) Youth Ages (10-17) site fee shall be \$10.00 One half the price of adult fees.
  - iii) Child Ages (0-9) will be exempt from Crown and Kingdom site fees
  - iv) Family caps will use the price formula of two (2) adults + two (2) youth.
  - v) Nonmember surcharge of \$5.00 will be applied to all adults' fees for those that cannot show current membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism.

### **Article V.C Coronet Events**

- 1) Coronet Tournaments and Investitures shall have appropriate copy placed in the Kingdom and Principality newsletters. See appropriate Principality law.

## ARTICLE VI SUBORDINATE GROUPS

### Article VI.A Branches of An Tir

- 1) All branches shall:
  - a) Provide a complimentary copy of their branch newsletter to the Crown, Royal Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal, and Kingdom Chronicler.
    - i) Principalities shall also provide a complimentary copy to the Kingdom Calendar.
    - ii) It is encouraged that complimentary copies also be sent to the Grete Boke and the local regional or Principality Seneschal.
  - b) Establish and maintain a branch library.
    - iii) Branch funds may be used to purchase the resources specifically mentioned above.
    - iv) The library shall contain current copies of:
      - (1) The Known World Handbook.
      - (2) The SCA, Inc. Organizational Handbook.
      - (3) *The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir*, as specified in Article I.F
      - (4) The An Tir Handbook.
      - (5) The Society Seneschal's Handbook.
      - (6) Recommended resources:
        - (a) Handbooks and manuals for all offices.
        - (b) The OP roster from the College of Heraldry.
- 2) Principalities:
  - a) Principalities shall:
    - v) Meet all requirements as laid out in Corpora for the status of a Territorial Principality.
    - vi) Meet such other requirements as defined by the Crown and officers of An Tir.
    - vii) Enjoy the right of a Coronet and Consort, as vassals of the Crown of An Tir, selected by combat according to the practices laid out in Principality law.
- 3) The Principality Great Officers shall be:

- a) Seneschal.
  - b) Herald.
  - c) Exchequer.
  - d) Chronicler.
  - e) Arts & Sciences officer.
  - f) Marshal.
  - g) Chatelaine.
  - h) Others may be added as the Coronet sees fit.
  - i) Warrants for Principality officers are signed by the Coronet and the appropriate Kingdom officer, subject to the approval of the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- 4) Baronies:
- a) Baronies shall:
    - viii) Have the minimum number of members as defined in Corpora.
    - ix) A set of warrantable officers acceptable to the Crown, which include:
      - (1) Seneschal.
      - (2) Herald.
      - (3) Marshal.
      - (4) Arts and Sciences Officer.
      - (5) Chatelaine.
      - (6) Exchequer.
      - (7) Chronicler
    - x) A name and device registered with the College of Arms.
    - xi) At least one person to accept the title of Baron or Baroness as appropriate to their gender.
    - xii) Observe the following event restrictions: \*\*
      - (1) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in *The Crier*.



- (2) Place a maximum of three **no-conflict** events on the Kingdom Calendar; and
- (3) Place a minimum of 3 events total on the Kingdom calendar.

*xiii*) Publish a branch newsletter no less than quarterly.

b) The Territorial Baron and Baroness shall:

*xiv*) Fulfill their duties as outlined in Corpora.

*xv*) Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.

*xvi*) Be, for the people of the Barony, the chief examples of chivalry, courtesy, and virtue; and encourage those virtues in their populace.

*xvii*) Represent the Crown to the people of the Barony in the Crown's absence.

*xviii*) Represent the Barony to the Crown and at meetings of the Noble Estate.

*xix*) Have the prerogative to establish and make awards specific to the Barony to acknowledge skill, service and other merits.

*xx*) Bestow and administer the rank of Sergeant-at-Arms (or its equivalent) for their Barony, if they so choose.

*xxi*) Receive copies of reports from baronial officers.

*xxii*) Support the officers of the Barony.

*xxiii*) Provide input on replacements to the Crown and Kingdom officers when such need arises.

*xxiv*) Be members of the financial committee, with one vote total.

*xxv*) Maintain membership in the Society and have access to The Crier at their place of residence.

*xxvi*) Give written reports on the state of their Barony.

(1) Baronies within Principalities: At least one month prior to Coronet investiture, each Baron and/or Baroness shall give a written report on the state of their Barony to the Coronet Heirs. A copy of this report shall be given to the Crown, the Royal Heirs, and the Coronet.

(2) Baronies outside of Principalities: At least one month prior to each Coronation, the Baron and/or Baroness shall give a written report on the state of their Barony to the Royal Heirs. A copy of this report shall be given to the Crown and the Royal Heirs.

c) Baronial Term Limits:

xxvii) Landed Barons and Baronesses shall be limited to two consecutive terms of three years.

xxviii) An opinion poll shall be performed at the end of three years to evaluate the relationship between the Baronial Coronets and their populace. This poll shall be similar to the selection polling but without the addition of candidates.

d) Baronial Selection Polling:

- i) Refer to the "Baronial Polling Processes" document,  
[http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Seneschalate/Baronial\\_Polling\\_Processes.pdf](http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Seneschalate/Baronial_Polling_Processes.pdf)
- ii) The scheduling of the baronial polling is subject to approval of the Crown.
- iii) The polling should be completed within 90 days of the official announcement at a baronial meeting.
- iv) Notification of the polling must be published in *The Crier* prior to the polling.
- v) Ideally, the process should begin and end within a single Royal reign.
  - (a) Before the polling is conducted nominees shall present themselves before the Crown and populace for the purpose of discussing their intentions should they be chosen as Baron and/or Baroness.
  - (b) A baronial officer should serve as fair witness to the distribution and collection of polling forms.
  - (c) An official standardized polling form shall be used.
  - (d) Polling forms will be distributed only to:
    - (i) Paid SCA members residing within the Barony's zip code range.
    - (ii) Baronial officers.
    - (iii) Baronial Sergeants, Courtiers, Gallants, Yeomen and Lancers who are SCA members.
  - (e) Other input may be submitted in writing via email, postal mail or in person.
  - (f) The results of the polling shall be delivered directly to the Crown for Their consideration.
  - (g) The final decision and appointment of the new Baron and/or Baroness rests solely with the Crown.

## Article VI.B Other Branches and Divisions of the Kingdom

- 1) All branches shall:
  - a) Meet all applicable requirements as defined in Corpora.
  - b) Have a warrantable:
    - i) Seneschal.
    - ii) Exchequer.
    - iii) Marshal.
  - c) If there are no martial activities in the branch, the third officer may be either:
    - i) Arts & Sciences Officer.
    - ii) Herald.
  - d) Have a majority of officers residing within the territorial area of the branch. d) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in *The Crier*.
- 2) Shires:
  - a) Are independent local branches within a Principality or Kingdom.
  - b) Shall observe the following event restrictions:
    - (1) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in *The Crier*.
    - (2) Place a maximum of one **no-conflict** (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.
- 3) Cantons:
  - a) Are under the jurisdiction of a Barony, and shall report to said Barony.
  - b) Shall observe the following event restrictions:
    - (1) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in *The Crier*.
    - (2) Place a maximum of one **no-conflict** (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.
- 4) Colleges, Ports, and Strongholds:

- a) Are institutional branches which shall report to the local branch with which they coexist, or otherwise to the Kingdom or Principality Seneschal.
  - b) Shall observe the following event restrictions:
    - (1) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in *The Crier*.
    - (2) *Place a maximum of one no-conflict (Level One) events on the Kingdom Calendar.*
- 5) Royal Patrons:
- a) Royal Peers are encouraged to act as advisors to branches who do not have direct access to the Landed Nobility or the Crown as Royal Patrons. Royal Patrons will be allowed inside Principalities. The purpose of the Royal patron is to provide day-to-day long term access to a Royal Peer. Oftentimes a Coronet is hard pressed to provide this sort of guidance, as They are dealing with all the branches in a Principality.
    - i) Royal Patrons may perform this service upon the request of the branch, and with the consent of the Crown.
    - ii) The Royal Patron must confirm their intention to continue in that position to the Crown every two (2) years.
    - iii) The populace of the branch will be consulted (not as an official polling) every 2 years as to their desire to have the Royal Patron continue in that role.
    - iv) This relationship may be terminated at any time by the branch, the Royal Patron or the Crown.
  - b) Royal Patrons shall:
    - i) Be in fealty to the Crown (or its acceptable alternative in accordance with Article VII.B.5).
    - ii) Raise war bands from within the branch.
    - iii) Receive copies of reports from branch officers.
    - iv) Report to the Crown and Heirs on the state of the Branch one month before Coronation
    - v) Act as an advocate for the Branch.
    - vi) Represent the branch in meetings of the Noble Estate and in all ways act in the best interest of the branch.
    - vii) Distribute awards as designated by the Crown.

viii) Royal Patrons shall not hold court on their own. Royal Patrons may request permission from the Crown to hold court. Permission shall be given on a case by case basis.

6) Other Divisions of the Kingdom:

a) Crown Principalities:

- i) The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may grant recognition of a branch or group of branches working toward Principality status the name 'Crown Principality. '
- ii) The Crown shall assume the Coronet of a Crown Principality.
- iii) The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may revoke the right to use the term 'Crown Principality.'
- iv) Principality status is defined in and regulated by Corpora.

b) Regions:

- i) Are a group of geographically contiguous branches, which are grouped together for ease of Kingdom administration.
- ii) May be defined for an office by its Kingdom officer as needed.
- iii) Are not official branches in their own right.
- iv) May not have champions; sponsor events; or maintain separate funds or bank accounts.

### **Article VI.C Change of Status**

1) To be considered for a change of status, a branch shall:

- a) Meet the requirements of the requested status required by Corpora and Kingdom law.
- b) Present a petition to the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - i) Copies of said petition shall be provided to the Crown and the New and Incipient Branches Deputy.
  - ii) It is recommended that a branch making such application be well above the minimum requirements for its requested status.
- c) Allow sufficient time for the approval process when selecting the event at which its status shall become official.

2) Upon receipt of the petition, the Kingdom Seneschal shall then:

- a) Assure that all requirements are met by the branch for its requested status.

- b) Make a recommendation to the Crown, and if necessary, to the Board of Directors.
- 3) Upon approval, the members of the branch shall present a calligraphed petition in open court to the Crown.

### **Article VI.D New Branches**

- 1) New branches will be termed 'incipient' until they are granted official status by the Crown.
- 2) To establish a new branch the group shall:
  - a) Supply the Kingdom Seneschal with:
    - i) Proof of five sustaining or international memberships.
    - ii) The names and addresses of officers required by Kingdom law.
      - (1) All must reside within the territorial area of the branch.
      - (2) All of an incipient branch's officers will be expected to establish and maintain a working relationship with their superior officers.
      - (3) The tentative name of the group.
- 3) If this is satisfactory, the Kingdom Seneschal shall:
  - a) Grant incipient status.
  - b) Report this to the next Curia meeting, and to the Society Seneschal.
- 4) Incipient branches will be evaluated yearly by the New and Incipient Branches Deputy for stability, growth, activity levels, and compliance with requirements.
  - a) Based on the evaluation, the branch may be recommended to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal for approval of official status or continued incipient status.
  - b) Branches which are unable to advance to official status after three years of incipient status will be dissolved and the territory will revert to its original status.
    - i) Exceptions will be granted to incipient branches that have been functioning well but cannot yet satisfy all requirements, through no fault of their own (e.g. name approval).

### **Article VI.E Kingdom Committees, Guild or Companies and Other Entities**

- 1) Noble Estate
  - a) The Noble Estate is:
    - i) The Royalty of An Tir.
    - ii) The Royal Peers.

- iii) The Territorial Barons and Baronesses.
  - b) The Noble Estate shall:
    - i) Meet when requested by the Crown so that the Crown may hear its advice.
      - (1) The Noble Estate traditionally meets at Crown events and at Crown Council.
    - ii) Be responsible for assisting the Kingdom Seneschal in choosing a suitable Regent should the Champion of An Tir be unable to serve in that capacity.
  - c) The person highest in the order of Precedence presides at meetings.
  - d) A quorum shall be comprised of at least two Royalty, four Royal Peers, and four Territorial Barons or Baronesses.
- 2) The Council of the Exchequer is the financial committee for the Kingdom.
- a) The Council of the Exchequer shall consist of:
    - i) The Crown.
    - ii) The Royal Heirs (when applicable).
    - iii) The Kingdom Seneschal.
    - iv) The Chancellor of the Exchequer.
    - v) Designated representatives of the above as acceptable to the Crown.
  - b) Two thirds of the members of the Council of the Exchequer shall be required for a quorum.
    - i) The Crown is considered one member for a quorum, and a decision by either shall be considered the Crown's decision.
    - ii) The Royal Heirs are considered one member for a quorum.
    - iii) Actions by the Council of the Exchequer shall require consent by a majority of the votes of the quorum; however no expenditures shall be authorized which benefit specific individuals or that do not further the Society's non-profit purpose.
  - c) The Council of the Exchequer shall: \*\*
    - i) Set budgets for the operation of the Kingdom.
    - ii) Approve extraordinary expenditures.
    - iii) Set An Tir Financial policy.
    - iv) Meet

- (1) A minimum of 4 times per year. These meetings may take place at each of the 4 (four) Crown events or using online or telephone conference within 2 weeks following each Crown event.
  - (2) Additional meetings can be called for at the Spring or Fall Crown Council if needed.
  - (3) Other times as requested by the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal or the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - (4) If a member is unable to attend a meeting, a representative, acceptable to the other members of the Council of the Exchequer, shall be designated with the authority to make decisions in the member's absence.
- 3) The Regalia Commission.
- a) There shall be a Royal Regalia Commission, consisting of:
    - i) The Sovereign and Consort.
    - ii) The Royal Heirs (when applicable).
    - iii) The Royal Chamberlain.
    - iv) The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
  - b) The Commission shall be responsible for approving additions to or disposal of Kingdom regalia.
    - i) This commission is encouraged to seek the advice of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion, and members of the Ladies of the Rose and Valorous Estate on these matters.
- 4) Guilds or companies.
- a) Kingdom Guild or companies (or their officially recognized equivalents) exist in order to serve the Crown and Kingdom by promoting some field of endeavor for the benefit of all.
  - b) No group may call itself a Kingdom Guild or company (or its equivalent) unless it has been recognized as such by the Crown.
  - c) No group or other entity may use the words 'An Tir' in its name unless it has been recognized by the Crown.
  - d) No group may refer to itself as 'Royal' unless it exists primarily to serve the Crown and has been recognized by the Crown.
  - e) In order to be recognized and maintain recognition by the Crown as a full Kingdom Guild or Company, a group shall:



- i) Maintain at least five sustaining members from at least three different branches.
- ii) Submit a proposal to the Crown and Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, delineating the purposes, structure, officers, activities, and limits of the proposed guild or company.
- iii) Go through an incipency period of no less than one year, and no more than three years.
  - (1) Once the incipency is completed to the satisfaction of the Crown and the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, a charter shall be approved by the Crown.
- iv) Report to the guild deputy of the Kingdom Minister Arts & Sciences on the same schedule as Principalities and regions.
  - (1) Reports may be sent physically or electronically.
  - (2) Reports shall include a summary of the guild or company activities. Guild or company newsletters may be used to supplement the report.
  - (3) Reports shall include a list of current officers, including SCA membership information, and once a year, a list of members.
  - (4) Failure to report two times in one calendar year will be reason to place the guild or company on probation for a one year period, and their accounts will be frozen.
  - (5) Failure to report while on probation will result in the guild or company being dissolved.
- v) Follow procedures outlined in the *An Tir Financial Policy* when handling funds. The guild or company exchequer must be warranted by the Kingdom Exchequer and follow that reporting schedule.
- vi) Provide a complimentary copy of any newsletter to the Crown, Royal Heirs, Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Chronicler, and the Kingdom A&S Guild or deputy. It is encouraged that complimentary copies also be sent to the Grete Boke and the local branch or Principality Seneschal.
- f) Recognized guild or companies may have sub-units at the branch level.
- g) The Crown has the authority to revoke the status of any recognized Guild or company or Company for just cause at any time. Revocation of status may be requested by the Kingdom A&S officer or the Kingdom Exchequer for the following reasons:
  - i) Failure to report while on probation;
  - ii) Failure to maintain membership numbers as detailed above;

iii) Failure of the guild or company Exchequer to report to the Kingdom Exchequer.

## **ARTICLE VII FEALTY**

### **Article VII.A Fealty to the Crown**

- 1) All subjects of An Tir will have the right to pledge allegiance and support to the Crown of An Tir. Additionally some subjects of An Tir have the right or requirement to pledge fealty directly to the Crown.

### **Article VII.B Direct Vassals of the Crown:**

- 1) All those who have pledged direct fealty to the Crown are Vassals of the Crown and shall:
  - a) Execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom law.
  - b) Be loyal to the Crown and Kingdom.
  - c) Counsel the Crown on behalf of themselves and their vassals when appropriate.
  - d) Treat courteously those of every degree.
  - e) Have the right to:
    - i) Enter the Royal Presence armed.
    - ii) Wear and display the appropriate token of fealty.
    - iii) Display the armory of the vassals and retainers of the Crown. (4) Raise armies under their banners in support of the Kingdom.
- 2) The following shall pledge fealty directly to the Crown:
  - a) Royal Heirs.
  - b) Kingdom Champions.
  - c) Territorial Coronets.
  - d) Greater Kingdom Officers of State.
- 3) The following shall pledge fealty directly to the Crown or through their appropriate Territorial Coronet:
  - a) Royal Patrons.
  - b) Territorial Barons and Baronesses.
  - c) Knights.

- 4) All Peers of the Realm and those who have achieved the Honor of the Lion of An Tir have the right to pledge fealty directly to the Crown, or through a Coronet, Territorial Baron and/or Baroness, or Royal Patron.
- 5) For those who have religious conflicts with, or conscientious objection to, the pledging of fealty to the Crown, a promise of service and obedience may be substituted with the Crown's approval. This should be communicated to and acknowledged by the Crown prior to entering into any competition or making application for any position that requires an oath of fealty.

## **ARTICLE VIII CONDUCT**

### **Article VIII.A Conduct of Persons in An Tir:**

- 1) All subjects of An Tir shall:
  - a) Willingly maintain and increase the authenticity of their accoutrement, speech, and conduct, thus elevating the spirit that should be fostered in these Current Middle Ages.
  - b) Strive for courtesy, consideration, honor, and chivalric behavior at all times.
  - c) Be familiar with, and abide by, the laws, customs, and traditions of An Tir.
    - i) Violation of these laws will result in the appropriate consequences, and may be grounds for expulsion from an event, banishment, dismissal from office or other sanctions.
- 2) The violation of modern law will be grounds for expulsion from an event, banishment, or arrest by civil authorities.
- 3) The allowance for admission and control of pets shall be determined by the event steward. If no other determination is made, all animals shall be leashed or otherwise physically secured at all times. All pet owners are responsible for the cleanup and removal of their pet's waste.
- 4) Smoking:
  - a) Is not permitted indoors at events.
  - b) Is only permitted in designated areas with appropriate receptacles at outdoor events.
  - c) Is not permitted in or near the Eric or court.
  - d) Is permitted in individual encampments and paved parking areas.
  - e) Modern fire restrictions always apply.

- f) Smokers are expected to clean up after themselves, leaving an area as clean or cleaner than they found it.
- 5) Controlled Substances.
- a) An Tir is intolerant of the illegal use or distribution of drugs and/or alcohol. b) Mundane law enforcement may be called to a site to deal with any unlawful activity.
- 6) Firearms.
- a) Non-period firearms are not allowed at any SCA event, except to those required or licensed by mundane law to bear such weapons.
  - b) Period firearms must not be loaded, except as part of a segregated and approved target shooting competition.
- 7) Youth at Events. The following paragraphs are included to comply with the Society Seneschal's Policies on Youth at Events.
- a) Parents or Designated Adults, chosen by the parent, who bring minors to an event must ensure their children's activities are compliant with SCA Laws, Policies and site rules that require minors 12 and under to be within sight or sound of a responsible parent/designated adult at all times.
  - b) All scheduled youth activities must have two adults, unrelated to each other, at all times and the activity must stop if that number falls below the required 2.
  - c) No policy, rule or law relieves parents or designated adults of their primary responsibility for the welfare and behavior of their children.
  - d) All youth attending scheduled youth activities and classes will need to be accompanied by either a parent or designated adult (who is in possession of a properly completed minor Medical Waiver).
  - e) Neglect of Parental (or Designated Adult) responsibility for minors:
    - i) If event/branch SCA officials find minors in breach of SCA Governing Documents, Laws, Policies or site rules they will (for a first offence) escort the minor to their parent/designated adult and issue a verbal warning. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local and Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.
    - ii) On a second offense at a given event, the parent(s)/ designated adult(s) will be required to keep their minor(s) with them for the remainder of the function. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local, Kingdom and Society Seneschal and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.

- iii) On a third offense, the minor (s) \*and \* parent(s)/designated adult(s) will be expelled from the event, and the matter will be reported to local, Kingdom and Society Seneschals and the Kingdom Minister of Family Activities.
- iv) Habitual offenders will be subject to review by Kingdom and Society level for possible sanctions.
- f) Youth over the age of 12 will be allowed to attend youth activities without a parent or designated adult at the discretions of the teacher of the class or leader of the activity.

### **Article VIII.B Grievance Procedure**

- 1) Anyone having a personal dispute with any other person within the Kingdom shall settle the matter using the following procedure:
  - a) Speak to the person in private and face-to-face. Most disputes can be resolved on this level. If the dispute is still unresolved, write a letter to the person. State what the problem is, what you feel will fix the problem, and request that they respond to you within 10 to 14 days. Keep a copy of the letter. Respond to each other until you reach a resolution.
  - b) If the dispute remains unresolved, seek a neutral third party to act as mediator. The mediator will attempt to find a lawful compromise to the dispute, which is agreeable to both parties.
  - c) If the dispute continues, write directly to the officer responsible for overseeing the area in question asking them to help resolve the dispute. Ask for specific help and include copies of all correspondence about the problem. Work with that officer until a resolution is found.
  - d) Repeat step c) moving up the organization and including everyone previously involved on your copy list. Follow your correspondents' advice as to whether anyone else at or below their level needs to be consulted. Eventually, you may run out of levels.
  - e) If the dispute continues, and you have gone through all the steps set forth above, you may appeal to the Crown. The Crown will find a resolution and Their decision may be appealed only to the SCA Board of Directors.
- 2) The Grievance Procedure is intended to address personal disputes between individuals and not disputes on official matters. For further guidance, please refer to the *SCA Organizational Handbook*.

### **Article VIII.C Courts of Inquiry and Courts of Chivalry**

- 1 By way of Their duty to uphold and enforce the laws of the Realm and the Society, The Crown of An Tir hereby establishes a procedure for Courts of Inquiry and Courts of Chivalry:

1 These courts shall only consider infractions of the rules of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or any of its subdivisions, and then only when they occur within a Society context.

2 Those who make false accusations that lead to the convening of a court may find themselves the subject of a Court and subject to appropriate sanction.

3 No Court shall be held to consider individual behavior that falls within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by a modern world government. However, a given incident may have implications both in modern law and the rules of the Society. A Court which restricts itself solely to the investigation of violations of the Society's rules may then be held.

4 Ordinarily, attendance at a Court will be open to all subjects of the realm. However, where an alleged incident may be a violation of modern law, as well as the rules of the Society, attendance at the Court may be restricted.

5 Personal disputes should continue to utilize the Grievance Procedure, outlined in Article VIII.B. If a personal grievance also involves an alleged violation of Society rules, then a Court may be requested to be convened, provided that the grievance procedure has not produced a satisfactory solution.

6 Disputes or incidents of allegedly inappropriate behavior that involve combat-related activities should first be handled through the Grievances and Sanctions section of the *An Tir Book of Combat*. If the procedures outlined therein fail to produce a solution, a Court may be requested to be convened.

7 These Courts will provide conclusions and recommendations only. The determination of verdict and the imposition of any sanctions or penalties rest solely with the Crown of An Tir. The only appeal is to the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

8 Requests to convene a Court shall be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal, who shall determine whether it should be assigned to a Court of Inquiry, a Court of Chivalry, or whether resolution should be pursued through a Grievance Procedure.

1 If the Kingdom Seneschal is the proposed subject, the request should be sent directly to the Crown, who shall determine the assignment of the case. In either case, the parties involved will be notified of the assignment of the case, by registered mail, no later than two weeks after receipt of the request.

2 Investigations of serious infractions that could result in Greater Royal Sanctions, degradation from a peerage, or the sanction of a Prince or Princess, must be heard by a Court of Chivalry.

9 Any officer who, in order to enforce the rules of the Society, has to remove an individual or group of individuals from an event, or denies their participation at an event, must send a written report to the Kingdom Seneschal within one week of the event, describing the situation and requesting that a Court be convened to investigate the matter.

10 To ensure that the Courts have a fair representation of the facts, the principals to the dispute have the right to:

1 Request from the Court an advocate to advise and represent them who is knowledgeable about the rules of the SCA, Inc., is a Peer of the Realm, and is acceptable to them.

Present their case(s).  
Cross-examine witnesses.  
Introduce evidence.

Courts of Inquiry.

2 Will be convened to investigate less serious violations of the rules of the Society.

3 Courts of Inquiry are convened in the name of the Crown of An Tir, and presided over by Their representatives (i.e.: Territorial Prince and/or Princess, Baron and/or Baroness, or Royal Patron(s)) having jurisdiction over the case. Where a branch has no Royal representative, the case may be assigned to the nearest branch that has a Royal representative, as determined by the Kingdom Seneschal.

4 The presiding noble(s) may appoint such counselors to advise them as they deem necessary to determine the facts involving the case, and to render a recommendation to the Crown.

5 Within one week of receiving notification of assignment, any party involved in the proposed Court of Inquiry may request of the Kingdom Seneschal that the Court be re-assigned to different presiding noble(s), if they have reason to believe that the original presiding noble(s) may be incapable of convening an impartial Court.

6 Within two weeks of receiving notification from the Kingdom Seneschal (or Crown), the presiding noble(s) shall arrange a time and place for the Court to be held which is agreeable to all parties involved. Such time and place must be no later than 30 days after receipt of the case from the Kingdom Seneschal.

7 If agreement cannot be reached with the parties involved, the presiding noble(s) will choose a time and place that fits within the 30-day window.

8 Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a court fail to do so, through no fault of their own, after having made a reasonable effort, arrangements shall be made to re-schedule the court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties.

9 Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a court fail to appear without sufficient cause, the presiding noble(s) shall accept this absence as a plea of no-contest to any and all charges against them, and make appropriate recommendations to the Crown.



10 After all evidence and testimony has been presented and the Court is closed, the presiding noble(s) shall send, by registered mail, a written report describing their conclusions and recommendations for sanctions, if any, to the Crown within two weeks of the conclusion of the Court. Copies shall be sent, also by registered mail, to the Kingdom Seneschal, Territorial Coronet (if applicable), and to the parties involved.

11 The presiding noble(s) may recommend that the case be reassigned to a Court of Chivalry, if it is believed that the alleged violations could be grounds for a serious sanction as noted above.

12 Within two weeks of receiving the recommendation of the court, the Crown will notify, by registered mail, the parties involved, the presiding noble(s), and the Kingdom Seneschal of Their determination of the case and any sanctions imposed. Sanctions will be announced at the next Royal Court and printed in the next issue of *The Crier*. Sanctions are effective from the moment announced in Royal Court.

#### Courts of Chivalry.

13 Is the Kingdom's highest Court. It is the only Court that may recommend Greater Royal Sanctions, degradation from a peerage, or the sanction of a Prince and/or Princess.

14 Courts of Chivalry are presided over by the Crown of An Tir. Courts of Chivalry shall have nine (9) judges who are members of the SCA.

(1) The judges shall include:

(a) The Kingdom Seneschal.

(b) The Kingdom Earl Marshal.

(c) The secretaries of the Orders of the Chivalry, Laurel, and Pelican.

(2) If any of the above judges cannot attend, the Crown will choose replacements from within their offices or orders to represent them.

(3) The Crown shall appoint four armigerous representatives to complete the court. No principal involved in the dispute may sit on the Court.

(4) The Black Lion Principal Herald or a representative shall act as the recording officer of the Court.

(5) A Court of Chivalry shall not be convened until all parties to the dispute, all members of the Court and the Board of Directors have been notified of the upcoming Court of Chivalry and its cause. Date and location will be decided by the Crown after considering the convenience of all concerned.

(6) All Courts of Chivalry shall be announced in *The Crier* as a published event.

- (7) Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before a Court fail to do so through no fault of their own, after having made a reasonable effort, arrangements shall be made to re-schedule the Court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties.
- (8) Should any person, who has been specifically summoned to stand before a Court fail to appear without sufficient cause, the Crown shall banish this person from all SCA functions and offices until suitable arrangements shall be made to re-schedule the Court at another time and place convenient to the involved parties. Sufficient cause shall be determined by the members of the Court.
- (9) After all evidence and testimony has been presented, the Court will recess and the nine judges will confer to reach a conclusion on their belief of the facts in the matter, and to recommend any sanctions to the Crown. Conclusions and recommendations require a simple majority vote.
- (10) When the nine judges have reached their conclusions and decided upon their recommendations, the Court shall reconvene. The Kingdom Seneschal shall announce the conclusion of the judges, noting the number of votes. The Kingdom Seneschal shall announce the recommendations for sanctions, again noting the number of votes for each sanction.
- (11) Having presided over the Court and heard the council of the nine judges, the Crown will announce Their verdict and impose sanctions, as They deem appropriate, and close the Court of Chivalry. Any sanctions announced are effective from the moment of announcement.
- (12) The Black Lion Principal Herald, acting as the Court Reporter, shall send, by registered mail, a written notice of the Crown's verdict and sanctions, if any, to the parties involved within two weeks of the conclusion of the Court. Copies shall be sent, also by registered mail, to the Kingdom Seneschal, the Society Seneschal, and the Board of Directors. Notice of the sanction shall appear in the next issue of *The Crier*.

**Made Law by our hands this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May Anno Societatis 47, being 2012**

Ieuan

King

Gwyneth

Queen

Addenda added:

June 2013	UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson Caoimhe ingen Domnaille
July 2013	Ieuan Gower Gwyneth Gower
May 2014	Eirik Daegarsson Drifinna Ulfgarsdottir
Nov. 2014	Styrkarr Jarlskald Dagrun Stjarna
June 2015	Savaric de Porte des Lions Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir

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\*\* June 1, 2013 Changes

\*\*\* July 1, 2013 Changes

++ November 1, 2014 Changes

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