

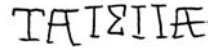
# The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir



This document is the most current version of the An Tir Kingdom Law as proclaimed in our Court and set by Our Hand this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May, being Anno Societatis XL, or 2005 in the Common Era.



**Skeggi, King An Tir**



**Taisia, Queen**

**An Tir**



**Ljotr, An Tir Kingdom Seneschal**

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## DEFINITIONS

**BoD:** Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

**Consort:** The person who was fought for in the Crown or Coronet Lists and was invested as royalty.

**The Coronet:** The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting together. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.

**Corpora:** Document which defines the medieval structure of the Society.

**The Council of the Exchequer:** The Crown, Kingdom Seneschal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or their designated representatives, acceptable to the Crown.

**The Crier:** The Kingdom of An Tir Newsletter.

**The Crown:** The King and Queen of An Tir, acting together.

**Crown Principality:** A group of branches working toward Principality status.

**Curia:** A council of officers and Crown advisors meeting to assist in administering the Kingdom.

**Member:** Paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Noble Estate:** A body comprised of the Royalty, the Royal Peers, and the Territorial Barons and Baronesses of An Tir, meeting to advise the Crown as needed.

**Period:** The era used by the Society as a base for its activities, that is, Western culture prior to the beginning of the 17th Century - mainly the European Middle Ages and Renaissance

**Principality:** A part of a kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by combat.

**Proclamation:** A directive of the Crown that shall have effect only during the reign of the Royalty making it.

**Regent:** The person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.

**Region:** An administrative designation for a group of branches.

**Royal Heirs:** The Crown Prince and Crown Princess, acting together.

**Royalty:** The King, Queen, Crown Prince and Princess, Principality Princes and Princesses, and all Principality Heirs.

**SCA:** The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

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**Sovereign:** The victor in the Crown lists of An Tir who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen.

**Subject:** A person who resides within the Kingdom of An Tir and is considered to be a denizen of An Tir, excluding the King and the Queen of An Tir.

## **ARTICLE I - THE LAW**

**A.** The word of the Crown is law. The Crown acknowledges, and is subject to, modern law, the governing documents of the Society, and the written *Laws of An Tir*. The Crown takes cognizance of the rights and privileges of its vassals and subjects by tradition, custom and usage.

**B.** All changes to these laws must be proclaimed at an event with complete copy published in *The Crier*. No provision of law shall be in effect, nor shall the subjects of a realm be responsible for such provision, until such proclamation and publication have taken place.

**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. Principality Law is subject to Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown.

**2.** Any changes to the Laws of a Principality must first be submitted to the Crown of An Tir in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed. They must then be published in *The Crier*, and the appropriate Principality newsletter, before they are fully in effect.

**D.** This is the current edition of the *Laws of An Tir*, and all earlier versions are repealed.

**E.** The *Laws of An Tir* will be published in full every two years and shall be mailed as a supplement to the *Crier*.

**F.** The An Tir Order of Precedence shall be published in full every reign and shall be made available to the populace.

## **ARTICLE II - THE ROYALTY**

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

**B.** 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.

**C. Succession, Abdication, and Failure to Reign:**

**Crown Lists:**

The Crown Lists shall be fought at two Crown Tournaments annually as detailed in Article VI, section A.

**1.** 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 lists, the governing documents of the Society or the laws of the Kingdom.

**2.** 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.

**3.** By entering in the Crown Lists, a combatant declares that the combatant has a prospective consort of the opposite sex, 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

the Kingdom and will respect the customs and traditions of the Kingdom. They shall further declare that should they be victorious, that 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.

4. 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 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.

5. 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 Lists.

6. All combatants and prospective consorts entering the Crown Lists of An Tir must be a minimum 18 years of age.

7. Neither the Sovereign nor the Consort may fight or be fought for in the Crown Lists.

**D. The King and the Queen:**

1. Failure of either the King or Queen 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 King or Queen and they had intended to attend.

2. If both the King and Queen 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 King or Queen 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 Crown Prince and Crown Princess. If it is a Coronation, the Regent shall invest the Crown Prince and Crown Princess as King and Queen.

3. A letter from the King and/or Queen to the Kingdom Seneschal indicating intent to abdicate constitutes official abdication.

4. 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.

**E. The Regent:**

1. In the event that both the King and Queen are unable to conclude Their reign or have abdicated, the Champion of An Tir shall serve as Regent.

2. 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.

**3. Duties**

- a. The Regent shall not have the authority to alter the *Laws of An Tir* or to give awards.
- b. If the Crown has officially abdicated without heirs, the Regent shall crown the victor and consort of the next Crown Tourney as King and Queen immediately.
- c. The Regent may not fight or be fought for in the Crown lists.
- d. If the Crown officially abdicates after Their Heirs have been chosen, the Regent shall crown the Heirs at the next scheduled Coronation event.

**F. The Crown Prince and the Crown Princess:**

- 1. Should the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess, 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*.
- 2. If the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess elect to abdicate, or if the tournament is invalidated for any reason, a 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 the Crown Tournament and their consort shall be crowned at this event.
- 3. 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 section C, regarding who may be fought for in the Crown lists.

**G. The Principality Prince and Princess:**

- 1. The Coronet will render an Oath of Fealty for Their lands at each coronation of the King and Queen 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 and the Kingdom Seneschal.

**H. 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.**

## **ARTICLE III – CHAMPIONS**

The Kingdom Champions shall be considered Officers of the Royal Court, but are selected through competition, rather than by appointment. Society membership is required to enter any championship competition, to meet qualification criteria of Corpora for all officers. The Champion of An Tir, the Champion of Rapier Combat, the Kingdom Protector, the Arts and Sciences Champion, and the Bardic Champion shall collectively be referred to herein as the Champions. The Champion's terms of service shall be for a period of approximately one year until the next championship tournament is held. If a 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. Champions agree to allow personal access information in applicable publications and on appropriate websites.

**A.** The Champions may not be Kingdom Great Officers. They may hold other offices and titles, providing their kingdom office is not responsible for a championship tournament in which they are competing.

**B. Duties of all champions:**

1. To swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown.
2. To defend the honor and prestige of the Crown and the Kingdom of An Tir, whenever such is challenged.
3. To support the Crown in war. To take the field at the Crown's command.
4. To attend all Crown Events, unless that champion receives permission from the Crown not to do so.
5. To maintain membership in the Society during the champion's term of service.
6. To speak or act in the Crown's name when delegated to do so.
7. To further the interests of their area of endeavor.

**C. Rights and privileges of all champions:**

1. To have a place at the high table for the champion and an escort.
2. To stand armed near the Crown at all events.
3. To be at the side of the Crown in war.
4. To bear and display the regalia of their position.
5. To be exempt from site fees at Kingdom level events.

**D. The Champion of An Tir:**

1. 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.
2. Specific duties of the Champion of An Tir:
  - a. To become Regent in accordance with Article II., Section E.
  - b. To act as Bearer of the Great Sword of State.
  - c. To attend meeting of the Curia at Crown events.

**E. The Kingdom Champion of Rapier Combat:**

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 Champion. The tournament format shall be acceptable to the Crown and the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat.

**F. The Kingdom Protector:**

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. The tournament shall consist of single combat between armored light combatants in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Royal Archer.

**G. The Arts & Sciences Champion:**

The Arts & Sciences 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. The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Arts & Sciences Minister.

**H. The Bardic Champion:**

The competition to choose the Bardic Champion will be held on the fourth weekend in September, and shall end with the installation of the new Bardic Champion. The tournament shall be conducted in a format acceptable to the Crown and the Arts & Sciences Minister.

## **ARTICLE IV - KINGDOM OFFICERS OF STATE**

All Officers of State of An Tir are responsible to the Crown for carrying out the laws and affairs of the Kingdom of An Tir. In addition, they are responsible to their corresponding Society Officer or their immediate superior officer in matters of the administration of their offices. They are the chief administrative officers of the Crown and shall follow the directives of the Crown that do not contravene modern law, Society governing documents, or Kingdom law. All officers agree to allow access information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites.

**A. Officers of State:**

**1. The Great Officers** of State in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be: the Kingdom Seneschal, the Black Lion Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Kingdom Chronicler, the Kingdom Constable, the Kingdom Chirurgeon, the Kingdom Chatelaine, the Kingdom Minister of Children, the Kingdom Scribe and the Royal Consul.

**2. The Lesser Officers** of State in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be: the Kingdom Calendar, the New and Incipient Branches Deputy, the Waiver Secretary, the Royal Archer, the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Warlord of An Tir, the Minister of the Lists, the Royal Equestrian, the Minister of Water Bearers, the Gamesmaster, the Bardic Deputy, the Minister of Accounts the Royal Chamberlain, , the Grete Boke, *The Crier* Editor, the Preceptor of the College of Pages, the Kingdom Pied Piper and the Royal Scribe.

**B. Duties of All Officers:**

**1.** To execute the lawful commands of the Crown and to abide by Kingdom Law.

**2.** At least one month prior to each coronation, each of the Kingdom Officers shall give a written report on the state of their Offices to the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. A copy of this report shall be sent to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal. All officers shall also report to the Crown whenever the Crown makes a request for a report, and a copy shall be provided to the Kingdom Seneschal. Kingdom Officers shall also regularly report to the Crown in Curia on the status and

activities of their Offices, with a written summary to the Kingdom Seneschal. Copies of all reports and correspondence to their Corporate or Kingdom superiors shall be provided to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal upon request.

**3.** All Kingdom Officers and all contingency deputies must be paid members of the Society and have access to the *Crier* in their place of residence. Kingdom Officers may not hold any other office, without express approval by the Crown.

**4.** All Kingdom Officers must be in fealty to the Crown.

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

**6.** In addition to their specific duties, each officer shall carry out additional duties as are appropriate to the office, or as directed by the Crown.

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

**8.** Where necessary for the running of an office, Kingdom Officers 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 the Crown. The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in the *Laws of An Tir* and shall be treated as though they are part of Kingdom Law.

**a.** The *An Tir Book of Combat* (The ABCs), covering the conduct of combat and other martial art forms as well as applicable equipment standards

**b.** The *An Tir Book of Target*, covering conduct of all archery and thrown weapons activities and equipment standards.

**c.** The *An Tir Book of Fence*, covering conduct of all rapier/fencing activities and equipment standards.

**d.** The *An Tir Book of Horse*, covering the conduct of all equestrian activities and equipment standards.

**e.** The *An Tir Financial Policy*, covering all financial matters.

**f.** The *An Tir Kingdom Publication Policy*, covering all print and electronic publications.

**g.** The *An Tir Constables Handbook*, covering all policies encompassing safety and security issues for the Kingdom.

**9.** 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 Officer, or, in the case of Kingdom Great Officers, by the Crown and the Kingdom Great Officer's corresponding superior at the start of each reign. In the case of principality officers, The Coronet shall sign the warrants.

**10.** Attend the four Crown events each year, and attend and report at Curia meetings. The Crown may grant permission to be absent in extraordinary circumstances. In this case a primary deputy must attend in the officer's stead.

**11.** Have such deputies, assistants and subordinates, as are necessary to the functioning of their office.

12. Retain a contingency deputy who is acceptable to the Crown, to ensure an orderly transfer of office should the officer become unable to perform his or her duties. A current address and phone number for this person should be on file with the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown and their name shall appear in *The Crier*.

**C. Specific Duties of the Officers of State:**

Here follows the listings of the Officers of State with the Lesser Officers following the Officer to whom they are a deputy.

**1. The Kingdom Seneschal:**

The Kingdom Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Crown. The Kingdom Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within this Kingdom. The responsibilities of the Seneschal shall include: 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; coordinate the formal recognition of new branches by the Crown; hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Curia and of branch seneschals; make written reports to the Crown on a monthly basis; be responsible for soliciting bids for all Crown events and have ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out Kingdom level events; serving as a member of the Council of the Exchequer; and be an alternate signatory on all appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.

**a. The Kingdom Calendar:**

The responsibilities of the Kingdom Calendar shall include: maintain the Kingdom calendar of events; ensure that all events advertised in Kingdom and Principality newsletters are official events as outlined in Corpora; aid in the education of autocrats and seneschals in the policies and procedures of the office, and the facilitation of the process; and compile and maintain a current list of branch conflict areas.

**b. New and Incipient Branches Deputy:**

The responsibilities of the New and Incipient Branches Deputy shall include: act as the chief administrative advisor to the Kingdom Seneschal regarding new branch applications; maintain all files and correspondence records for incipient branches; work closely with the Herald's Incipient Branch Deputy; provide assistance and advice to the new and incipient branches; monitor incipient branch progress and report their status regularly to the Kingdom Seneschal; and advise the incipient branches of full status decision after it is approved by the Kingdom Seneschal.

**c. Waiver Secretary:**

The position of Waiver Secretary is required by Corpora as a deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal. The Waiver Secretary will 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. Adult waivers are to be kept on file for 7 years, minor waivers for 20 years.

**2. The Black Lion Principal Herald:**

The Black Lion Principal Herald is the chief heraldic officer of the Crown and the head of the An Tir College of Heralds. The Responsibilities of the Black Lion

Herald shall include: act as the Crown's chief advisor in all heraldic matters; act as the voice of the Crown in coordination with the Royal Herald; facilitate the timely processing of registration of arms, devices and badges of the populace of the Kingdom; make and maintain the Order of Precedence and update the Awards Roster for An Tir; advise the Crown and populace on matters of ceremony and protocol; encourage the practice of heraldry within the Kingdom; and be responsible for official announcements at Kingdom events.

### **3. The Earl Marshal:**

The Earl Marshal is the chief martial officer of the Crown. The responsibilities of the Earl Marshal shall include: representing the Crown in the Crown's absence in supervising the fighting on a field of honor; interpreting and maintaining the marshallate standards and regulations of the Kingdom; and facilitating the education of the populace in combat with the aim of encouraging authentic, safe, fair and chivalric combat to the greatest extent possible.

#### **a. The Royal Archer:**

The responsibilities of the Royal Archer shall include: encourage the development of period archery; maintain, publish, and enforce the rules for archery and other period missile weapons; and maintain, publish and enforce standards for archery and missile weapon equipment.

#### **b. The Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat:**

The responsibilities of the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat shall include: maintain, publish and enforce the rules for period rapier combat; and maintain, publish and enforce standards for safety and equipment for period rapier combat.

#### **c. The Warlord of An Tir:**

Appointed by the incoming Crown at 12<sup>th</sup> Night, the term of office is one year renewable at the will of the Crown. The responsibilities of the Warlord of An Tir shall include: the development and coordination of the Army of An Tir; act as advisor to the Crown in all matters of war; and work with the Earl Marshal to establish Rules of War; and to organize and establish the An Tir War College.

#### **d. The Minister of the Lists:**

The responsibilities of the Minister of the Lists shall include: maintain a listing of all authorized fighters and marshals; organize and coordinate the Lists as directed by the Crown; and work in cooperation with the College of Heraldry and the Marshallate.

#### **e. The Royal Equestrian:**

The responsibilities of the Royal Equestrian shall include: encourage the development and research into period animal activities including equestrian, canine and falconry; maintain, publish and enforce rules governing the use of animals at events; and establish and maintain an authorization system for Riders and Equestrian Marshals.

**f. The Minister of the Water Bearers:**

The responsibilities of the Minister of the Water Bearers shall include: establish guidelines and coordinate the activities of water bearers at all Kingdom and local events.

**4. The Minister of Arts and Sciences:**

The Minister of Arts and Sciences is the chief Artistic and Scientific Officer of the Crown. The responsibilities of the Minister of Arts and Sciences shall include: encourage the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies; aid in the selection of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion by organizing the competition, assisted by the current Champion; and serve on the Royal Regalia Commission.

**a. The Gamesmaster:**

The responsibilities of the Gamesmaster shall include: research, instruct, and encourage the practice of leisure arts, period games and pastimes.

**b. The Bardic Deputy:**

The responsibilities of the Bardic Deputy shall include: administrating the bardic arts throughout An Tir; organizing of the Kingdom Bardic championship; and maintaining a registry of Bards and other entertainers.

**5. The Chancellor of the Exchequer:**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Crown. The responsibilities of The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall include: maintain the kingdom's financial records; receive, and verify the accuracy of reports from the branch exchequers and other entities; compile and submit a doomsday report to the Society as per Corpora; serve as a member of the Council of the Exchequer; advise the Crown on matters of finance; oversee the procedures of the branch exchequers; provide counsel to anyone needing advice on matters financial relating to the Society; and relate and enforce Kingdom and Society financial policy.

**a. Minister of Accounts:**

The responsibilities of the Minister of Accounts shall include: work in tandem with the Chancellor of the Exchequer; assist in the preparation of reports; coordination of reports from branches; enforcement of the Financial Policy; act as the Principle Administrative and Contingency Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; and be an alternate signatory on the appropriate Kingdom bank accounts.

**b. Royal Chamberlain:**

The responsibilities of the Royal Chamberlain shall include: be directly responsible to the Crown to maintain and inventory the Royal Regalia; order and maintain a supply of the medallions and other tokens given by the Crown; maintain insurance on regalia items; solicit bids to replace existing regalia items, or create new ones; serve on the Royal Regalia commission; and maintain a storage facility for infrequently used and retired items of regalia.

**6. The Kingdom Chronicler:**

The Kingdom Chronicler is the chief record keeper for the Crown, and in charge of all official publications within the realm. The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chronicler shall include: keep the *Laws of An Tir* updated, as directed by the Crown,

and provide each Crown Prince and Crown Princess with a current copy before Their Coronation; keep the minutes at Curia meetings, and for the timely distribution to Kingdom Officers and Royalty; maintain and oversee communication through the electronic media, such as web pages and e-mail; and encourage the publication of the results of research by any subject of the Crown.

**a. The Grete Boke:**

The responsibilities of the Grete Boke shall include: maintain the history of An Tir and make this history available to the populace.

**b. The Crier Editor-In-Chief:**

The responsibilities of the *Crier* Editor shall include: accept submissions for, compile, collate, publish and distribute copies of the Kingdom newsletter, within an acceptable time frame, and in accordance with Corpora; publish official announcements of the Crown; publish changes in Kingdom law; and financially manage the quarterly stipend.

**7. The Kingdom Constable:**

The Kingdom Constable is the chief safety officer of the Crown. The Kingdom Constable works in partnership with the Kingdom Seneschal to ensure the safety and security of the Kingdom. The responsibilities of the Kingdom Constable shall include: administer the constabulary; promote general safety and security at events; and work with modern legal authorities as needed.

**8. The Kingdom Chirurgeon:**

The Kingdom Chirurgeon is the chief first-aid officer for the Crown. The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chirurgeon shall include: administer the chirurgeonate to provide voluntary first aid at Society events including, but not limited to, tournament combat; and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events.

**9. The Kingdom Chatelaine:**

The Kingdom Chatelaine is the chief newcomers welcome officer for the Crown. The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chatelaine shall include: be responsible for the introduction of new and prospective members; providing education on the conventions of the current middle ages and this Kingdom; encourage active participation and period behaviors; coordinate with Gold Key, a deputy to the Chatelaine, to make period clothing accessible to new members; and represent the Society accurately and favorably.

**10. The Kingdom Minister of Children**

The Kingdom Minister of Children is the primary officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of 18. Duties include: assisting branches in developing activities specifically for children and teens, serving as an information officer for safety issues effecting children and teens at events, promoting the ideals of service and chivalry among the youth of An Tir.

**a. The Preceptor of the College of Pages:**

The responsibilities of the Preceptor of the College of Pages shall include: educate children twelve to seventeen on age related aspects of both our

historical period of study and of the Society; and establish guidelines and coordinate the activities for these children at Kingdom events.

**b. The Kingdom Pied Piper:**

The responsibilities of the Kingdom Pied Piper shall include: organize activities for children under twelve at Society events; promote the welfare of children at Society events; educate children on age related topics on aspects of the Society and our historical period of study; and share knowledge with interested persons on children's activities.

**11. The Kingdom Scribe:**

The responsibilities of the Kingdom Scribe shall include: serve as the administrative head of the College of Scribes; 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; 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; ensure, through coordination with Black Lion Principal Herald, the accuracy and suitability of original scrolls containing heraldry; ensure, in cooperation with the Royal Scribe, that all Charters and Scrolls for the reign they are serving are completed; report to the Kingdom Exchequer when award regalia needs replenishing; and maintain a supply of impressions of the Great Seal and Signet, and furnish these to the Crown as needed.

**a. The Royal Scribe:**

The Royal Scribe is appointed by the Crown, usually prior to Their Coronation. The Royal Scribe organizes the assembly of awards and production of award Charters and Scrolls for the reign. Duties include: maintain award regalia inventory in conjunction with the Kingdom Scribe; coordinate with the Kingdom Scribe's office to maintain supplies for Charters, seals, and the scribal boxes; monitor award notification to the Order of Precedence and *The Crier*; and report to the Kingdom Scribe on the status and administration of Original Scrolls commissioned and/or completed for the reign in which they serve.

**12. The Royal Consul:**

The Consul shall be appointed by the Crown and serve purely at Their pleasure. They will be primarily responsible for keeping Their Majesties informed of happenings at the Board level, and advising of possible implications of proposals. They would be responsible for disseminating information to the Kingdom and gathering opinion from the Kingdom's populace and peerages in regard to any proposed changes from the BoD. They shall keep in contact with their sovereigns and have regular correspondence with their counterparts in other kingdoms, to facilitate smooth, effective communication between the modern and medieval aspects of the Society, and ensure representation of Kingdom opinion to the corporation.

**D. Appointment and Removal, 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*.

2. At the end of each Great Officer's term applications for the position will be accepted from all candidates. One term is the maximum allowed. However, at the discretion of the Crown, two one-year extensions may be granted.
3. At the end of each Lesser Officer's term applications for the position will be accepted from all candidates. An incumbent officer must reapply for the office if they wish to be considered for it. Two terms is the maximum allowed.
4. 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.
5. Applications to the Crown from candidates for the office shall also be copied to The Royal Heirs (if applicable), the Kingdom Officer, the officer's superior, and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing. Comments regarding a successor shall be provided to all of the above, in writing.
6. Great Officers of State are appointed by the Crown with the concurrence of the corresponding corporate officer, if any, of the Society.
7. Within a maximum of ninety days of assuming office, all officers shall select and warrant a contingency deputy who meets the approval of the Crown. This deputy shall be trained to take office in the case of an emergency. All pertinent contact information shall be provided to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the officer's immediate superior.
8. The Crown and Kingdom Seneschal shall review a new Kingdom officer's performance in the office after the first six months.
9. For the purposes of this article all officers, including administrative deputies not specifically named herein, serve at the pleasure of their immediate superior and the Crown.
10. Grounds for dismissal by the Crown and the officer's superior shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. The officer has demonstrated a substantial failure to perform the duties of the office after having been given notice of the nature of the duties neglected and having been given a reasonable opportunity to correct these failures.
  - b. 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.
  - c. The officer has wilfully abused the office by using it to hinder or annoy others, or to advance some purpose inconsistent with the trust of that office.
  - d. The officer has performed the office at an unacceptably low level for an unacceptably long period of time.
  - e. The officer has demonstrated a continuing inability to work with the Crown.
  - f. The officer has demonstrated a failure to abide by the *Laws of An Tir*.

**E. Reporting:**

1. Unless specifically directed otherwise by a Kingdom Officer, The reporting quarters will be defined as follows: First quarter (January, February, March), Second

Quarter (April, May, June), Third Quarter (July, August, September), Fourth Quarter (October, November, December).

2. All branch officers are to report to their principality superior or designated reporting deputy by the fifteenth of the following months: January, April, July, and October. If there is no principality or designated reporting officer to report to, then they must report directly to their kingdom superior. A copy of each report shall be provided to the branch seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness, or the Royal Patron. A Kingdom Officer can require greater reporting frequency if the needs of the office dictate it.

3. Principality Officers and Reporting deputies are to report to their kingdom superiors by the first 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. Kingdom Lesser Officers report to their Great Officers by the fifteenth of the following months: January, April, July, and October.

**F. Finances of Kingdom Officers:**

1. All Kingdom Officers shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, postage, copying, and electronic mail access expenses incurred in conjunction with their office. Kingdom Greater Officers shall also be reimbursed for reasonable telephone and travel expenses incurred in conjunction with their offices. Expenses are subject to the limits of the Officer's budget and approval of the Financial Committee.

Kingdom Champions are defined as Officers of the Royal Court and as such are required to attend Kingdom Level events. Champions may be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to required events after consultation with the Financial Committee.

Reasonable travel expenses are defined as: the equivalent of mileage paid at \$0.14 per mile, or current rate authorized by the US IRS, to and from an event for one vehicle.

2. The Council of the Exchequer shall be the financial committee for the Kingdom of An Tir.

a. The responsibilities of the Council of the Exchequer shall include: setting budgets for the operation of the Kingdom; approving extraordinary expenditures; and setting An Tir Financial policy.

b. The Council of the Exchequer shall meet at Crown tournaments after the Royal Heirs have been chosen, at Coronations before the Investiture of the new Crown, and at other times as is necessary.

c. Two thirds of the members of the Council of the Exchequer shall be required for a quorum. Actions by the Council of the Exchequer shall require consent by a majority of the members, however no expenditures shall be authorized which inure for the benefit of individuals or that do not further the Society's non-profit purpose.

The Council of the Exchequer shall consist of the Crown, the Royal Heirs (when applicable), the Kingdom Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or their designated representatives, acceptable to the Crown. The Crown is considered one member for a quorum, and a decision by either shall be

considered the Crown's decision. (For Kingdoms and Principalities; Sovereigns, Consorts and the Heirs of Kingdoms and Principalities as defined in Corpora, are limited to one composite vote (SCA Financial Policy)).

## **ARTICLE V - PRECEDENCE, AWARDS AND ORDERS**

### **A. The Order of Precedence in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be as follows:**

Sovereign and Consort  
Crown Prince and Crown Princess  
Territorial Princes and Princesses  
Tanists and Tanistas to Territorial Principalities  
Kingdom Champions  
Holders of the Lion of An Tir  
Dukes and Duchesses  
Counts and Countesses  
Viscounts and Viscountesses  
Territorial Barons and Baronesses  
Members of the Orders of the Chivalry, Laurel and Pelican  
Members of the Orders of the Jambe de Lion, Goutte de Sang, Gray Goose Shaft, White Scarf and Hasta Leonis  
Holders of a Grant of Arms  
Former Founding and Landed Barons and Baronesses  
Barons and Baronesses of the Court  
Holders of an Award of Arms

### **B. Awards and Orders**

**1.** The power to bestow patents, grants, awards of arms, and all other awards flows from the Crown. Any subject may make recommendations to the Crown regarding any level of award, and 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 may give scrolls of praise and recognition and other tokens.

#### **2. Principality Awards:**

- a.** 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
- b.** The Principality Coronet shall create such awards as are needed for the recognition of the subjects of Their Principality.
- c.** 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.

#### **3. Royal Peers:**

- a. All Royal Peers** (Duke, Duchess, Count, Countess, Viscount and Viscountess, or their equivalent), carry with them arms by letters patent and shall be known as the Royal Peers of An Tir.

**b.** Membership in the **Order of the Rose** 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.

**c.** Membership in the **Order of the Lords and Ladies of Valorous Estate** is given by the reigning Coronet Consort to those who have completed serving a term as a Principality Consort. Members of this order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behaviour among all members of the Society.

**d.** All those of **Ducal rank** (Duke or Duchess) 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.

#### **4. Royal Patrons:**

Royal Peers are encouraged to act as advisors to branches who do not have direct access to the Landed Nobility or the Crown. These Royal Peers, hereinafter referred to as Royal Patrons, will act in this capacity upon the mutual request of the branch and the Royal Peer, and upon the consent of the Crown. This relationship may be terminated at any time by the branch, the Royal Patron or the Crown. The responsibilities of Royal Patrons shall include: the requirement to swear fealty to the Crown; hold courts as Patron, but only within, or at events sponsored by, the branch for which they are Patron; raise War bands from within the group; receive copies of reports from branch officers; report to the Crown and Heirs on the state of the Branch one month before Coronation; act as an advocate for the Branch; and represent the branch in meetings of the Noble Estate and in all ways act in the best interest of the branch. This does not include giving awards not designated by the Crown.

#### **5. Peerage:**

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. All these patents of arms are considered equal in rank and honor. Although the primary qualifications for each order vary, aspirants and members of all these orders should 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. All members of each order have the right and responsibility to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their respective orders, and no member may be excluded from a conclave convened for that purpose. Corpora has detailed criteria on Peerage.

**a.** 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.

**b.** 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.

**c.** 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. Prospective members accepted by the Crown may choose either Knighthood, if they are willing to place themselves in fealty to the Crown of An Tir, or Mastery-at-Arms, if they are not.

**6. Other Armigerous Awards:**

**a.** The Order of the **Goutte de Sang** (Drop of Blood) may be offered to those the Crown finds especially deserving of honor for substantial service to the Kingdom. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

**b.** The Order of the **Jambe de Lion** (Arm of the Lion) may be offered to those the Crown finds especially deserving of honor for skill in the arts and sciences and willingness to share their skill with others. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

**c.** The Order of the **Gray Goose Shaft** may be offered by the Crown, on the advice of the members of the Order, for excellence in archery. Membership in the Order confers a Grant of Arms.

**d.** The Order of the **White Scarf** may be offered by the Crown, on the advice of the members of the Order, for skill in rapier combat. Membership in the order confers a Grant of Arms.

**e.** The Order of the **Hasta Leonis** (Spear of the Lion) may be offered by the Crown, for excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of the art of War. Membership in the Order confers a Grant of Arms.

**f.** The title of **Court Baron** and **Court Baroness** may be offered by the Crown for outstanding efforts to the kingdom. It is considered the second highest award the Crown can grant. Unless otherwise indicated, Court Baron and Court Baroness carry an Award of Arms, if the person has not already received one.

**g.** The **Belated Rose** is a token of personal favor given, with the permission of the Queen, by the members of the Order of the Rose and the Valorous Estate for courteous and courtly behavior.

**h.** An **Award of Arms** may be offered to individuals or groups at the pleasure of the Crown.

**7. Other Awards, Orders and Honors:**

In addition to the armigerous orders, the Crown may create and bestow orders and awards, which are non-armigerous. Non-armigerous awards will not determine ranking on the An Tir Order of Precedence, with the exception of the Honor of the Lion of An Tir. *The An Tir Handbook* contains detailed descriptions of all the honors of this Kingdom.

**a.** A **Unique Augmentation of Arms** is considered the highest honor a person can be given for sustained service to Crown and Kingdom.

- b.** The **Throne's Favor** is considered the highest award the Crown can grant to a subject or group for a significant contribution to the Kingdom through conspicuous service.
- c.** 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.
- d.** 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.
- e.** The **Forget-me-not** is a token of personal favor given by the Queen.
- f.** The **King's Favor** is a token of personal favor given by the King.
- g.** The **Belated Rose** is a token of personal favor given by the Queen on the recommendation of the Orders of the Rose and of the Valorous Estate for courteous and courtly behavior.
- h.** The Honor of the **Lion's Cub** is given by the Crown to children who have shown noble merit.
- i.** The **Mano d' Oro** may be given by the Crown on the recommendation of the Minister of Arts and Sciences for excellence in and service to the arts and sciences of An Tir.
- j.** The Honor of the **Carp** is given by the Queen for excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behavior and encampment.
- k.** The **Silver Rose** is given by the Queen to the person who finishes second in the Crown Tournament.
- l.** The **Muckin' Tall Maul** is given upon recommendation of the previous recipient for ferocity on the field during the Crown Tournament lists.
- m.** The **Old Shattered Shield** is presented for valor and authentic death in the Crown lists by the previous recipient.
- n.** The **Lion's Torse** is given by the King for armor worn on the field that is period, functional and aesthetically pleasing.
- o.** The **Lion's Sword** is given by the King 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.
- p.** The **Lion's Rapier** is given by the Queen upon an individual's completion of a term as The Champion of Rapier Combat.
- q.** The **Lion's Arrow** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Protector.
- r.** The **Lion's Heart** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion.
- s.** The honor and title **Troubador of the Lion** is given by the Crown upon an individual's completion of a term as The Kingdom Bardic Champion

t. The ranks of **Sergeant-at-Arms**, **Yeoman**, **Gallant** and **Courtier** in the Kingdom of An Tir shall be bestowed and administered by the Landed Barons and Baronesses of this Kingdom.

u. The **Sable Chime** is a non-armiguous award bestowed by the Crown for a specific excellent and/or inspirational performance, or continuing performance throughout the Kingdom.

v. The **Fury of the Lion** is given for ferocity and chivalry on the field of battle.

8. The Kingdom of An Tir recognizes the Arms and Orders awarded by other Kingdoms of the Society. 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 An Tirian awards.

**9. Royal Commissions:**

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)." 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

**10. Finances of Awards:**

All requests for tokens, medallions, and award regalia of any kind must be pre-approved by the Financial Committee. The Kingdom Scribe will report to the Financial Committee when award tokens given by the Crown need replenishing. The Financial Committee will assist in finding suitable vendors.

## **ARTICLE VI - EVENTS**

### **A. Crown and Kingdom Events:**

1. The **Crown Events** shall be the two Crown Tournaments, and two Coronations. No event or activity may conflict with a Crown Event without the prior written consent of the Crown. There shall be a meeting of Curia at all Crown Events.

2. The **Kingdom Events** shall be: Inter-Kingdom Wars; Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship, Kingdom Bardic Championship; and Crown Councils. No other event may conflict with a Kingdom Event within the Region or Principality where the Kingdom Event is being held. No Principality event may conflict with a Kingdom event.

3. The Crown and Kingdom Events will be held on the most practical weekends closest to these dates:

Twelfth Night Coronation - The Second Weekend of January

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship - First Weekend of March

Crown Council - As proclaimed by the Crown.

Crown Tournament - Canadian Victoria Day Weekend (the first Monday before May 25<sup>th</sup>)

An Tir / West War - July 4th weekend

Coronation - The Third weekend of July

Crown Tournament - Labor Day

Kingdom Bardic Championship – Fourth Weekend in September

Crown Council - Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day

4. The Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown shall determine the location of the Crown and Kingdom Events through bids from subordinate branches. Actual dates shall be published by or as soon after Twelfth Night as is possible for the upcoming year.

5. Any Society branch within An Tir may bid on any An Tir Crown or Kingdom Event. Seasonal changes in weather and travel conditions shall be valid considerations in reviewing all bids. All An Tir Crown Events shall be a minimum of two full days in duration.

6. Twenty-five percent of any profit made on a Crown or Kingdom Event may be kept by the host group provided all final reports, receipts and the remaining Seventy-five percent have been sent to the Kingdom Exchequer within thirty days after the event; If the final report and all funds are returned after thirty 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. All final reports for Crown or Kingdom Events must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer within 60 days after the close of the event. If it is the wish of the host group, they may donate some portion of their share to the Kingdom.

7. Due to obligations set forth in these laws, Royalty, the Champions of An Tir, and the Greater Kingdom Officers are exempt from paying site fees at all Events within the borders of An Tir.

#### **B. Coronet Events:**

Coronet Tournaments and Investitures shall have appropriate copy placed in the Kingdom and Principality Newsletters. See appropriate Principality Law.

#### **C. Events in General**

1. All events must be sponsored by a full status branch of the Kingdom, registered with the seneschal of the sponsoring branch and publicized to the membership of that branch and conducted according to Society rules and Kingdom Law.

2. All events must be registered with the Kingdom Calendar by using the most current Event Information form.

3. Formal actions and announcements with long-term impact on the Kingdom may only occur at events which have had copy published in *The Crier*. This includes: Crown and Coronet lists; Coronations and Investitures; appointment of Officers at the Principality level and up; the presentation of awards and titles; proclamation of law; and the establishment or advancement of branches.

4. 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.

5. All branches shall place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom Calendar with complete copy appearing in *The Crier*.

6. Dates for events shall be assigned after conflict issued are resolved.

## **ARTICLE VII - SUBORDINATE GROUPS**

Branches within An Tir shall be: Principalities, Baronies, Shires, Cantons, Colleges, Ports, and Strongholds.

### **A. Principalities**

1. Principalities shall meet all requirements as laid out in Corpora for the status of a Territorial Principality and shall meet such other requirements as shall be defined by the Crown and Officers of An Tir.
2. Principalities shall enjoy the right of a Prince and Princess, 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: Seneschal, Herald, Exchequer, Chronicler, Arts & Sciences, Marshal, Constable, and Chatelaine. Others may be added as the Coronet sees fit. The warrants for Principality officers are signed by the Coronet and the appropriate Kingdom officer.

### **B. Baronies**

1. Baronies must have at least: the minimum number of members as defined by Corpora, a set of officers acceptable to the Crown, a name and device registered with the College Arms, and, at least one person to accept the title of Baron or Baroness as appropriate to their sex.
2. The Territorial Baron and Baroness shall: fulfill their duties as outlined in Corpora; execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom Law; be, for the people of the Barony, the chief examples of chivalry, courtesy, and virtue, and shall encourage those virtues in their populace; be the representative(s) of the Crown to the people of the Barony in the Crown's absence; represent the Barony to the Crown and at meetings of the Noble Estate; have the prerogative to establish and make awards specific to the Barony to acknowledge skill, service and other merits; receive copies of reports from baronial officers; encourage the officers of the Barony and give input on replacements to the Crown and Kingdom officers when such need arises; approve all expenditures of Baronial funds; maintain membership in the Society and receive *The Crier* at their place of residence; give written reports on the state of their barony.
  - a. Baronies within Principalities: At least one month prior to Coronet investiture, the Barons and Baronesses shall give a written report on the state of their Barony to the Coronet Heirs. A copy of this report shall also be given to the Crown, the Crown Prince and Princess, the Coronet, and the Kingdom Seneschal and the Principality Seneschal.
  - b. Baronies outside of Principalities: At least one month prior to each Coronation, the Barons and Baronesses shall give a written report on the state of their Barony to the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. A copy of this report shall be given to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
3. Baronies shall place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar and with complete copy appearing in *The Crier*.
4. A Barony is required to have a warrantable Seneschal, Herald, Marshal, Minister of A&S, Chatelaine, Exchequer, and Constable.

5. An opinion poll shall be performed at least every 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.

**6. In the Event of Baronial Polling:**

a. The Crown or a representative chosen by the Crown shall be responsible for the polling of the populace.

b. The Kingdom Seneschal or a representative thereof shall be present also.

c. Both of the persons conducting the polling shall be from outside the barony

d. The scheduling of the baronial polling is subject to approval of the Crown. The polling should be completed within 90 days of the official announcement at a Baronial meeting. Notification of the polling is to appear in the next available issue of *The Crier*. Ideally, the process should begin and end within a single reign.

e. 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.

f. A baronial officer should serve as fair witness to the distribution and collection of polling forms.

g. A standardized polling form shall be used (See Appendix A).

h. Polling forms will be distributed only to members within the baronies zip code range. Officers, Sergeants, Courtiers, Gallants, Yeomen and Lancers who live outside the zip code range of the branch, and are members, will be included in the polling.

i. Other input may be submitted in writing via email, postal mail or in person.

j. The results of the polling shall be delivered directly to the Crown for their consideration.

k. The final decision and appointment of the new Baron and/or Baroness rests solely with the Crown.

**7. Baronial Term Limits**

a. Landed Barons and Baronesses shall be limited to not more than two consecutive terms of three years.

b. A polling shall be conducted at the end of the first three year term, with the results made known directly to the Crown.

c. As of the effective date of this law, Barons and Baronesses who have served for six or more consecutive years shall have one year to conduct a polling which will help enable the Crown to determine their successors.

**C. Other Branches:**

All other official SCA branches must meet the requirements as defined by Corpora. The branch must have a warrantable Seneschal, a warrantable Exchequer (in order to handle any Society funds), and, if martial activities are to take place within the branch, a warrantable Marshal. If there are no martial activities in the branch, the third officer shall be a warrantable Arts & Sciences Officer or a warrantable Herald. A large majority of an existing branch's officers must reside within the territorial area of the branch.

1. Cantons are under the jurisdiction of a Barony. Colleges, Ports, and Strongholds are institutional branches who shall report to the local branch with which they coexist-exist, or otherwise to the Regional or Principality Seneschal.
2. All branches shall place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom Calendar and with complete copy appearing in *The Crier*.

**D. Crown Principalities and Regions:**

**1. Crown Principalities:**

The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may grant recognition of a Region working toward Principality status the name "Crown Principality" and the Crown shall assume, upon recognition thereof; the title "Prince and Princess" of the new Crown Principality. Principality status is defined in and regulated by Corpora. The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, may revoke the right of a "Crown Principality" to use that name.

**2. Regions:**

Regions are a group of geographically contiguous branches, which are grouped together for ease of Kingdom administration. They are not official branches in their own right. Therefore, regions may not have champions; sponsor events; or maintain separate funds or bank accounts. Any funds held in such a separate account must be divided among the branches of that region. Any funds remaining in such accounts after January 1, 2002 shall be placed in the An Tir General Fund.

**E. Change of Status:**

To be considered for a change to a different status, the branch must meet the requirements of that status as required by Corpora and Kingdom Law, and present a petition to the Kingdom Seneschal, with copies to the Crown. It is highly desirable and suggested that a branch making such application be well above the minimum requirements before making their application. After assuring that all requirements are met, the Kingdom Seneschal shall make a recommendation to the Crown, and if necessary, to the Board of Directors. The branch should allow sufficient time for this process in planning for the event at which they would like to become official. Upon approval, the members of the branch shall present a calligraphed petition in open court to the Crown.

**F. New Branches**

New branches will be styled 'incipient' until they are granted official status by the Crown. To establish a new branch the group shall supply the Kingdom Seneschal with: proof of five sustaining or international memberships; the names and addressees of the required officers and the tentative name of the group. All of an incipient branch's officers must reside within the territorial area of the branch and all will be expected to establish and maintain a working relationship with Kingdom, principality, or regional officers. If this is satisfactory, the Kingdom Seneschal shall grant incipient status. The Kingdom Seneschal shall report this to the next Curia meeting. Incipient branches will be evaluated for stability, growth, activity levels, and compliance with requirements. Based on the evaluation, they may be recommended for official status or continued incipient status. Incipient branches will be re-evaluated within two years of their inception. 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. Exceptions will be granted to

incipient branches that have been functioning well but can't yet satisfy all requirements, through no fault of their own, e.g. name approval.

**G. Kingdom Guilds and Other Entities**

Kingdom Guilds exist in order to serve the Crown and Kingdom by promoting some field of endeavor for the benefit of all. No group may call itself a Kingdom group, guild or company unless it has been recognized as such by the Crown. No group or other entity may use the words 'An Tir' in its name unless it has been recognized by the Crown. No group may refer to itself as 'Royal' unless it exists primarily to serve the Crown and has been recognized by the Crown.

1. In order to be recognized by the Crown as a full Kingdom guild, a group of at least five sustaining members from a least three different branches must submit a proposal to the Crown and Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences. The proposal must delineate the purposes, structure, officers, activities, and limits of the proposed guild. The Guild must go through an incipiency period of not less than one year, and not more than three years. Once the incipiency is completed to the satisfaction of the Crown and the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, a charter shall be approved by the Crown.
2. Recognized guilds may have sub-units on the branch level of the Kingdom.
3. Guilds shall report to the Arts & Sciences Minister on the schedule set by that officer.
4. The Crown has the authority to revoke the status of any guild or company for just cause at any time.
5. Guilds handling money shall follow procedures as outlined in the *An Tir Financial Policy*.

**H. General:**

1. All branches or guilds that publish a newsletter shall provide a complimentary copy to the King, Queen, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Kingdom Seneschal, and Kingdom Chronicler. The Principality Newsletters will provide a complimentary copy to the Kingdom Calendar. It is encouraged that complimentary copies also be sent to the Grete Boke and the local Regional or Principality Seneschal.
2. No person may be a branch officer in more than one branch at a time, nor can a person hold a branch office and a regional, 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.
3. No one shall be warranted as a branch officer at any level who has not attained the age of 18 years.
4. Branches shall establish and maintain a branch library and shall obtain, through gift or purchase, current copies of the *Known World Handbook*, the *Organizational Handbook*, the *An Tir Handbook*, the *Laws of An Tir*, the *An Tir Seneschal's Handbook*, the *An Tir Book of Combat*, the *An Tir Book of Target*, the *An Tir Book of Fence*, the *An Tir Financial Policy*, and the *An Tir Kingdom Publication Policy*, together with whatever other resources the branch deems appropriate including the handbooks and manuals for all offices. Branches are encouraged to also obtain a roster from the College of Heraldry, and to have the *An Tir Book of Horse*. These

resources must be available to everyone participating in a branch upon request. Branch funds may be used to purchase the resources specifically mentioned above.

## **ARTICLE VIII - FEALTY**

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 swear 'Fealty' directly to the Crown.

### **A. Direct Vassals of the Crown:**

All those who have sworn direct fealty to the Crown are Direct Crown Vassals. Vassals of the Crown have the following privileges and duties: they may wear and display the lion-headed fealty bracelet; Crown Vassals may raise armies under their banners, in support of the Kingdom; direct vassals of the Crown may display the armory of the vassals and retainers of the Crown; they shall have the right to enter the Royal Presence armed; they shall counsel the Crown on theirs and their own vassals behalf when appropriate; execute the lawful commands of the Crown and abide by Kingdom Law; be Loyal to the Crown and Kingdom; and treat courteously those of every degree.

- 1.** The following shall pledge fealty to the reigning King and Queen: the Crown Prince and Crown Princess; the Kingdom Champions; Territorial Princes and Princesses; Kingdom Officers of State.
- 2.** The following shall also pledge fealty to the reigning King and Queen: Royal Patrons, Territorial Barons and Baronesses, and Knights. Although if they reside within a Principality, they may pledge this fealty through the Territorial Prince and Princess.
- 3.** All Peers of the Realm and those who have achieved the Honor of the Lion of An Tir have the right to offer fealty to the King and Queen, or may, if they choose, offer fealty to the current King and Queen through a Coronet, Territorial Baron and Baroness, or Royal Patron.
- 4.** All other subjects, with good reason, may petition the Crown for the right to pledge direct fealty.
- 5.** All combatants entering onto a war battlefield must be pledged in fealty to the Crown or be, by oath or contract, allied with a vassal in a chain of fealty to the Crown. All persons shall be responsible for the conduct of those under them.
- 6.** For any who may have religious conflicts with the swearing 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 - IX MISCELLANEOUS**

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

1. In order that the Kingdom and its goals be further enhanced, it shall be the responsibility of all subjects of An Tir to willingly maintain and increase the authenticity of their accouterment, speech, and conduct, thus elevating the spirit that should be fostered in these Current Middle Ages. Courtesy, consideration, honor, and chivalric behavior are essential in all subjects of An Tir, at all times.
2. It is the duty of the populace to be familiar with, and abide by the Laws, customs, and traditions of An Tir. 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.
3. The populace is reminded that modern law is always in effect and the violation of modern law will be grounds for expulsion from the event, banishment, or arrest by civil authorities.
4. Smoking is not permitted indoors at events. Smoking at outdoor events is only permitted in designated areas with appropriate receptacles. Smoking is permitted in individual encampments and paved parking areas. Fire restrictions always apply. Smoking is not permitted in or near the Eric or Court. Smokers are expected to clean up after themselves, leaving an area as clean or cleaner than they found it.
5. The allowance for admission and control of pets shall be determined by the autocrat of an event. If no 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.
6. Controlled Substances - An Tir is intolerant of the illegal use or distribution of drugs and/or alcohol. Mundane law enforcement may be called to the site to deal with any unlawful activity.
7. Firearms - Non-period firearms shall not be borne upon the site of any SCA event, except by those required or licensed by mundane law, to bear such weapons. Period firearms must not be loaded, except as part of a segregated and approved target shooting competition.

### **B. Noble Estate:**

The Noble Estate consists of the Royalty of An Tir, the Royal Peers, and the Territorial Barons and Baronesses. The Noble Estate meets when requested by the Crown so that the Crown may hear its advice. The Noble Estate has traditionally met at Crown Events and at Crown Council. The Noble Estate is responsible for assisting the Kingdom Seneschal in choosing a suitable Regent should the Champion of An Tir be unable to serve in that capacity. The person highest in the order of precedence presides at meetings. A quorum shall be comprised of at least two Royalty, four Royal Peers, and four Territorial Barons or Baronesses.

### **C. Grievance Procedure:**

Anyone having a personal dispute with any other person within the Kingdom shall settle the matter using the following procedure:

1. 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.

2. If the dispute is 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.

3. 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.

4. Repeat step 3 moving up the organization and including everyone you've involved on your copy list. Follow your correspondents' advice as to whether or not anyone else at or below their level needs to be consulted. Eventually, you run out of levels.

5. 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.

6. The Grievance Procedure is intended to address personal disputes between individuals and not disputes on official matters. For further guidance, please refer to the *Organizational Handbook*, Channels for Complaint and Appeal.

**D. The Regalia Commission:**

1. There shall be a Royal Regalia Commission, consisting of the King and Queen, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess (when applicable), the Royal Chamberlain and the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Minister.

2. The Commission shall be responsible for approving of additions to Kingdom Regalia. 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.

3. The Royal Chamberlain shall maintain a current inventory of regalia, and shall maintain a secured storage facility for regalia not currently being used. The Chamberlain and both sets of Royalty shall sign a completed inventory form, which will document this accounting and transference, which shall be inventoried at the Coronation event. Disposal of regalia will be by majority decision of the Commission.

**ARTICLE X - COURTS OF INQUIRY AND COURTS OF CHIVALRY**

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.

A. 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.

**B.** 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.

**C.** 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 to the investigation of violations of the Society's rules, only, may be held.

**D.** Ordinarily, attendance at these courts 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.

**E.** Personal disputes should continue to utilize the Grievance Procedure (IX.C.). 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.

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

**G.** These courts will provide conclusions and recommendations only. The determination of verdict and the imposition of any sanctions or penalties rests with the Crown of An Tir. The only appeal is to the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

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

**I.** Requests to convene a court shall be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal who will 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. If the Kingdom Seneschal is the proposed subject, the request should be sent directly to the Crown, who will 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.

**J.** 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.

**K.** To ensure that the courts have a fair representation of the facts, the principals to the dispute have the right to cross-examine witnesses, introduce evidence, and in general, present their cases. They also have the right to 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.

**L. Courts of Inquiry** will be convened to investigate less serious violations of the rules of the Society.

**1.** 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 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.

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

3. 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.

4. 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 the parties involved. Such time and place must be no later than 30 days after receipt of the case from the Kingdom Seneschal.

5. 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.

6. 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 parties involved.

7. 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.

8. 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 Prince and Princess (if applicable), and to the parties involved.

9. 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.

10. 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.

**M. A Court of Chivalry** is the Kingdoms highest court. It is the only court that may recommend Greater Royal Sanctions, degradation from the peerage, or the sanction of a Prince and/or Princess.

1. Courts of Chivalry are presided over by the Crown of An Tir.

2. Courts of Chivalry shall have nine judges who are members of the SCA, including the Kingdom Seneschal, Earl Marshal, and the secretaries of the Orders of the Chivalry, Laurel, and Pelican. If any of the above judges cannot attend, the Crown will choose replacements from within their offices or orders to represent

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

**3.** The Black Lion Principal Herald or a representative shall act as the recording officer of the court.

**4.** 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.

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

**6.** Should any person, who has been specifically summoned to stand before 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 parties involved.

**7.** 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 parties involved. Sufficient cause shall be determined by the members of the court.

**8.** 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.

**9.** 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 also announce the recommendations for sanction, again noting the number of votes for each sanction.

**10.** 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.

**11.** The Black Lion Principal Herald, acting as the court reporter, shall send, by registered mail, a written notice of the Crowns 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*.

# THE LAWS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF THE SUMMITS

## DEFINITIONS:

- The Coronet:** The Prince and Princess of the Summits acting together
- The Crown:** The King and Queen of An Tir acting together
- Coronet Sovereign:** The victor in the Coronet lists of the Summits who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess as appropriate.
- Coronet Consort:** The companion who inspired the victor in the Coronet lists of the Summits who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess as appropriate.
- Heirs:** The victorious couple prior to Investiture, titled Tanist or Tanista of Summits, as appropriate.
- Proclamation:** A directive of the Coronet effective only during the reign of the Prince and/or Princess making it.
- Subject / Resident:** A person or group of persons whose primary residence is in the Principality of the Summits
- Defender:** The victor of the Defender's List who shall administer the affairs of the Principality in the event there should be a failure of the Coronet to reign.

## ARTICLE I: THE LAW

### Section 1 -- The Source of Law

The word of the Coronet is Law within the Principality, limited only by the Crown and *Laws of An Tir*, and the laws of the modern political entities having jurisdiction within the Principality.

### Section 2 -- Amendments

The Laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet with the Crown's Approval, and after review of the Kingdom and Summits seneschals, by proclaiming and publishing specific changes, additions, or deletions to specific articles and sections. Publication must be in an official publication of the SCA, Inc. Other proclamations shall be understood to be in effect only during the reign of the Coronet and shall lapse upon the Investiture of their Successors.

### Section 3 -- When Effective

Any proclamation or amendment to the Law shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken, but no subject of the Principality shall be held accountable until that proclamation or Law is signed and published.

### Section 4 -- Publication

Publication of the proclamations and amendments to the Law shall be accomplished by printing changes in the Kingdom and Principality newsletters. Publication of these Laws results in the obsolescence of all prior versions of the Laws.

### Section 5 -- Availability

A complete and current correct copy of the Laws will be made available by the Office of the Seneschal to the populace at the Spring Coronet Tournament.

## **ARTICLE II: THE CORONET**

### **Section 1 -- Rights and Duties**

Rights and Duties are specifically enumerated in the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

### **Section 2 -- Completion of Reign**

Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign for whatever reason, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign. Should both Sovereign and Consort be unable to complete the reign, administrative duties of the Coronet shall fall on the Defender, and the Coronet shall revert to the Crown of An Tir until such time as a Coronet List may be held.

### **Section 3 -- Delegation of Coronet Power**

The Coronet may delegate unto any subject the execution of Coronet power for a stated specific purpose, such as transmission of an award to a person properly named and selected.

## **ARTICLE III: TOURNAMENTS, INVESTITURE, AND SUCCESSION**

### **Section 1 -- Scheduling**

There will be two Coronet Tournaments and Investitures each year. They will take place on the weekend closest to the following calendar dates:

Fall Tournament - Autumnal Equinox

Winter Investiture - two weeks prior to Winter Solstice

Spring Tournament - Vernal Equinox

Summer Investiture - Summer Solstice

### **Section 2 -- Entry to Lists**

All authorized fighters resident within the Principality are privileged to compete in the Coronet and Defender's Lists and all residents of the Principality may be prospective Consorts, provided they meet the eligibility standards in III.3 below and are both present on the day of the List, unless the Coronet of the Summits deny them entry, or a fighter or consort be otherwise in violation of the Rules of the Lists, the Laws of the Principality, An Tir, The Society, or the modern entity having jurisdiction.

Landed Barons and Baroness' within the borders of the Summits shall petition the Coronet for entry into the Coronet List no less than thirty days prior to a Coronet Tournament.

### **Section 3 -- Eligibility**

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

The victor and consort will reign.

The victor and consort will attend the next two investitures and the next Coronet Tournament.

The competitor has a companion of the opposite gender who will serve as Consort.

That both are eligible based upon Membership requirements put forth in Corpora.  
That both are willing to swear an oath that they are loyal to the Crown and the *Laws of An Tir* and the Coronet, Laws and Populace of the Summits.  
That both are aware that these positions may require expenditures in excess of membership fees.

That both must be a resident of the Principality for at least 60 days prior to the Tournament and must live within the Principality for the duration of their reign, or be acceptable to the Coronets.

Exceptions may be granted by the Coronet, limited by Corpora and Crown.

#### **Section 4 -- Combat Conventions**

The Coronet Lists combat conventions shall be determined by the Coronet.

#### **Section 5 -- Investiture**

Oaths to Kingdom and Crown: At their investiture, the Tanist and Tanista of the Summits shall swear fealty to the Crown and obedience to the *Laws of An Tir*. Should the Crown not be present to accept their oaths, written oaths shall be sent to the Crown immediately and spoken oaths given as soon as possible.

Oaths to the land and Populace: The Heirs shall swear fealty to the people of the Summits and swear to uphold the Laws. These oaths shall be witnessed by the Summits Seneschal, the Summits Herald, the Earl Marshall, and such members of the Peerage attendant at the tournament who may bear witness to the claims of the Heirs of the Summits. Upon completion of these Oaths, the Heirs shall receive the Coronets from the outgoing Prince and Princess.

Failure to Invest: Should for any reason a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid or the victor and/or consort elect to abdicate directly, or by failure to appear or respond, a Coronet List shall be called for the beginning of the Investiture. This tournament shall be open to all who meet eligibility requirements put forth above and who were eligible at the time of the original Coronet Tournament. Any person or persons whose actions or inaction were the grounds for an invalidation, as well as a victor and consort who abdicate, are explicitly excluded as both combatants and consorts from the new Lists.

Failure to Reign: Failure of the Prince and Princess to attend Coronet events constitutes failure to reign and shall be taken as abdication, unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Coronet and no failure to reign is demonstrated.

## **ARTICLE IV: CHAMPIONS**

### **Section 1 - Designation of Champions**

The Coronet shall determine and create such Titled Champions, as they deem necessary. The current Champions are the Defender, the Champion of the Arts and Sciences (Alpine Scholar), the Archery Champion (Captain of Eagles), and the Rapier Champion (Captain of Cats).

### **Section 2 -- Defender of the Summits**

- A. The fighter who is victorious in the Summits Defender's list shall bear the title Defender of the Summits for the duration of one year. Should the Defender be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or

Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve as Defender until the next Defender's List.

- i. All fighters must be residents of the Principality and members of the SCA to be eligible to compete in the lists.
  - ii. The Defender's List shall be of a kind that promotes a tactical victory, rather than of sole prowess at arms.
  - iii. The Coronet shall determine the conventions of the list.
  - iv. The Defender's List shall be held in conjunction with a traditional local event in the spring, following the March Coronet, but prior to the June Investiture
- B. Duties and Privileges of the Defender**
- i. The Defender shall accompany and defend the Coronet.
  - ii. The Defender shall bear the Banner of the Summits in times of war and peace.
  - iii. The Defender shall occupy the post of Warlord of the Summits and coordinate those duties with the Principality Marshal and Kingdom Warlord.
  - iv. The Defender shall attend the Coronet at Court.
  - v. The Defender shall have a seat at the Principality High Table.
  - vi. If, for any reason, the Summits is without a Coronet, the Defender shall assume the administrative duties of the Coronet as the Crown's representative and shall take the appropriate steps to either invest the Tanist and Tanista of the Summits as scheduled, or hold a Coronet list as scheduled and immediately invest the victor and companion as the Coronet of the Summits.
  - vii. Should the Defender be unable to carry out his or her duties in the absence of the Coronet, the Crown shall select the most suitable person to serve as Defender.

### **Section 3 - Summits Champion of Arts and Sciences – “Alpine Scholar”**

- A.** The individual who is judged victorious in the Arts and Sciences Competition shall bear the title Summits Champion of Arts and Sciences for the duration of one year. Should the Champion of Arts and Sciences be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Arts and Sciences Competition. The Arts and Science competition shall take place at Winter Investiture.
- B. Duties and Privileges of the Champion of the Arts and Sciences**
- i. The Champion shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - ii. The Champion shall promote and encourage Arts and Sciences throughout the Principality.
  - iii. The Champion shall be responsible for preparing and conducting a contest to select an appropriate successor.

#### **Section 4 - Summits Archery Champion – “Captain of Eagles”**

- A. The individual who is judged victorious in the Summits Archery Competition shall bear the title Summits Archery Champion for the duration of one year. Should the Archery Champion be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve as Archery Champion until the next Archery Competition. The Archery competition shall take place in the late summer, between the June Investiture and September Coronet.
- B. Duties and Privileges of the Archery Champion:
  - i. The Champion shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - ii. The Champion shall promote and encourage archery and light infantry throughout the Principality.
  - iii. The Champion shall be responsible for preparing and conducting a contest to select an appropriate successor with the help of the Captain of the Bow.

#### **Section 5 - Summits Rapier Champion – “Captain of Cats”**

- A. The individual who is judged victorious in the Summits Rapier Competition shall bear the title Summits Rapier Champion for the duration of one year. Should the Rapier Champion be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve as Rapier Champion until the next Rapier Competition. The Rapier competition shall be held at the June Investiture.
- B. Duties and Privileges of the Rapier Champion:
  - i. The Champion shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - ii. The Champion shall promote and encourage period fence throughout the Principality.
  - iii. The Champion shall be responsible for preparing and conducting a contest to select an appropriate successor with the help of the Captain of Fence.

### **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1 -- Officers**

The Greater Officers of the principality of the Summits shall be: The Seneschal, The Summits Herald, The Earl Marshal, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chronicler, the Chatelaine, the Chirurgion, and the Constable. The Greater Officers of the Summits shall be responsible to the Coronet of the Summits and the Greater Officers of An Tir, and shall safeguard the interests and honor of the Society. All officers shall carry out such duties as appropriate to the post or as directed by the Coronet.

#### **Section 2 -- Reports**

- A. Principality officers shall give a written quarterly report on the state of their office. All Principality officers will report to the Coronet, Principality

Seneschal, Kingdom Superior, the Tanist and Tanista when applicable, and to any others required by Law and policy.

**The reporting quarters are:**

January, February and March (First Quarter) due May 1st.

April, May, and June (Second Quarter) due August 1st.

July, August, September (Third Quarter) due November 1st.

October, November, and December (Fourth Quarter) due February 1st.

- B. Branch officers shall give a written quarterly report on the state of their office and relevant branch activity to their Principality superior by the 15th of the month following the end of each quarter.
- C. Failure to report
  - i. Failure to report on two consecutive reporting periods will result in the suspension of that officer. Suspension will be in force until reinstatement by the Coronet and Principality Seneschal.
  - ii. If an officer remains in suspension for a full reporting period, that office shall, at the end of that reporting period, be considered vacant.
  - iii. Failure of a branch officer to report to their Principality superior on two consecutive reporting periods, or twice in a twelve-month span of time, will result in the suspension of that officer. Suspension will be in force until reinstatement by the Coronet and Principality Seneschal. Such a suspension, especially of the critical offices of Seneschal and Exchequer, may result in that branch passing into abeyance. Branches in abeyance may at the discretion of the Coronet and Summits Seneschal, be passed over as a hosting branch of Principality level events. New branches in abeyance, or with poor reporting records for any office, risk demotion back to incipient status, at the discretion and advice of the Coronet, and Kingdom, New Branches, and Principality Seneschals.
- D. Vacant Offices:
  - i. The Principality Seneschal shall assume the duties of vacant Principality offices until a suitable officer can be installed.
  - ii. The branch Seneschal shall report vacant branch Great Offices to the relevant Principality superiors on a quarterly basis, providing their own contact information. Such reports shall be as brief as is needed to report the vacancy, the seneschal's contact info, and a lack of activity or little activity.

**Section 3 -- Appointment and Deputies**

- A. Greater Officers are warranted by the Coronet after countersigned approval of the corresponding Kingdom officer. Each may warrant deputies, assistants, and subordinates as are necessary to the functioning of the office.
- B. All Greater Officers must have a deputy to effect an orderly transfer of the office should the office become unexpectedly vacant.
- C. If the office becomes vacant or if an officer announces intention to resign, the Coronet, in consultation with the Kingdom superior and the Crown, shall warrant a new officer.

- D. In the event that a lesser office is deemed unnecessary, the office shall be left vacant and the duties assumed by the corresponding greater office.
- E. Officers shall serve for one term of up to two years. At the end of that time they may seek reappointment to the same post for one more term. No individual may serve in this capacity for more than four consecutive years.

#### **Section 4 -- Specific Duties and Jurisdictions**

- A. The **Seneschal** is the chief administrative officer of the Principality, and the principal legal representative within the Principality.
  - i. **Summits Calendar/Events Deputy** is responsible for the maintaining the Summits event calendar and forwarding the full and complete information to the An Tir Calendar. They are also responsible for assisting and supervising branches and autocrats for Principality events.
  - ii. **Minister of Children/Fledglings** is responsible for coordinating and overseeing children activities within the Summits and during events, including Pied Piper, whalebone, and boffer.
- B. **The Summits Herald** is responsible for the submission of Heraldic devices, orders of precedence, ceremony, and the promotion of the Art of Heraldry within the Principality. The Summits Herald shall coordinate efforts with the Gryphon Scribe as appropriate.
- C. **The Summits Marshal** has jurisdiction over all martial combat and the Field of Honor. The Keeper of the Lists is directly subordinate to the Summits Marshal. The Captain of the Bow and Captain of Fence are overseen in administration and logistics by the Summits Marshal, in matters of policy by the appropriate Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshals, and report directly to both. The Warlord answers to the Coronet, though is required to make reports to the Principality Marshal and Kingdom Warlord. The duties of these offices are as follows:
  - i. **The Captain of the Bow** shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to archery and Light Infantry.
  - ii. **The Keeper of the Lists** shall be responsible for the scheduling of fights in the Coronet Lists and shall maintain records of the names of the authorized fighters and marshals within the Principality.
  - iii. **The Rapier Marshal** shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to rapier combat within the Principality.
  - iv. **The Warlord** is not appointed, rather the post is claimed along with victory in the Defender's List and is held for a term of one year. In this capacity, the Defender coordinates the raising of the Summits Army in service to An Tir, and is available for advice to the Crown, Coronet and Kingdom Warlord in preparing for wars.
- D. **The Chancellor of the Exchequer** is responsible for accounting for the moneys, property, and regalia of the Principality and the vassal branches of the Principality, shall have custody of the moneys of the Principality, and shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer as per Kingdom financial reporting schedule. The Exchequer shall oversee the appointed Chamberlain.

- i. **The Chamberlain** shall be delegated all responsibility for maintenance and inventory of regalia.
- ii. Unlike other officers, the Chamberlain shall have a term that matches each Coronet's reign, and shall be appointed by each incoming Coronet with the advice of the Exchequer, to whom the Chamberlain will report.
- E. **The Minister of Arts and Sciences** is responsible for encouraging the study and display of the medieval arts and sciences of the Principality. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall coordinate efforts with the Gryphon Scribe as appropriate.
- F. **The Chronicler** is responsible for publishing the Principality newsletter; and such other publications as shall be required by the Coronet.
- G. **The Chirurgeon** is responsible for administering the chirurgionate to provide voluntary first aid at Society events, including but not limited to tournament combat, and; and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events. The Chirurgeon will oversee the Lesser Office of Minister of the Water Bearers.
  - i. **The Minister of the Water Bearers:** The responsibilities of the Minister of the Water Bearers shall include: establish guidelines and coordinate the activities of water bearers at all Principality and local events.
- H. **The Chatelaine** shall encourage and coordinate recruiting activities within the Principality. The Chatelaine shall be directly responsible for the Lesser Office of Ministry of the Gold Key. The duties of this office areas follows:
  - i. **The Minister of the Gold Key** is responsible for the storage and offering of appropriate clothing for loan.
- I. **The Constable** is responsible for coordinating on-site security and safety at Principality events.
- J. **The Gryphon Scribe** shall encourage the arts of calligraphy and illumination and coordinate the production of scrolls as required by the Coronet. The lesser office reports directly to the Coronet and the Kingdom Scribe, with courtesy reports and coordination of effort extended to the Summits Herald and the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

## ARTICLE VI: AWARDS

### Section 1 - Creation of Awards

The Coronet shall determine and create such awards as they wish to bestow. The precedence of these awards shall be determined by the Crown of An Tir.

### Section 2 - Summits Award

- A. **The Order of the Aerie:** this is a closed order consisting of all those who held the position of Defender or Lady of the Summits prior to the recognition of Summits as a Principality. Members may wear a black garter with a grail tippet.
- B. **The Order of the Gryphon's Sword:** consists of those fighters who have placed second in the Coronet lists. Members may wear an argent sword bent into a ring.

- C. **Morgan's Rose** is given to the consorts of those fighters who have placed second in the Coronet List. Recipients may wear an argent rose wrapped around a spear.
- D. **The Shield of Chivalry** is given by the Princess to that fighter whom she judges to have been most chivalrous during the Coronet Lists. It is passed on at each Coronet Lists.
- E. **The Order of the Summits:** this award is given no more than once per Coronet reign and need not be given every reign. It recognizes extraordinary contribution to the Principality and Populace of Summits. Companions in this Order must be consulted by the Coronet for advice before invitation is offered to a new Companion.
- F. **The Evergreen** is given as a token of appreciation and honor by the Consort to select gentles deemed worthy. Recipients may wear an argent spray of barberry on a beaded necklace.
- G. **The Award of the Grail:** this award may be given by the Coronets for notable contributions in the Arts and Sciences, Service, or Martial endeavor. Recipients may wear an argent grail pendant with colored field (vert for Arts and Science, gules for service, sable for Martial) on a beaded necklace. Due to the varied nature of the award, one of each may be given to the same recipient.
- H. **The Throne Favor of Summits** is given to those within and without the Principality who make noteworthy general contributions to the Principality or the Coronet. The token for this award is determined by each Coronet.
- I. **Gryphon's Favor:** Given to those outside the Summits who make great contributions in support of the Principality. Recipients may wear an argent grail pendent with an azure field on a beaded necklace.
- J. **The Order of the Wounded Gryphon:** Given for exceptional conduct and prowess upon the field of battle. Members may wear a gryphon sejant pierced in the breast by an arrow bendwise sinister argent, fletched azure.

## ARTICLE VII: COUNCILS AND COURTS

### Section 1 - Designation of Councils and Courts

The Coronet shall determine and create such subordinate administrative bodies they deem necessary. As appropriate, these matters shall be determined by the Crown of An Tir.

### Section 2 - the Exchequer's Council

- A. The Exchequer's Council shall consist of the Coronet, the Heirs when applicable, the Principality Seneschal, and the Principality Exchequer. All requests and proposals for the use of Principality moneys for extraordinary expenses must be submitted in writing to the Exchequer. The consent of a majority of the Council is needed to disburse moneys for anything but regular approved expenses.
- B. The Exchequer's Council shall create and maintain a Summits Financial Policy, approved by the Kingdom Exchequer and published annually in Echoes, with changes announced via Echoes and online information sources.

- C. Any permanent special purpose funds overseen by the Principality must be included in the Financial Policy, balances published quarterly in the Echoes and be reported to every Moot. Current permanent funds: Travel Fund, Gryphon Fund.
- D. The Exchequer's Council will meet (at a minimum) each Coronet and Investiture. Other meetings may be called as needed, and online discussions between members of the Council constitutes a meeting if necessary; providing all Council members are included in and respond to the discussion.
- E. The Exchequer's Council shall adhere to all policies as stated within the current Summits Financial Policy.

**Section 3 - the Moot**

- A. The Moot shall be the forum for the populace of Summits to express their concerns, the officers to account for their offices and branch Seneschals to give reports on local activity. Anyone may attend Moots.
- B. Summits officers and Branch Seneschals, or a representative, must attend Moot.
- C. Autocrats, or a representative, must give a status report for all Principality events occurring in the next six months following the quarterly Moot. Written reports given to the Principality Seneschal prior to the Moot are acceptable when necessary. Principality Champions shall also announce the rules and guidelines for those Championships which choose their successors.
- D. There shall be a Moot at each Coronet event, and additional Moots may be scheduled by the Coronet as needed.

Signed this ninth day of November A.S. XXXVIII, being 2002 CE

# THE LAWS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL

January 24, A.S. XXXIX (2005)

## DEFINITIONS

**The Coronet:** The Prince and Princess of Avacal, acting together.

**Tanist and Tanista:** the heirs to the Coronet.

## ARTICLE 1 - THE LAW

- 1.1 The word of the Coronet is law subject to the Crown of An Tir and that which The Crown of An Tir is subject to. In the interests of simplicity the Laws of Avacal do not list or reference over riding laws.
- 1.2 Any amendments must be reviewed and signed by the Avacal Seneschal, and reviewed and signed by Their Majesties of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal prior to proclamation. The Laws of Avacal shall be published in their entirety once each year in the Principality newsletter, with amendments published in the Principality newsletter, the Avantgarde, and in the Kingdom newsletter, *The Crier*, and proclaimed as soon as possible.
- 1.3 This is the current Laws of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.

## ARTICLE 2 - THE CORONET

### 2.1 General

The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora, what follows is particular to Avacal. The responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are similar in scope within the Principality of Avacal as is the Crown within An Tir.

### 2.2 Maintenance and Succession

Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible fighters who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The winner of the tournament and the person they fought for shall be invested immediately.

If the Coronet fails to complete their reign, the Tanist and Tanista shall act as regents until their investiture. If there is no Tanist and Tanista the heavy champion of Avacal shall serve as Regent. If the Heavy Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties the Champions shall select the most suitable royal peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's sole responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as practically possible and to immediately invest the winner and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards. Failure to reign includes: failure to attend Principality events unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Prince or Princess and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated; abdication; failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown of An Tir with the advice of the Seneschal and the four Champions.

Should a Prince or Princess be unable to complete their reign, it is acceptable to have the remaining Prince or Princess complete the reign.

### **2.3 Responsibilities**

The Coronet must attend all Principality events. The Coronet must swear fealty to the Crown at the time of Kingdom Coronation in some fashion acceptable to that Crown. If the failure to swear fealty at this time is beyond the control of the Coronet, they will make arrangements to swear fealty in some fashion acceptable to the Crown as soon as possible thereafter.

### **2.4 Privileges**

The Coronet and their heirs shall not be charged event fees. The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable mailing, photocopying, telephone and travel costs incurred in conjunction with their reign, upon submission of receipts to the Avacal Exchequer. Total costs submitted within a given reign may not exceed \$1200. The Travel Fund is not to drop below a balance of \$300. This fund will be supplemented by funds from the General Operating Account should this occur.

## **ARTICLE 3 - CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL**

### **3.1 General**

The four Champions of Avacal are: Champion of Sword (heavy or rattan combat), Champion of Arrows (light or missile combat), Champion of Arts & Sciences, and Champion of Rapier. Each Champion will serve a term of one year. No person may serve as two Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Champions Tourney at one time. If the Champion is unable to serve, the Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve and oversee the next tourney. The Champion of Sword may contest or be fought for in the June Coronet list. . To enter competition for any Avacal Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion.

### **3.2 Duties**

The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Crown

The Champions have the duty to advise the Coronet. They shall support and defend the Principality of Avacal, and serve the Coronet to the best of their ability.

The Champions are expected to attend all Principality Events, unless granted permission by the Coronet not to do so.

The Champions must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the Investiture Events (See section 6). They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor.

The Heavy Champion has a role to play in the maintenance and succession of the Coronet. (See section 2).

### **3.3 Rights**

The Champions have the right and duty to attend the Coronet at Court and at war, and a place near the Coronets' table at feasts. The Champion of Sword is to stand armed at the Prince's Throne, and the Champion of Rapier is to stand armed at the Princess's Throne.

Champions shall not be charged site fees at Principality Events. This does not include feast fees.

## **ARTICLE 4 - PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**4.1** Principality Officers will act within Avacal as Kingdom Officers act within the Kingdom. The job descriptions of these officers are in Corpora and Kingdom Law. Officers are expected to keep in touch with both their superiors and subordinates. Officers shall serve a two year term of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior. Warrants for all Greater Officers of State and their regional subordinates are required to be presented to each Coronet on the occasion of Their Investiture for review and renewal of warrant of office.

Six months prior to the end of each two year term Officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in the Principality Newsletter. This advertisement shall run continuously for no less than 3 months. Principality Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

The Great Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chatelaine, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Herald, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable.

The Lesser Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Principality Calendar, the Minister of the Lists, the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Royal Archer, the Warlord of Avacal, the Principality Bard, the Principality Gamesmaster/mistress, the Principality Web Minister, the Principality Scribe, the Principality Regalia, and the Lord/Lady High Regent of Their Highnesses University of Avacal

The job descriptions and structure of the Principality Officers shall mirror that of the Kingdom of An Tir.

Principality Officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

Principality Officers must maintain a subscription to the Principality Newsletter, the Avantgarde, at their place of residence.

**4.2** All other officers within Avacal, whether Baronial, Canton, Shire, College etc., shall serve two year terms of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their appropriate superior. Six months prior to the end of their two year term officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in their local newsletter and at their monthly business meeting. Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any

All other officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

## **ARTICLE 5 - AWARDS AND ORDERS**

**5.1** Elders of Avacal: former Champions of Avacal who have fulfilled their duties and completed their term as Champion shall be styled an Elder of Avacal. This is bestowed at the time of the investiture of their successor.

- 5.2 The Gilded Griffon is Avacal's service award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.3 The Griffon's Flame is Avacal's arts award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.4 The Griffon's Claw is Avacal's award for representing the Principality in an extraordinary way, in your chosen field, outside of Avacal, and is bestowed by the will of the The Coronet.
- 5.5 The Golden Oak is Avacal's award for being a shining example of chivalry and courtesy on a consistent basis and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.6 The Griffon's Heart is Avacal's award to honour excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behaviour and encampment, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.7 The Order of the Valorous Warrior is Avacal's award to honour excellence in martial activities be it archery, rapier or heavy combat and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

## **ARTICLE 6 - PRINCIPALITY EVENTS**

### **6.1 General**

The Principality events shall be the two Coronet Tournaments, two Coronet Investitures, and Coronet Councils scheduled at the pleasure of the Coronet.

Within the borders of Avacal, no event may conflict with a Principality Event. The Principality Events will be held on the most practical weekends nearest to these dates:

Last weekend in February: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Arts & Sciences (see section 6.5) and Avacal Champion of Rapier will be chosen at this event.

First weekend of June: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

Mid August: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Sword and the Champion of Arrow will be chosen at this event.

Last weekend in November: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

**6.2** Principality Events shall be open to bid by any branch within Avacal. Bids are due one year in advance. The Coronet will select the winning bid upon the advice of their Curia. If there are no suitable bids the Coronet and Seneschal will work with the branches to ensure the event is carried out as scheduled.

**6.3** Thirty percent of any profit made on a Coronet Event may be kept by the host group; 60% is due directly to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days, and 10% is due to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### **6.4 Coronet Tourneys**

Entrants to the Coronet list must have lived within the borders of Avacal for 6 months preceding the Tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their reign.

All entrants and their consorts shall be members of the SCA, Inc. Acceptable proof of this shall be a valid SCA membership card, a valid *Crier* or Tournaments

Illuminated mailing label, valid membership indicated on recent An Tir mailing list, a printed, valid receipt for an online membership purchase, or postcard from SCA Registry indicating valid membership.

### **6.5 Champions Tourneys**

Entrants to the Champions tourneys must be resident in Avacal at the time of the tourney, and reasonably expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

**6.5.1** The Arts and Sciences Championship shall be run by the incumbent Champion in consultation with The Coronet and the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The format and rules of the competition shall be as stated in the document “The Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Guidelines”, dated January 24, 2005 (AS XXXIX) as signed by The Coronet, the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences. This document can only be revised by the incumbent Champion with the approval of the Coronets and following consultation with the Minister of Arts & Sciences.

Any person wishing to enter the Arts & Sciences Championship Tournament must declare their intent and provide a list of their planned entries to The Coronet, the Champion and the Arts & Sciences Minister, in writing, no later than January 15th of same year as the Championship Tournament.

## **ARTICLE 7 - THEIR HIGHNESSES UNIVERSITY OF AVACAL (THUA)**

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is an extension of The Sovereign and Consort of Avacal (the Coronet) intended to foster and develop the pursuit of mediaeval research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is overseen, on the behalf of The Coronets, by a Lord/Lady High Regent. The High Regent is a Principality Officer, S/He and all THUA chancellors are warranted by The Coronet.

Their Highnesses University of Avacal is governed by the Twenty-Five (25) Tenets of Their Highnesses University of Avacal. These tenets can only be changed by the Coronet.

The Coronet holds the title, Lord and Lady of the University of Avacal.

## **ARTICLE 8 - COLLECTION, RECORDING, AND REMITTANCE OF THE NON MEMBER SURCHARGE**

**8.1** Branches within Avacal hosting an Official Event (defined herein as an Event advertised in *The Crier*, the newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir) are required to collect, record and remit the Non Member Surcharge (NMS) **to the Avacal Exchequer** pursuant to Society, Kingdom and Avacal law **and no later than thirty (30) days from the last day the Event was held.**

**8.2** It is the duty of the Event Steward and the Exchequer of the hosting branch to collect, record and remit the NMS payment and supporting documentation (such documentation as determined time to time by the Greater Officers of Avacal, the

Seneschal and the Exchequer, acting together) within thirty (30) days of the last day the Event was held.

**8.3 Failure of the Event Steward and Branch Exchequer** to collect, record and remit the NMS and supporting documentation within the time limit imposed herein will result in the hosting branch being declared 'delinquent'. A delinquent branch will be barred from placing further Official Events on the Avacal Calendar until receipt of said outstanding NMS and supporting documentation. Upon receipt of both the outstanding NMS and supporting documentation, the branch will no longer be deemed delinquent and the bar from placing Official Events on the Avacal Calendar will be lifted.

# THE LAWS OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF TIR RIGH

## DEFINITIONS

**Consort:** The person who was fought for in the Coronet Lists and was invested as Prince or Princess.

**Corpora:** Document which defines the medieval structure of the Society.

**Coronet:** The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting together. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.

**Coronet Events:** The two Coronet Tournaments and two Coronet Investitures.

**Coronet Lists:** Properly constituted Lists to determine, by combat, the Heirs to the current Coronet.

**Crown:** The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together. The Crown of the Kingdom of An Tir.

**Curia:** A council of officers and Principality advisors meeting to assist in administering the Principality. Heirs: The victor in the Coronet Lists and the victor's prospective consort, for the period between the victory and the Investiture.

**Investiture:** The ceremony at which the Heirs are invested as the Coronet.

**Kingdom Law:** The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir.

**Noble Estate:** A body comprised of the Royalty, the Royal Peers, and the Territorial Barons and Baronesses of An Tir, meeting to advise the Crown as needed.

**Prince and Princess:** Titles of the Sovereign and Consort of the Principality of the North. Principality: A part of a kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by combat.

**Principality Law:** The Laws of the Principality of Tir Righ. Proclamation: A directive of the Coronet that shall have effect only during the reign of the Coronet making it.

**Regent:** The person who administers the affairs of the Principality if the Coronet is unable to reign. Royalty: The King, Queen, Crown Prince and Princess, Principality Princes and Princesses, and all Principality Heirs.

**Society:** The Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated. (SCA)

**Sovereign:** The victor in the Coronet Lists of Tir Righ who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess.

**Subject:** A person who resides within the Principality of Tir Righ and is considered to be a denizen of Tir Righ, excluding the Prince and the Princess. Exceptions to this definition are detailed in Corpora.

## ARTICLE 1 – THE LAW

1. Within the Principality of Tir Righ, the word of the Coronet is law subject to modern law of the relevant jurisdictions, the governing documents of the Society, Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown.
2. Principality Law is subject to the same restrictions as the word of the Coronet.
3. The Laws of Tir Righ shall be published in their entirety once each year by May first.

4. The Laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet. Amendments must be reviewed by the Principality Seneschal for compliance with the above restrictions. Any amendments to Principality Law must first be submitted to the Crown of An Tir in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed.
5. Amendments and proclamations must be published in the Principality newsletter, *The Northern Sentinel*, and the Kingdom newsletter, *The Crier*, before they are fully in effect. Amendments to Principality Law and proclamations should be announced at events within the Principality as soon as possible, but no subject of the Principality shall be held accountable until that proclamation or law is signed and published.

## **ARTICLE 2 – THE CORONET**

1. Selection of the Coronet The selection of the Coronet is detailed in Corpora. What follows is particular to Tir Righ.
  - a. Coronet Lists Eligibility
    - i. Entrants to the Coronet Lists and their prospective consorts must have lived within the borders of Tir Righ for one year preceding the Coronet Tournament and expect to remain residents for the duration of their reign. The Coronet may grant exceptions.
    - ii. Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible entrants and their prospective consorts who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The victor of the tournament and their consort shall be invested immediately.
  - b. Combat Conventions: The Sovereign shall determine Coronet List combat conventions.
2. Relations with the Crown are detailed in Kingdom Law.
3. Responsibilities The duties and responsibilities of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora and in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to Tir Righ.
  - a. The Coronet and Heirs must attend all Principality Coronet Events.
  - b. The Coronet and Heirs are responsible for reasonable maintenance of the regalia for Their office and must pass the regalia on to Their successor(s).
4. Privileges The privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora and in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to Tir Righ.
  - a. Neither the Coronet nor the Heirs shall be charged event fees at Principality Coronet Events.
  - b. The Coronet and the Heirs shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, copying, postage and telephone expenses incurred in preparation for and in conjunction with Their reign upon submission of receipts to the Principality Exchequer.
5. Failure to Reign and Regent
  - a. Failure to reign includes:
    - i. Failure to attend Principality Coronet Events, unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Sovereign or Consort and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated.

- ii. Abdication. A letter from the Prince and/or Princess to the Crown, Heirs (if any), Kingdom Seneschal and Principality Seneschal, indicating intent to abdicate constitutes official abdication.
  - iii. Failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown with the advice of the Principality Seneschal, the Principality Champions, and Principality Noble Estate.
- b. Should either the Sovereign or Consort be unable to complete the reign for whatever reason, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign.
  - c. Should both the Sovereign and Consort be unable to complete the reign, the Heirs shall be invested as Prince and Princess as soon as possible. Until that time, the administrative duties of the Coronet shall fall on the Regent, and the Coronet shall revert to the Crown of An Tir.
  - d. The Heavy Champion of Tir Righ shall, with the approval of the Crown, serve as Regent. If the Heavy Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties, then the Crown, with advice from the Principality Seneschal and the Noble Estate, shall select the most suitable Royal Peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's primary responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as possible and to immediately invest the victor and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards.

### **ARTICLE 3 - CHAMPIONS**

1. The Champions are: Heavy Champion, Rapier Champion, Archery Champion, Arts & Sciences Champion, and Bardic Champion.
2. The job descriptions, duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Champions are detailed in Kingdom Law. What follows is particular to Tir Righ.
3. Duties of All Champions
  - a. To swear an oath of fealty and service to the Coronet.
  - b. To defend the honor and prestige of the Coronet and the Principality of Tir Righ, whenever such is challenged.
  - c. To support the Coronet in war.
  - d. To attend all Coronet Events, unless that champion receives permission from the Coronet not to do so.
  - e. To maintain membership in the Society during the champion's term of service.
  - f. To speak or act in the Coronet's name when delegated to do so.
  - g. To further the interests of their area of endeavor.
4. Each Champion must organize the tournament to choose their successor at the appropriate Principality Coronet event. Champions may defend their title.
5. The Championship tournaments will take place as follows. Spring Coronet Tournament: Arts & Sciences Summer Investiture: Heavy Fall Coronet Tournament: Bardic and Archery Winter Investiture: Rapier
6. Rights and Privileges
  - a. To have a place at the high table for the champion and an escort.
  - b. To stand armed near the Coronet at all events.

- c. To be at the side of the Coronet in war.
  - d. To bear and display the regalia of their position.
7. The Champions are responsible for reasonable maintenance of the regalia for their office and must pass the regalia on to their successor.

**ARTICLE 4 – PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

- 1. Offices of the Principality of Tir Righ are structured after the Greater and Lesser Offices of the Kingdom of An Tir. Their job descriptions and duties are detailed in Corpora and Kingdom Law.
- 2. Officers shall report to their Kingdom superiors and maintain communications with their branch subordinates.
- 3. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Coronet as long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior.

**ARTICLE 5 - AWARDS**

- 1. The Coronet shall determine and create Awards and Orders particular to the Principality of Tir Righ as They deem necessary, and will add them to Principality Law.

**ARTICLE 6 - EVENTS**

Coronet events are detailed in Kingdom Law what follows is particular to Tir Righ.

- 1. **Conflicting Events:** Within the borders of Tir Righ, no event may conflict with a Coronet Event without the express permission of the Coronet.
- 2. **Schedule**  
The Coronet Events are:  
Spring Coronet Tourney: Weekend of the last Saturday of April (unless this date falls on Easter weekend, then the previous weekend.)  
Summer Investiture: Weekend of the second Saturday of June.  
Fall Coronet Tourney: Weekend of the second Saturday after Labour Day (Labour Day is the first Monday of September).  
Winter Investiture: The weekend before U.S. Thanksgiving (U.S. Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November).
- 3. **Event Bids**
  - a. Coronet Events shall be open to bid by any branch within Tir Righ. Bids are due one year in advance. The Coronet and Principality Seneschal will select the winning bid. If there are no suitable bids the Coronet and Seneschal will work with the branches to ensure that the event is carried out as scheduled.
  - b. Twenty-five percent of any profit made on a Coronet Event may be kept by the host group provided all final reports, receipts and the remaining seventy-five percent have been sent to the Principality Exchequer within thirty days after the event. If the final report and all funds are returned after thirty 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 Principality Exchequer. All final reports for Coronet Events must be sent to the Principality Exchequer within 60

days after the close of the event. If it is the wish of the host group, they may donate some portion of their share to the Principality.

- c. Any Canadian branch hosting a Coronet event must prove that at least two million dollars' worth of liability insurance is in effect (whether obtained through the NSCA coverage or by individual branch policy).
- d. Any branch hosting a Coronet Event must be able to prove their Non Profit Status. In the United States, this is done by membership to the SCA Inc. However in Canada, this can only be achieved by shire membership to the Northern Society for Creative Anachronism (NSCA).

## **ARTICLE 7 - PRINCIPALITY OF TIR RIGH TRAVEL FUNDS**

### **1. Their Highnesses Travel Fund:**

The fund shall be designated to reimburse for travel expenses by the Coronet within the Principality; and for travel expenses to An Tir Crown events within the Kingdom.

### **2. Tir Righ's War Travel Fund:**

This fund shall be designated to reimburse for travel expenses by the Coronet to any "war" event outside the Principality.

- a) Funds that are not specifically raised for the Travel Fund shall not be diverted to it from any other funds for any reason. The Travel Fund monies shall remain separate and shall not be diverted to any other fund for any reason.
- b) The administration of these Funds shall be handled through the Principality Exchequer of Tir Righ. Money from this fund shall be made available to the Princes and Princesses of Tir Righ for travel within the Principality, or to the required Crown events within the Kingdom.
- c) No expenses may exceed the funds available to them in the Travel Fund. To that end, all expenditures must be pre-authorized by the Principality Exchequer.
- d) The Coronet may draw on funds from the Travel Fund during Their reign, but only to the extent that the balance in the Fund has decreased no more than 50% from the start of Their reign, to the finish of Their reign (ie: If the fund has \$400 at the start of a reign, the Coronet must leave a balance of \$200 at the end of Their reign).
- e) It is the responsibility of the Coronets to maintain, and attempt to increase the Travel Fund, through fund-raisers and / or the solicitation of donations. An attempt should be made to leave the Fund with more money than it had when the Coronets ascended Their thrones.
- f) If the Coronets travel by car, Their expenses shall be reimbursed upon the presentation of gas receipts. They may be reimbursed for a basic hotel room, on the basis of up to one night per 500 miles of travel.
- g) The Coronets may be given an advance to assist with the travel costs such as gas, ferries, etc. They are expected to hand in all receipts to cover expenses. If expenses are less than the advance, any balance must be returned to the Travel Fund. If expenses are more than the advance, then the Coronets will be reimbursed for any outstanding balance.

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