

# 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- 1.3 This is the current Laws of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.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 Griffin is Avacal's service award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.3 The Griffin's Flame is Avacal's arts award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.
- 5.4 The Griffin'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 Griffin'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.