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## GLOSSARY

In this document, the following terms, listed in alphabetical order, are used with the meanings given below:

- Armigerous award: An award that can convey Arms by Award, Grant, or Patent.
- Board: The Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
- By-Laws: The By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or its equivalent in an affiliated organization.
- Consort: The person for whom the combatant fights in a Royal List.
- Coronet: The Sovereign and Consort of a Principality, acting together.
- Corpora: The policies governing historical re-creation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
- Crown: The Sovereign and Consort of a Kingdom, acting together.
- Curia: A council of the Crown that must be consulted in order to make, delete, or amend Kingdom law. Those who hold a seat in this council are defined in this law.
- Fealty: A reciprocal promise to be loyal to somebody and show them your support, especially a territorial ruler aka liege.
- Governing documents: The Organizational Handbook, which contains: The Introduction, Corpora, The Articles of Incorporation of the SCA, Inc., the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., and any amendments and appendices.
- Officer: A Society member serving in an appointed office as defined in Corpora, or as an appointed deputy in such an office, or in another office as may be defined by Kingdom Law, at any level of the Society, or in the role of organizer of a Society event (commonly referred to as "Autocrat" or "Steward"), or as a Territorial Baron or Baroness, or as Crown or Coronet or heir to a Crown or Coronet.
- Official event: An obsolete term for a published event.
- Peerage: Collectively, the members of the populace who hold a patent of arms. Any person holding a patent is a peer.
- Period: The era used by the Society as the base for its re-creation activities. The Society is based on the life and culture of the landed nobility of pre-17th Century, focusing on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
- Published event: A Society event that also fulfills the requirements of Section II.C of the Corpora. These are the events where all manner of court business may be conducted.

- Quorum: The smallest number of people who must be at a meeting before it can begin or decisions can be made.
- Redress: To correct something that is unfair or wrong.
- Royal Heirs: The victor in the Royal List and the victor's consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (Kingdom) or Investiture (Principality).
- Royal Lists: Properly constituted armored combat tournaments to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as "Crown Lists" for Kingdoms, and "Coronet Lists" for Principalities.
- Royal Peer: An individual who has reigned as Sovereign or Consort of a Kingdom or a Principality is referred to as a Royal Peer.
- Royalty: The persons who hold the offices of Sovereign or Consort of a Kingdom or Principality. The heirs to those positions are also considered royal, but Corpora uses the terms "royalty" and "reigning royalty" interchangeably, and only to refer to Sovereigns and Consorts.
- SCA, Inc. or SCA: The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California nonprofit (or not-for-profit) corporation
- SCA, Inc. Waiver Card: A card which indicates that a properly executed waiver is on file at the corporate office. This card may also contain membership information.
- Society: The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organizations).
- Society event: An event that fulfills the requirements of Section II.A of the Corpora.
- Society member: Membership in the Society is defined in the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or in the approved organizational documents of any corporation affiliated with the SCA, Inc.
- Sovereign and Consort: The victor in the Royal List and the victor's consort, respectively, after their Coronation or Investiture.
- Subject: Any person who physically resides within the borders of a realm for more than half the year. Those who do not maintain a residence meeting this definition may be considered subjects of the realm where they participate most frequently, if they obtain written acknowledgment from the royalty of that realm. Those who participate in Society activities primarily in a realm other than the one where they reside may be considered subjects of that realm if they obtain written permission and acknowledgment from the royalty of both realms. Decisions of the Coronet in such matters depend upon the approval of the Crown.

# The Great Book of Laws for the Kingdom of Drachenwald

**PROLOGUE:** The purpose of this document is to delineate a comprehensive set of laws for the Kingdom of Drachenwald, within the constraints of Corpora.

## 1.00 CONCERNING THE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF DRACHENWALD

### 1.01 Precendence of the law

**1.01.1** The precedence of the law is defined in the governing documents of the SCA.

### 1.02 The law consists of the following

**1.02.1** The body of laws within the Kingdom of Drachenwald consists of:

1. The By-Laws and Corporate Policies of the Society for Creative Anachronism and its affiliated organizations, as appropriate
2. The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism
3. Drachenwald law (this document)
4. Edicts of the Crown of Drachenwald
5. Current policies of the Great Kingdom Officers

### 1.03 Changing Drachenwald law and policies

**1.03.1** The legislative authority in the Kingdom of Drachenwald is the Crown of Drachenwald.

**1.03.2** Drachenwald law is maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal.

**1.03.3** Changing Drachenwald law

**1.03.3.1** Before changing any laws of Drachenwald, the Crown must consult their council, Curia.

**1.03.3.2** In order to consult Curia, the current and new proposed law text must be published in the *Dragon's Tale* before the Curia takes place, along with a description of reasons and context for proposing the change.

**1.03.3.3** After receiving advice from Curia, the Crown may enact change to Drachenwald law.

**1.03.3.4** When the Crown has chosen to enact a law the proposal becomes a pending law.

**1.03.3.5** Pending laws should be submitted to the Chronicler of the *Dragon's Tale* within thirty days and must be submitted within sixty days after the Curia for publication in the next possible issue. If the Chronicler deems the pending laws to be too long for publication in a single issue, then a summary can be published in the *Dragon's Tale* with a link to the full text published on the website.

**1.03.3.6** The Kingdom Chronicler may not publish pending laws without the documented approval of the Sovereign, the Consort, and the Kingdom Seneschal.

**1.03.3.7** Laws take effect after being proclaimed in court at an event as defined in the Corpora and having been published in the *Dragon's Tale*.

**1.03.4** Extending Drachenwald law by edicts

**1.03.4.1** The Crown has the power to extend Drachenwald law with edicts.

**1.03.4.2** An edict may not repeal or suspend Drachenwald law.

**1.03.4.3** Edicts last for the duration of the Crown's reign.

**1.03.4.4** Edicts must be approved by both the Sovereign and the Consort.

**1.03.4.5** Edicts must be reviewed for conflict with other laws by the Kingdom Seneschal.

**1.03.4.6** Edicts take effect after being proclaimed at an event as defined in the Corpora and having been published in the *Dragon's Tale*. The publication can happen before Coronation.

### 1.04 Publication of Drachenwald law

**1.04.1** The Kingdom Seneschal is responsible for the publication of Drachenwald law.

**1.04.2** Drachenwald law is published on the Kingdom website.

**1.04.3** Drachenwald law shall include a revision date and a list of the signatories for the current law.

**1.04.4** The policies of the Great Kingdom Officers must be published on the Kingdom website. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Kingdom Financial Policies
2. Rules of the Drachenwald List
3. Reporting requirements for each office

## **1.05 Definitions of some terms used in Drachenwald law**

**1.05.1** Written, in writing: communications sent either by postal mail or electronic mail.

# **2.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE CROWN**

## **2.01 Definition of the Crown**

**2.01.1** The Crown shall consist of the Sovereign and the Consort, as defined in Corpora. These two shall have equal powers and neither may act without the other, except as provided herein.

## **2.02 Duties of the Crown<sup>1</sup>**

**2.02.1** Being present at their Coronation, the next Crown Tournament, the Coronation of their successors, and such meetings of Curia as they hold during their reign.

**2.02.2** The Crown must be able to maintain rapid communication with one another, their Kingdom officers, and their subjects for the duration of their reign.

**2.02.3** Being for their people examples of chivalry, courtesy, and the virtues appropriate to nobles, and encouraging these virtues in their people.

**2.02.4** Knowing, upholding and abiding by the law of Drachenwald, and the By-Laws and Corpora of the SCA along with any duly enacted additions or amendments.

**2.02.5** Being true and faithful servants of their Realm: upholding their people's rights, working for their benefit, maintaining the Crown's justice among all subjects in their Kingdom.

**2.02.6** It is the responsibility of the Crown to ensure that a list of all awards granted by them is received in a timely manner by the Kingdom Chronicler, the Schwarzdrachen Herald, and any relevant deputies appointed by Schwarzdrachen. The purpose is to ensure that the awards get published and registered in the Kingdom Order of Precedence in a timely manner, for the benefit of the populace and subsequent rulers.

**2.02.7** Watching over and encouraging the arts and sciences in the Kingdom.

**2.02.8** Encouraging special care in the extension of hospitality and welcome to new and prospective members.

**2.02.9** Maintaining files to be turned over to the Royal Heirs at such time as they ascend to the thrones.

**2.02.10** Relinquishing any office held, for the duration of the reign.

**2.02.11** There shall exist certain regalia, which shall remain the property of the Kingdom, but shall be in the keeping of the Crown. The care and maintenance of this regalia shall be solely the responsibility of the Crown. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the Crown. This regalia may include, but is not limited to: crowns, scepters, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks, and robes.

## **2.02.12 Disposal of Regalia**

**2.02.12.1** With Curia's approval, regalia no longer needed by the Kingdom will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. If no bids are received, the items will be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Items so auctioned may not be used as symbols of the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

**2.02.12.2** With the consent of the Crown, these items may be displayed for historical purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

## 2.03 Privileges of the Crown

**2.03.1** The right to acknowledge the attainment of County or Duchy title by those who have met the requirements. In the event that either monarch does not possess a Patent of Arms, two months before Coronation the Royal Heirs shall poll all Patent-holding Royal Peers resident in Drachenwald. If, after the polling, the Royal Heirs feel that the monarch meets Corpora standards, then the monarch shall receive a Patent of Arms upon descending the throne.

**2.03.2** The right to make and repeal laws of Drachenwald in accordance with the process described above.

**2.03.3** The right to use the Kingdom regalia during their reign. The right to receive such gifts as may be made to the Crown during their reign and to preserve such gifts for their successors. The right to receive such personal gifts as shall be made during their reign.

**2.03.4** The sole right to call such courts as may be necessary for the governance of the Kingdom.

**2.03.5** The right to a zone of respectful distance surrounding the thrones and the Crown's presence, into which others may enter only upon invitation of a monarch.

**2.03.6** The right to a clear direct line of sight between a monarch and the principal activity of the event.

## 2.04 Failure of Succession

**2.04.1** In the case that either the Sovereign or the Consort should fail, the other shall assume the full powers of the Crown, for the remainder of the reign.

**2.04.2** In the case that both the Sovereign and the Consort should fail, the Seneschal shall become Regent. The Regent shall have all duties and privileges of the Crown granted under Corpora and these laws, except the right to make or bestow awards and orders, the right to make or change law, and the right to a zone of respectful distance surrounding the Regent's presence.

**2.04.3** The Regent shall hold a Coronation or Crown Tournament (as appropriate) at the earliest possible date, and crown the victorious couple immediately.

**2.04.4** In the case that either Royal Heir should fail, a new Crown Tournament shall be held in place of the previously scheduled Coronation, and the victorious couple shall be crowned immediately. In such a case, only those fighters who had fought in the previous Crown Tournament shall fight in the new one.

**2.04.5** The succession fails when either Royal Heir abdicates or is unable to fulfill the duties listed in Corpora and these laws, as determined by the Crown. If the duties that were not fulfilled are those listed in 3.01.1 or 3.01.3 or 3.01.4 or 3.01.5 the Crown will determine whether the lapse was willful before declaring a failure.

**2.04.6** Failure of the Sovereign or the Consort occurs due to abdication or being unable to fulfill the duties listed in Corpora and these laws. The failed monarch is disqualified from any honors and privileges derived from the reign.

# 3.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE ROYAL HEIRS TO DRACHENWALD

## 3.01 Duties of the Royal Heirs

**3.01.1** At least one of the Royal Heirs must attend each Curia.

**3.01.2** Attending their Coronation.

**3.01.3** Acting, in the absence of the Sovereign and the Consort, and by their writ, to conduct such courts as shall be deemed necessary by the Crown.

**3.01.4** Using the three month succession period to recruit and train those replacements necessary to take over any office which the Royal Heirs hold and must relinquish upon their Coronation.

**3.01.5** There shall exist certain regalia, which shall remain the property of the Kingdom, but shall be in the keeping of the Royal Heirs. The care and maintenance of this regalia shall be solely the responsibility of the Royal Heirs. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the Royal Heirs. This regalia may include, but is not limited to: coronets, scepters, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks, and robes.

**3.01.6** The Royal Heirs shall ensure that each has access to the *Dragon's Tale* and maintain this subscription throughout their reign.

### **3.02 Privileges of the Royal Heirs**

**3.02.1** The right to a zone of respectful distance surrounding their presence.

**3.02.2** The right to receive such gifts as may be made to the Royal Heirs, and to preserve such gifts for the next Royal Heirs; the right to receive personal gifts made to the Royal Heirs; and the right to use all such possessions and treasures given to them during their tenure as Royal Heirs.

## **4.00 CONCERNING CURIA**

### **4.01 Requirement to change Kingdom law**

**4.01.1** The Crown must consult Curia in order to make, delete, or amend Kingdom law. A quorum of four Great Officers (or their duly designated representatives) have the right to demand that Curia be convened.

### **4.02 The following are entitled to a seat on the Curia**

**4.02.1** The Royal Heirs of Drachenwald.

**4.02.2** All Drachenwald territorial Coronets.

**4.02.3** All Great Officers of Drachenwald.

**4.02.4** All Lesser Officers of Drachenwald.

**4.02.5** The Seneschal of each branch within Drachenwald or their designated representative.

**4.02.6** Holders of Peerage residing in Drachenwald.

**4.02.7** All Drachenwald territorial Baronage.

**4.02.8** Any other person who wishes to attend is welcome and may speak if recognized by the Crown.

### **4.03 Legitimacy of the Curia**

**4.03.1** For a Curia to be convened, at least four Great Officers or their duly designated representatives must be present in person.

**4.03.2** Great Officers must make every effort to attend Curia. Those who cannot attend must send their designated representative to represent them at Curia or they may send written comments to the Curia agenda items to the Crown prior to the day scheduled for Curia.

### **4.04 Requirements to fulfill consultation with Curia**

**4.04** In order to fulfill the requirement that the monarchs must "consult with Curia", they must do the following:

**4.04.1** Call a Curia with either of the following:

**4.04.1.1** A notice in the *Dragon's Tale* appearing no later than either:

**4.04.1.1.1** The issue dated the same month as the Curia date, provided the Curia is on or after the fifteenth of the month, OR

**4.04.1.1.2** The issue dated the month before the Curia date, provided that the Curia is scheduled before the fifteenth of the month.

**4.04.1.2** In an emergency, a letter or e-mail notification to all those with seats on Curia (as defined in 4.02.1 thru 4.02.7 above) postmarked at least twenty-one days prior to the Curia date.

**4.04.2** The calling notice or letter must state the place, date and preliminary time for the Curia, and set forth the agenda of items to be discussed.

**4.04.2.1** All items that are known at the time of the Curia announcement shall be listed on the agenda, either in the form of a concise summary of the item proposed, or by printing the text of the

proposal. This includes matters carried over from past Curias, which shall be placed under Old Business.

**4.04.2.2** Any matters that come to the attention of the Crown after the Curia has been called shall be placed, at the Crown's discretion, on the agenda under New Business after the previously announced agenda items. Changes in Drachenwald law will not be handled in this manner.

**4.04.2.3** In the event that a Curia is held after the notice for a subsequent Curia has been sent - either to the *Dragon's Tale* or to those with seats on Curia - any items of business held over from the Curia will be automatically placed on the agenda under Old Business for the subsequent Curia.

**4.04.3** Solicit and listen to the opinions of those attending Curia, giving adequate time for discussion. While it is not a requirement, the Crown is advised to act with the consensus of those attending Curia.

## 5.00 CONCERNING THE OFFICERS OF THE KINGDOM

### 5.01 Great Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald<sup>2</sup>

**5.01.1** The Great Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald are as follows:

Kingdom Seneschal

Kingdom Herald (Schwarzdrachen)

Kingdom Earl Marshal

Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer

Kingdom Chronicler

Kingdom Signet Clerk

Kingdom Web Minister

Kingdom Chatelaine

### 5.02 Lesser Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald<sup>3</sup>

**5.02.1** The Lesser Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald and the Great Officers responsible for them are as follows:

Kingdom Captain-General of Archers – Earl Marshal

Kingdom Marshal of Fence – Earl Marshal

Kingdom University Chancellor – Minister of Arts and Sciences

Kingdom Social Media Officer – Seneschal

### 5.03 Responsibilities of all Officers of the Kingdom of Drachenwald

**5.03.01** All Great and Lesser Officers must hold a membership in the SCA or any appropriate affiliate organization. Great Officers are confirmed in writing by a signature from the corresponding Society Officer and the Crown on the standard Society warrant form.

**5.03.01.1** All Kingdom officers will take and train a deputy for their office who will be approved as the designated successor.

**5.03.01.2** Each Kingdom officer is responsible for the office-related activities of their deputies and subordinate officers.

**5.03.01.3** With the exception of Seneschal, Herald, Earl Marshal, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, all other Kingdom officers may hold Shire, Baronial or Principality offices, at the discretion of the Crown. These officers must train a successor to their Shire, Baronial, or Principality office as soon as possible.

**5.03.01.4** No person may hold more than one Kingdom level office concurrently.

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2 This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

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**5.03.01.5** All Great Officers will submit to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal a copy of any official reports forwarded to their corresponding Society Officer. If a Great Officer does not submit reports to their corresponding Society Officer at least once a quarter, then, as a minimum, will submit a written report to the Crown two weeks prior to Coronation and Crown Tournament.

**5.03.01.6** All officers shall maintain files for their office, open to review by the Crown at any time, and to be turned over to their successor within thirty days of leaving office.

**5.03.01.7** All officers have the authority to make policy for the administration of their offices and their subordinates' duties within the limits of the office. All such policies shall be published along with Drachenwald law. These policies shall include, but are not limited to: Kingdom Financial Policies, Rules of the List of Drachenwald, and reporting requirements for each office.

**5.03.01.7.1** Policies of the Kingdom officers shall take effect after they have been published in the *Dragon's Tale*.

**5.03.01.7.2** Standard quarters will be used for reporting purposes within Drachenwald. These quarters are January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December. Quarterly reports due to Kingdom Great Officers will have standard deadlines of 25 April (for the first quarter), 25 July (for the second quarter), 25 October (for the third quarter), and 25 January (for the last quarter and annual summary). Kingdom officers who require only semi-annual reports will use the January and July deadline for their reporting requirements.

## 5.04 Terms of Office

**5.04.1** A term is two years long.

**5.04.1.1** The terms of office for Kingdom officers begin on the following dates:

The Monday after Twelfth Night Coronation (on odd numbered years Gregorian)

- University Chancellor
- Web Minister

The Monday after Midsummer Coronation (on odd numbered years Gregorian)

- Seneschal
- Chronicler
- Social Media Officer
- Marshal of Fence

The Monday after Twelfth Night Coronation (even numbered years Gregorian)

- Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Earl Marshal
- Signet Clerk
- Chatelaine

The Monday after Midsummer Coronation (even numbered years Gregorian)

- Herald
- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Captain-General of Archers

The change of office will be done by the incoming Crown at the event listed above and take effect on the Monday after it.

**5.04.2** It is recommended that a Kingdom officer not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**5.04.2.1** The Crown may, at their discretion, ask a Kingdom officer to serve a second term. The officer may accept or refuse the reappointment.

**5.04.2.2** A Kingdom officer may request to serve a second term. The approving authority may accept or refuse the reappointment.

**5.04.2.3** After consulting with the approving authority, the Kingdom officer will publish in the *Dragon's Tale* their intent to continue in the office or resign, four months before the end of their term.

**5.04.2.4** Should any Kingdom officer leave their office before the end of their term, their designated successor will assume the office until a new officer is approved by the approving authority. The new officer will serve out the remainder of the term.

## 5.05 Removal or suspension of Kingdom officers

**5.05.1** The Crown may, for just and stated cause, suspend any Kingdom officer. Suspensions by the Crown are for not more than the duration of the current reign. The duties of a suspended officer will be assumed by the designated successor.

**5.05.2** Kingdom officers may be removed from office, for just and stated cause, by the Crown with approval of the Society Officer. If any Kingdom office is empty, the designated successor will assume the office until a replacement can be approved. If there is no designated successor, the Crown in conjunction with the Society Officer will approve a replacement, as soon as possible.

## 5.06 Duties of the Kingdom Officers

### 5.06.1 Seneschal

**5.06.1.1** Shall be the chief administrative officer for the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

**5.06.1.2** Shall be responsible for registering the Kingdom with local governments when necessary and maintaining good relations with them.

**5.06.1.3** Shall be responsible for all written Seneschalate reports due to the Society Seneschal and Board of Directors and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

**5.06.1.4** Shall submit a complete copy of the annual summary report to the Crown, to be maintained in their files, and shall keep the Crown apprised of the total status of the Kingdom.

**5.06.1.5** Shall be responsible for any additional reports required by the Crown, the Society Seneschal, or the Board of Directors.

**5.06.1.6** Shall chair or have an approved deputy chair all meetings of the Seneschalate.

**5.06.1.7** Shall be responsible for overseeing and running the offices established under the Seneschal.

**5.06.1.8** Shall coordinate with the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer in the selection of a Kingdom officer as the 2nd signatory on all Kingdom bank accounts.

**5.06.1.9** Shall be responsible for maintaining the official Kingdom Calendar of Events, in accordance with policy established by the Seneschal.

**5.06.1.10** Shall be responsible for the establishing and development of branches in accordance with Corpora and Kingdom law and tradition.

### 5.06.2 Herald<sup>4</sup>

**5.06.2.1** Shall be responsible for all written heraldic reports that are due to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

**5.06.2.2** Shall be responsible for any additional reports required by the Crown and/or Society Officers.

**5.06.2.3** Shall set up and maintain a Kingdom Order of Precedence and shall be responsible for having the Order of Precedence updated with all awards given in all courts of Drachenwald, including the Kingdom's Principality and Baronial courts.

**5.06.2.4** Shall be responsible for field heraldry, court heraldry, and heraldic submissions within the Kingdom.

**5.06.2.5** Shall chair all meetings of the Kingdom College of Heralds and shall be responsible for the administration of the same.

**5.06.2.6** Shall appoint any assistants as deemed necessary.

### 5.06.3 Earl Marshal

**5.06.3.1** Shall oversee tournament lists, the martial activities, and safety on the field.

**5.06.3.2** Shall set and enforce the Rules of the Lists and Conventions of Combat of the Kingdom and shall be responsible for all fighting in and marshalling of the Crown Tournament Lists.

**5.06.3.3** Shall set and enforce weapon and armor standards.

**5.06.3.4** Shall supervise the authorization of fighters and shall be responsible for maintaining a record of combat waivers and authorization information.

**5.06.3.5** Shall supervise the training of fighters.

**5.06.3.6** Shall appoint any assistants as deemed necessary.

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<sup>4</sup> This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

**5.06.3.7** Shall maintain the list of authorized fighters, which shall be available at Crown Tournaments.

**5.06.3.8** Shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning combat.

**5.06.3.9** Shall submit quarterly reports on the status of the martial activities in the Kingdom of Drachenwald to the Marshal of the Society, with a copy provided to the Crown of Drachenwald.

#### **5.06.4 Minister of Arts and Sciences**

**5.06.4.1** Shall foster development of historically accurate arts and sciences in the Kingdom.

**5.06.4.2** Shall be responsible for maintaining accuracy and propriety of any arts and sciences competition as per the directives of the Society Minister of Arts and Sciences.

**5.06.4.3** Shall work closely together with and shall co-chair any meeting of the collective guilds of the Kingdom, as represented by the guild heads.

#### **5.06.5 Chancellor of the Exchequer**

**5.06.5.1** Shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the Kingdom, and supervising the finances of the Kingdom.

**5.06.5.2** Shall submit reports as requested to the Seneschal and to the Crown concerning the financial status of the Kingdom.

**5.06.5.3** Shall submit a detailed financial statement to the Kingdom Seneschal and to the Kingdom newsletter, after the annual summary report has been agreed upon, for publication in the Kingdom newsletter.

**5.06.5.4** Shall be responsible for all written financial reports that are due to the Society Chancellor of the Exchequer and shall be responsible for those reports being submitted in a timely manner.

**5.06.5.5** Shall be the primary signatory on all Kingdom bank accounts and shall coordinate with the Kingdom Seneschal in the selection of a Kingdom officer as the 2nd signatory on all Kingdom bank accounts.

**5.06.5.6** Shall submit a summary of the financial status of the Kingdom to the Crown at the beginning of each reign.

#### **5.06.6 Chronicler**

**5.06.6.1** Shall supervise all official publishing activities of the Kingdom and shall be the editor of (or supervise the editor of) the Kingdom publication, which shall be called the "*Dragon's Tale*". The *Dragon's Tale* will contain all required announcements and notices of events, Kingdom laws, and the like.

#### **5.06.7 Signet Clerk**

**5.06.7.1** Shall oversee the production of scrolls required by the Crown.

**5.06.7.2** Shall promote the development of calligraphers and illuminators in Drachenwald.

#### **5.06.8 Web Minister**

**5.06.8.1** Shall be responsible for the content of the Kingdom of Drachenwald website on the World Wide Web. Website hosting is an expense of the Kingdom.

**5.06.8.2** Shall be responsible for layout, design, regular updates, and maintenance of the Kingdom website in accordance with the policies of the Society.

**5.06.8.3** Shall oversee web publishing activities throughout the Kingdom.

#### **5.06.9 Chatelaine<sup>5</sup>**

**5.06.9.1** Shall be the chief recruiting officer for the Kingdom, providing information to assist local groups in conducting effective recruiting, and mentoring regional and local chatelaines to manage and maintain growth.

**5.06.9.2** Shall assist new members in learning the laws and customs of the Society and Drachenwald.

#### **5.06.10 The Captain-General of Archers**

**5.06.10.1** Shall be a Lesser Officer, under the direction of the Earl Marshal.

**5.06.10.2** Shall oversee and encourage the study of period archery styles and equipment.

**5.06.10.3** Shall set and enforce safety standards.

**5.06.10.4** Shall make available regulations and information regarding target and combat archery.

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<sup>5</sup> This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

**5.06.10.5** Shall oversee archery competitions.

**5.06.10.6** Shall approve Lieutenant-Generals of Archers, Captains of Archers, and Archer Marshals-at-Large.

**5.06.10.7** Shall be responsible for such reports as may be required by the Crown or the Earl Marshal.

#### **5.06.11 Marshal of Fence**

**5.06.11.1** Shall be a Lesser Officer, under the direction of the Earl Marshal.

**5.06.11.2** Shall oversee all forms of period fencing within the Kingdom ensuring safety on the field.

**5.06.11.3** Shall set and enforce the rules for fencing within the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

**5.06.11.4** Shall be responsible for setting and enforcing weapons and armor standards for fencing within the Kingdom.

**5.06.11.5** Shall supervise the authorization of combatants and shall be responsible for maintaining a record of combat waivers and authorization information.

**5.06.11.6** Shall supervise the training and approval of fencing marshals.

**5.06.11.7** Shall appoint any assistants as deemed necessary.

**5.06.11.8** Shall maintain the record of authorized combatants.

**5.06.11.9** Shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning fencing combat.

**5.06.11.10** Shall submit quarterly reports on the status of fencing combat within the Kingdom of Drachenwald to the Society Rapier Marshal, with a copy provided to the Seneschal, the Earl Marshal and the Crown of Drachenwald.

#### **5.06.12 Chancellor of the University of Drachenwald**

**5.06.12.1** Shall be a Lesser Officer, under the direction of the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

**5.06.12.2** Shall coordinate and supervise the University of Drachenwald.

**5.06.12.3** Shall disseminate to the populace information concerning the University of Drachenwald.

#### **5.06.13 Social Media Officer**

**5.06.13.1** Shall be a Lesser Officer, under the direction of the Seneschal.

**5.06.13.2** Shall be responsible for overseeing all social media presences within the Kingdom.

**5.06.13.3** Shall be responsible for enforcing Society and Kingdom Social Media Policies.

## **6.00 BRANCHES**

### **6.01 Duties and Rights of Territorial Princes and Princesses<sup>6</sup>**

**6.01.1** Territorial Coronets may award arms to their subjects by the gracious permission of the Crown.

**6.01.2** The Territorial Coronet may acknowledge the attainment of Viscount rank by the previous Territorial Coronet.

**6.01.2.1** If one or both of the outgoing Territorial Coronet is without a Patent of Arms, they shall be polled for one. Two months before the Principality Tournament the Principality Seneschal shall poll all Patent Holding Royal Peers within the Principality. The results of the poll will be submitted to the Crown 30 days before the Coronet Tournament.

**6.01.2.2** If, after the polling, the Crown decides that one or both of the outgoing Territorial Coronet, as the case may, meet(s) Corpora standards, the Crown may then bestow the Patent and have the writ prepared by the Signet in time for the Coronet Tournament. The writ may be presented by the new Coronet in the Crown's name if the Crown is not available at the Coronet Tournament.

**6.01.3** In specific instances, the Crown may delegate, to a Territorial Coronet the transmission of an award to an individual named and selected by the Crown.

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<sup>6</sup> This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

**6.01.4** The Territorial Coronet hold their Principality in Fealty to the Crown. They must present this fealty at Coronation in person. If they cannot attend the Coronation, they must send a letter or representative to Coronation to convey their intent to swear fealty at a future date.

**6.01.5** It is the responsibility of the Coronet to ensure that a list of all awards granted by them is received in a timely manner by the Principality and Kingdom Chroniclers, the Schwarzdrachen Herald, and any relevant deputies appointed by Schwarzdrachen. The purpose is to ensure that the awards get published and registered in the Kingdom Order of Precedence in a timely manner, for the benefit of the populace and subsequent rulers.

## 6.02 Concerning the Creation of a Principality

**6.02.1** At the time that Principality status is granted:

**6.02.1.1** The first Coronet Tourney shall be scheduled and will be held under the supervision of the Crown of Drachenwald.

**6.02.1.2** The Coronet will be open to all otherwise eligible entrants, as defined in Kingdom and proposed Principality law, who reside within the boundaries of the incipient Principality. The Drachenwald Crown and their successors at the time of the Coronet tourney are ineligible to participate in that list as either combatants or consorts.

**6.02.1.3** The Crown of Drachenwald shall invest the first Coronet of the new Principality; thereafter all Investitures shall take place in accordance with the customs of the Principality.

## 6.03 Concerning the Separation of a Principality

**6.03.1** After Kingdom status is authorized by the Board of Directors:

**6.03.1.1** The next scheduled Coronet Tourney will become the first Crown Tourney of the incipient Kingdom and will be held under the supervision of the Crown of Drachenwald.

**6.03.1.2** The Crown Tourney will be open to all otherwise eligible entrants with the single exception that it be restricted to residents within the boundaries of the incipient Kingdom.

**6.03.1.3** The Crown of Drachenwald and the Crown Heirs of the incipient Kingdom will negotiate a treaty which will list the new territorial boundaries, and anything else they deem necessary.

**6.03.2** At the time of Separation:

**6.03.2.1** The Coronet will return the Principality to Drachenwald and take their rightful places among the Viscountcy.

**6.03.2.2** The Crown of Drachenwald shall crown the Heirs of the incipient Kingdom as its first Sovereign and Consort.

**6.03.2.3** The Crown of Drachenwald and the Crown of the new Kingdom shall formally sign the treaty into effect.

## 6.04 Branch Required Officers

**6.04.1** All branches of Drachenwald of Principality level should have, at a minimum, the following officers: Seneschal, Herald, Exchequer, Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, and Chronicler.

**6.04.2** All branches of Drachenwald of Baronial/Provincial level should have, at a minimum, the following officers: Seneschal, Herald, Exchequer, Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, and Chronicler.

**6.04.3** All branches of Drachenwald below Baronial/Provincial level should have at least 3 officers, including a Seneschal and an Exchequer, and one of the following: a Herald, a Marshal, a Minister of Arts and Sciences, or a Chronicler.

## 6.05 Territorial Baronies<sup>7</sup>

**6.05.1** While the Corpora provide for the basic terms on how territorial Baronies are established, Drachenwald has the following extra requirements:

<sup>7</sup> This section was changed in April 2025. The previous version may be obtained by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal.

**6.05.1.1** The petitioning group must be able to guarantee that the minimum requirements specified in Corpora will be maintained between the time of filing and the time of approval by the Board of Directors.

**6.05.1.2** The petitioning branch must have a sustained record of activities, including the hosting of Principality or Kingdom-wide events.

**6.05.1.3** Requests for the advancement to Baronial status must be coordinated through the Crown (and Coronet, if the branch is within a Principality), as well as the Kingdom (and Principality) Seneschal.

**6.05.2** The rulership of a Baronial fief shall be awarded by the Crown or Coronet upon petition by the members of the Barony in question.

**6.05.3** When a Barony is left without at least one Baronial ruler the following procedures are in effect:

**6.05.3.1** The outgoing Baronial ruler(s) shall appoint a Vicar as a temporary replacement. If this does not occur within ten days of the Baronial ruler(s) departure, the Crown or Coronet will appoint a Vicar. The Vicar shall hold no Baronial office.

**6.05.3.2** Within ninety days of the naming of the Vicar, the membership shall be polled to determine the future of the branch; to remain as a Barony, to change to non-Baronial branch status, or dissolve the branch. This polling will be conducted by the Vicar and the Baronial Officers under the supervision of the Kingdom or Principality Seneschal. The results of this polling are due to the Crown within thirty days of the poll being taken.

**6.05.3.2.1** If the Barony members wish to dissolve the branch or change to non-Baronial status, the Baronial Seneschal will coordinate with the Kingdom or Principality Seneschal on the necessary communications with the Society Seneschal, or the Board of Directors through the Society Seneschal. The Vicar shall retire at the end of the transition period.

**6.05.3.2.2** If the Barony members wish to remain a Barony, they must select Baronial ruler(s). The recommendation process must occur within one year from when the Vicar was named. At this time the group may send a petition to the Crown or Coronet naming its candidates (either an individual or a couple). The Vicar retires once the proposed Baronial rulership is approved by the Crown or Coronet.

**6.05.3.2.2.1** If the Barony members are unable to select a Baronial ruler(s) in the time allowed, the members will be polled to select a non-Baronial branch status. The branch may not apply for Baronial status for at least two years. The Vicar retires on the day of the polling.

**6.05.4** At any time the members of a Barony may petition the Crown or Coronet for the appointment of a Baronial ruler Baron/Baroness. If a Barony has only a single Baronial ruler, the members of the Barony may petition the Crown or Coronet for the appointment of an additional Baronial ruler to rule with its current Baronial ruler.

**6.05.5** In the event that the members of the Barony in question wish to remove one or both Baronial rulers, they must first seek arbitration through the grievance procedure outlined in 12.02.2.

**6.05.5.1** If it is the finding of the arbitrators that the best solution to the difficulties is the removal or suspension of either or both Baronial rulers, the membership shall submit a petition to that effect, signed by at least two-thirds of the members, to the Crown or Coronet. The arbitrators will submit a report of their findings as specified in Drachenwald Law.

**6.05.6** Baronial rulers have the right to give non-armigerous awards and positions of honor.

**6.05.6.1** It is the responsibility of the Baronial rulers to ensure that a list of all awards granted by them is received in a timely manner by the Baronial, Principality (if applicable), and Kingdom Chroniclers, the Schwarzdrachen Herald, and any relevant deputies appointed by Schwarzdrachen. The purpose is to ensure that the awards get published and registered in the Kingdom Order of Precedence in a timely manner, for the benefit of the populace and subsequent rulers.

**6.05.7** Baronial rulers hold their Baronies in Fealty to the Crown, or to the Coronet if the Barony is within a Principality. They must present this fealty at Coronation or Principality Investiture, as appropriate, in person. If they cannot attend the Coronation or Principality Investiture, they must send a letter or representative to Coronation or Principality Investiture to convey their intent to swear fealty at a future date.

**6.05.8** The length of a single term for a Baronial ruler is a maximum of two years. After consulting with the members of the Barony, the Crown or Coronet may, at their discretion, ask one or both of

the Baronial rulers to serve another term. It is recommended that no Baronial ruler serve more than two consecutive terms.

**6.05.9** Any person holding a Baronial fief in Drachenwald must step down from office when no longer residing in the Barony.

**6.05.10** Any person holding a Baronial fief in Drachenwald may participate in the Crown List and, if applicable, a Coronet List. They are required to submit the name of an acceptable candidate for Vicar with other documentation required for participation in the Crown or Coronet List. Should the Baronial rulers be victorious in the Crown or Coronet Tournament, the Vicar assumes responsibility for the Barony immediately. The Vicar must conduct a polling for the new Baronial rulers within 90 days.

## 6.06 Other Branch Organization and Registration

**6.06.1** All other branches within the Kingdom (Provinces, Shires, Cantons, etc.) shall be organized and registered in accordance with the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

## 6.07 Local Officers

**6.07.1** Local officers are appointed by their Kingdom superior officers. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Crown. Local officers must not be substantively opposed by the people of the local branch, but the final decision regarding their tenure remains with the Crown and Kingdom officers.

**6.07.2** Local officers may be removed from office, by their Kingdom superior officers. Removals are subject to confirmation by the Crown. The designated successor will assume the office until a replacement can be appointed. If there is no designated successor, the Kingdom officer will, subject to the confirmation of the Crown, appoint a replacement, as soon as possible.

**6.07.3** Local officers who miss two reports in a twelve month period, as determined by their Kingdom superior officers, have resigned. When a local officer is deemed to have resigned in this manner, the officer in question and the Seneschal of the relevant branch shall be notified of the resignation, and informed that the warrant for that officer has been withdrawn.

# 7.00 CONCERNING KINGDOM EVENTS

## 7.01 Definition and Requirement for Kingdom events

**7.01.1** Drachenwald Kingdom events are the Spring and Fall Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Night and Midsummer Coronations and the Kingdom University.

**7.01.2** In return for the privilege of being allowed by the Crown to sponsor one of the five Kingdom Level events, the sponsoring group shall donate 50% of the profits of the event to the Kingdom coffers. This shall apply even if the event is held within an affiliated organization.

**7.01.3** If necessary, the dates may be changed by the Crown's Discretion on a case by case basis. Any event currently scheduled may conflict.

**7.01.4** Bids for Kingdom events may be submitted as early as 24 months prior to the event. Bids for Kingdom events MUST be submitted to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal no later than 8 months prior to the date scheduled for the event, with the decision being made no later than 6 months prior to the event. If acceptable bids are received early, the decision may be made without waiting until the bid deadline. If bids require early decision due to site scheduling limitations, the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal must have at least 45 days in which to notify the Kingdom of the intent to make a decision and gather other bids if possible. The Crown may extend the decision date if they determine that no acceptable bids have been submitted. As a planning tool for groups considering event bids, the current number of bids that have been received by the Crown will be listed in parentheses () after the event listing on the Kingdom Calendar.

## 7.02 Concerning the Crown List

**7.02.1** The Crown Tournaments of Drachenwald will be held on the first weekend of April and the second weekend of October. If the Spring Crown Tournament falls on Easter weekend, the event will be moved to the second weekend of April. No other events may be held on these dates.

### **7.02.2 Requirements for Participation:**

**7.02.2.1** Each competitor in the Crown Tournament must be fighting for a prospective consort. The competitor and prospective consort are referred to as "Participants" in these laws.

**7.02.2.2** Participants must be able to fulfill the duties of the Crown as outlined in 2.02.

**7.02.2.3** Participants must be acceptable to the Crown and declare their intent to participate in a letter submitted to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal 30 days prior to the date scheduled for Crown List. The Participants' letter of intent must include at least:

**7.02.2.3.1** Proof of membership (as described in Corpora IV.A.2)

**7.02.2.3.2** Proof of current fighter authorisation for the competitor.

**7.02.2.3.3** The modern and SCA names of the Participants along with their address(es) and other contact information.

**7.02.2.4** Participants must both be present at the Crown Tournament.

**7.02.2.5** Participants must be at least eighteen years old on the day of the Tournament.

**7.02.2.6** The Participants may not be Territorial Coronets, nor the Crown's appointed representatives of a Crown Principality (such as Viceroy and/or Vicereine), at the time of the Crown Lists or at any time during their tenure as successor or Drachenwald Crown.

**7.02.2.7** Each person must be a member of the SCA or any appropriate affiliate organisation, and must have access to the Dragon's Tale. The Victor and Consort must maintain their membership without lapse, throughout their tenure as Royal Heirs and Crowns.

**7.02.2.8** The intent of a residency requirement is to ensure that participants in the Crown List are familiar with Drachenwald culture, traditions, and customs and that they understand the unique aspects of our Kingdom. Therefore the residency requirements for all participants are:

**7.02.2.8.1** Participants must have resided in Drachenwald for the six months preceding the Crown List entered.

**7.02.2.8.2** Each participant must have attended at least six published events held in Drachenwald within the 24 months preceding the Crown Tournament.

**7.02.2.8.2.1** One of the events must be recent (within 6 months before the Crown Tournament).

**7.02.2.8.2.2** One of the events must have been longer ago (between 6 and 24 months before the Crown Tournament).

**7.02.2.8.3** On a case by case basis, if the Sovereign, Consort and Kingdom Seneschal, all agree, the Requirements for Participation in 7.02.2.8.1 and 7.02.2.8.2 may be waived.

**7.02.3** Each Participant will sign a statement, prior to the tournament, saying that they meet the requirements for membership (as stated in Corpora, part IV) and other requirements as listed above. This statement will be kept by the Seneschal's Office until the end of the Victor's reign.

### **7.03 Concerning Coronation**

**7.03.1** The victor of the Crown Tournament and their Consort shall together assume the positions of Successors to the Crown.

**7.03.2** Coronations shall take place on a weekend near 6 January and 21 June. If the weekend closest to 21 June is Midsummer then the weekend before may be selected.

**7.03.3** Upon their Coronation, the Successors to the Crown shall assume the titles of Sovereign and Consort as appropriate.

**7.03.4** The Sovereign and Consort must be first in fealty to the Kingdom of Drachenwald. No person who is in fealty to any other than listed above shall assume the Throne of Drachenwald.

### **7.04 Concerning the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire**

**7.04.1** Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire: The Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire will be comprised of A&S competitions held at the five other Kingdom events, specifically the two Coronation, two Crown Tournaments, and Kingdom University. The A&S Faire specifics are defined in the MoAS policy, but the A&S Faire does not take up a separate weekend on the Kingdom calendar.



## **7.05 Concerning the Kingdom University**

**7.05.1** Kingdom University: The Kingdom University shall take place on the Saturday closest to November 11th. No other events shall be scheduled for this date with the exception of those defined in the Kingdom University Chancellor's policy.

## **8.00 TITLES**

### **8.01 Titles of rank are reserved**

**8.01.1** The assumption of titles of rank equivalent to the reserved titles is forbidden. Those claiming ecclesiastical offices may not claim territorial jurisdiction in either the known or modern world.

## **9.00 GRANTING AWARDS**

### **9.01 The Crown grants Kingdom awards together**

**9.01** Only the Crown of Drachenwald may grant Kingdom awards in accordance with Drachenwald law.

### **9.02 Awards granted by the Sovereign or Consort individually**

**9.02.1** Both the Sovereign and the Consort must agree upon any awards given by the Crown, except as specified below.

**9.02.1.1** The Order of Courtesy is granted solely at the discretion of the Consort.

**9.02.1.2** The Order of the Companions of Albion is granted solely at the discretion of the Sovereign.

**9.02.1.3** The Sigillum is granted jointly for the joint award, or at the sole discretion of either the Sovereign or the Consort for the individual awards.

### **9.03 Peerage awards granted by the Crown**

**9.03.1** The Crown may elevate subjects to the **Peerage** by granting membership in one of the orders conferring a Patent of Arms, after polling the members of the order, and in accordance with these laws and the customs of Drachenwald.

**9.03.1.1** Any polling for a candidate must be sent to all members of the order residing in Drachenwald. The members of the order must be allowed at least thirty days to reply to the polling. If a member has not responded to any pollings in the last two years, or not responded to three consecutive pollings, then they shall be considered inactive and will no longer be sent pollings until they ask the secretary to be reinstated.

**9.03.1.2** The original polling for each individual must be in writing. Subsequent polling need not be, although the Crown is urged to do so.

**9.03.1.3** Polling for a candidate must have been done within a year before the offer is made to ensure the polling results are current. If at least 80% of the circle is present at a given event, a decision to elevate can be made with a verbal polling of the circle even if the last written polling is more than 1 year old.

**9.03.1.4** The Royal Heirs may conduct pollings to ensure that they are best prepared to assume the Thrones.

## **10.00 CONCERNING ARMIGEROUS KINGDOM AWARDS**

### **10.01 Who can the Crown give awards to**

**10.01.1** The Crown may confer an Award of Arms, a Grant of Arms, and a Court Barony at their discretion upon those of their subjects they deem worthy.

## 10.02 Awards including an Award of Arms

**10.02.1** The following awards confer an Award of Arms upon the recipient if they are not yet armigerous.

### 10.02.1 Orden des Lindquistringes

**10.02.1.1** This order was established to honor a former subject of the Principality/ Protectorate, Fahrquar Finley Fahrquarson (John Lindquist).

**10.02.1.2** Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by long and extraordinary services to the Kingdom.

**10.02.1.3** The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a ring formed of a wingless dragon in annulo widdershins Or, maintaining in chief with all four legs and mouth a gem gules.

**10.02.1.4** Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the order of the Panache and the order of the Silver Guard.

### 10.02.2 Order of the Panache

**10.02.2.1** Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by long and consistent excellence in the arts and sciences and who have also consistently made their expertise available to the various subjects of the Kingdom.

**10.02.2.2** The symbol of this order is (fieldless) issuant to chief from a torteau charged with a bezant pierced sable three feathers gules, Or, and sable.

**10.02.2.3** Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the Orden des Lindquistringes and the order of the Silver Guard.

### 10.02.3 Order of the Silver Guard

**10.02.3.1** Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by chivalry and martial prowess.

**10.02.3.2** The symbol of this order is (tinctureless) a silver wrist-guard bearing a dragon passant coward, wings addorsed, maintaining in dexter forepaw a sword erect.

**10.02.3.3** Members of this order shall rank equally with members of the Orden des Lindquistringes and the Order of the Panache.

### 10.02.4 Order of the Rose

**10.02.4.1** Presented to former Consorts of Drachenwald at the end of their first reign.

**10.02.4.2** Members of this order may be styled as Lord or Lady of the Rose, or an equivalent title, as is appropriate.

**10.02.4.3** The symbol of this order is (tinctureless) a wreath of roses.

## 10.03 Awards including a Grant of Arms

**10.03.1** Ordo Annuli (Order of the Ring) - Ordo Annulorum (Order of the Rings). The Order consists of three parts (companies) with equal rank described in sections 10.03.4 - 10.03.6: Ordo Hirundinis (Order of the Swallow), Cygni (Order of the Swan), and Alae (Order of the Wing).

**10.03.2** This order confers a Grant of Arms upon any recipient who does not already hold a Grant of Arms.

**10.03.3** The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a ring sable.

### 10.03.3.1 Ordo Hirundinis (Order of the Swallow)

**10.03.3.1.1** Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by superior service to the Kingdom.

**10.03.3.1.2** The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a martlet volant Or.

### 10.03.3.2 Ordo Cygni (Order of the Swan)

**10.03.3.2.1** Presented to those who have distinguished themselves by superior achievement in the arts and sciences in the Kingdom.

**10.03.3.2.2** The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a swan sable.

**10.03.3.3 Ordo Alae (Order of the Wing)**

**10.03.3.3.1** Presented to those who have displayed superior abilities in their respective field or fields of martial activity in the Kingdom.

**10.03.3.3.2** The symbol of this company of the order is (fieldless) a wing terminating in a hand gules sustaining a sword fesswise reversed proper.

**10.04 Closed orders****10.04.1 Order of the Edelweiss (formerly Marguerite)**

**10.04.1.1** Members of this order may be styled as Lord or Lady of the Edelweiss, or an equivalent title, as appropriate.

**10.04.1.2** This order was for the former Consorts of the Principality of Drachenwald.

**10.04.1.3** The symbol of this order is (fieldless) an edelweiss Or, seeded gules, within and conjoined to an annulet argent.

**10.04.2 Order of the Dragon's Steel**

**10.04.2.1** This order was established as a polling order for those who had displayed superior abilities in fencing, prior to the creation of the Order of Defense. The order conferred a Grant of Arms upon any recipient who did not already hold a Grant of Arms.

**10.04.2.2** The symbol of this order is Or, three pine trees in fess eradicated gules, overall a dragon passant coward sable, and on a chief gules a rapier argent.

**10.04.2.3** The members of this order traditionally wear a red-gold-black braid around their off-hand upper arm/shoulder.

**11.00 CONCERNING NON-ARMIGEROUS KINGDOM AWARDS****11.01 Popular Company of Sojourners (PCS)**

**11.01.1** Presented at the discretion of the Crown to those members departing, or have departed the Kingdom, who have contributed to Drachenwald.

**11.01.2** The symbol of the order is barry wavy argent and azure, two flaunces vert.

**11.02 Order of the Companions of Albion**

**11.02.1** This order is conferred by the Sovereign upon those subjects of Drachenwald worthy of recognition for exemplary chivalry, courtesy or service. It is recommended that the Sovereign present this award no more than one time per reign.

**11.02.2** The symbol of this order is (fieldless) a dragon's claw inverted sable within and conjoined to an annulet per pale Or and gules.

**11.03 Order of Courtesy**

**11.03.1** This order is conferred by the Consort upon those subjects of Drachenwald worthy of recognition for exemplary chivalry, courtesy or service.

**11.03.2** The Consort may, whenever they deem necessary, call upon the members of the order for aid or advice in encouraging courteous behavior.

**11.03.3** The symbol of this order is an edelweiss with a red center to be worn on a pin or silver chain.

**11.04 The Sigillum**

**11.04.1** The Sigillum is awarded for personal service to the Crown that far exceeds any expected measure.

**11.04.2** It is recommended that each Sovereign and Consort present this award no more than three times per reign. Joint awards count as one each.

**11.04.3** The name of the award depends on who bestows it.

**11.04.3.1** When the Sovereign and the Consort bestow the Sigillum jointly, the name of this award mentions first the title of the Sovereign and then the title of the Consort, in Latin.

#### **11.04.3.1.1 Sigillum Reginae et Regis**

**11.04.3.1.1.1** A Queen Sovereign and a King Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Reginae et Regis (the seal of the Queen and the King).

#### **11.04.3.1.2 Sigillum Regis et Reginae**

**11.04.3.1.2.1** A King Sovereign and a Queen Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Regis et Reginae (the seal of the King and the Queen).

#### **11.04.3.1.3 Sigillum Reginarum**

**11.04.3.1.3.1** A Queen Sovereign and a Queen Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Reginarum (the seal of the Queens).

#### **11.04.3.1.4 Sigillum Regum**

**11.04.3.1.4.1** A King Sovereign and a King Consort jointly bestow Sigillum Regum (the seal of the Kings).

**11.04.3.2** When either the Sovereign or the Consort bestows the Sigillum alone, the name of this award mentions their title in Latin.

**11.04.3.2.1** A King Sovereign or a King Consort bestows Sigillum Regis.

**11.04.3.2.2** A Queen Sovereign or a Queen Consort bestows Sigillum Reginae.

**11.04.4** The symbol of the award depends on who bestows it.

**11.04.4.1** When the Sovereign and the Consort bestow the Sigillum jointly, the symbol of the award is a white edelweiss surmounted by a black dragon's head bearing the initials of the Crown bestowing it.

**11.04.4.2** When the Sovereign bestows the Sigillum, the symbol of the award is a black dragon's head charged with the initials of the Sovereign bestowing it.

**11.04.4.3** When the Consort bestows the Sigillum, the symbol of the award is a white edelweiss charged with the initials of the Consort bestowing it.

### **11.05 Order of the Dragon's Tears**

**11.05.1** This award is given at the discretion of the Crown to the organizer(s) of an extraordinarily successful event.

**11.05.2** The symbol of this award is (fieldless) on a goutte per pale Or and gules a dragon passant coward sable.

**11.05.3** Subjects of the Kingdom may receive this award more than once.

**11.05.4** Recipients of this award may be styled as Holder of the Dragon's Tear (or, if they have more than one, Holder of the Dragon's Tears).

### **11.06 Order of the Dragon's Bowle**

**11.06.1** This award is given at the discretion of the Crown to those who have displayed notable attention to authenticity.

**11.06.2** The symbol of this award is (fieldless) a dragon passant coward sable charged with a bowl per pale Or and gules.

### **11.07 Order of the Dragon's Jewel**

**11.07.1** This award is given to children (under 12 years of age) who have distinguished themselves through exemplary behavior or service.

**11.07.2** The symbol of this award is a crystal jewel other than black suspended from a ribbon or a cord in red, black, and gold.

### **11.08 Order of the Dragon's Pride**

**11.08.1** This award is given to children (under 12 years of age) who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work in the arts and sciences.

**11.08.2** The symbol of this award is (reserved).

## **11.09 Order of the Hospitallers of Albion**

**11.09.1** This award is given to those persons or groups who have shown unselfish service to the Crown and Kingdom of Drachenwald during their travels to events outside the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

**11.09.2** The symbol of this award is (fieldless) on a dragon passant coward sable, a wake knot argent.

**11.09.3** Only persons/groups residing/based outside the Kingdom of Drachenwald may receive this award.

## **12.00 CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE POPULACE**

### **12.01 The populace of Drachenwald owes homage to the Crown of Drachenwald**

**12.01.1** It is appropriate to do homage when entering the Royal Presence, and when passing certain symbols of Royal authority, specifically the Crowns or Coronets and the Thrones.

### **12.02 The right to petition**

**12.02.1** The Crown recognizes the right of any member of the Kingdom to petition for reward or redress providing they adhere to the following requirements:

#### **12.02.1.1 Petition for reward**

**12.02.1.1.1** Any member of the Kingdom may recommend a person for recognition by means of a Kingdom Award.

**12.02.1.1.2** All recommendations for awards shall be submitted to the Crown.

**12.02.1.1.3** Recommendations may be submitted either verbally or in writing, as required by the Crown, and should include the following information: SCA name, modern name, SCA branch, reason (including length of service to the Kingdom), other information as required by the Crown.

#### **12.02.1.2 Petition for redress**

**12.02.1.2.1** This procedure is NOT intended to address individual acts which fall within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by the nation or other political division where it takes place, nor shall any recommendation about individuals be made on such issues. Any actions of this type should be brought to the IMMEDIATE attention of the Kingdom Seneschal.

**12.02.1.2.2** This procedure will only be used when all lesser avenues of redress have been exhausted. These lesser avenues of redress include, but are not limited to: discussing the action at issue with the individual(s) involved, the appropriate local officer(s), the appropriate Baronial officer(s), Principality officer(s), the appropriate Kingdom officer(s), or a representative with the appropriate order of peerage, as the circumstances dictate.

**12.02.1.2.3** This procedure may be implemented to investigate, discuss, and arbitrate issues which have implications either in Kingdom law or in the Society's rules for courteous behavior, as long as the act in question occurred within a Society context (at a Society related activity, as an official act of a Society officer or representative, etc.).

#### **12.02.1.2.4 Procedure for redress**

**12.02.1.2.4.1** After all lesser avenues of redress have been exhausted, any subject may submit a written Petition for Redress to the Crowns with a copy going to the Kingdom Seneschal. The Petitioner must furnish copies to any and all parties named in the petition.

**12.02.1.2.4.2** The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will send a list of three potential arbitrators to the involved parties within thirty days of receipt of the Petition. The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will take language and regional familiarity into consideration when selecting the initial group of potential arbitrators.

**12.02.1.2.4.2.1** The Kingdom Seneschal will be responsible for maintaining a pool of potential arbitrators.

**12.02.1.2.4.2.2** Any arbitrator may disqualify him/herself from participation at any time without prejudice.

**12.02.1.2.4.2.3** All arbitrators must volunteer in writing, be at least 21 years of age, be a paid member of the SCA, be a resident of Drachenwald for at least one year, and be armigerous.

**12.02.1.2.4.3** Under the supervision of the Kingdom Seneschal the parties may, if they wish, eliminate one arbitrator each until one arbitrator is left. If an arbitrator is not agreed upon within thirty days, the Crown will select one from the pool.

**12.02.1.2.4.4** The arbitrator will be given all documents concerning the issue in question including, but not limited to: the original petition, any supporting testimony or affidavits (in writing), any related petitions from other named parties, and any correspondence concerning the issue, etc.

**12.02.1.2.4.4.1** The arbitrator may, with specific instruction from the Crown, investigate the matter further if the submitted documentation remains unclear.

**12.02.1.2.4.4.2** Whenever possible, the arbitrator should meet face-to-face or telephone the main parties involved to clarify any points which remain unclear.

**12.02.1.2.4.4.3** The arbitrator will strive to reach a settlement of the issue between the parties involved. The parties are free to resolve the matter or withdraw the original Petition at anytime during the process.

**12.02.1.2.4.5** At the end of 60 days, assuming no settlement has been reached, the arbitrators will submit all documentation including the Petition(s), supporting testimony, affidavits, and any other hard evidence to the Crown. The arbitrators will also submit to the Crown, a written report summarizing all contacts with the named parties, the results of any investigations, and a list of recommendations concerning the issues in question.

**12.02.1.2.4.6** The Crown will review all submitted documentation and may, at their prerogative, solicit advice from the Peers of the Realm and Kingdom Officers. Within 30 days of receiving the report from the arbitrators, the Crown will rule on the issue addressed in the Petition.

**12.02.1.2.4.6.1** The Crown will provide a written response to the Petition which outlines their decision on the matter, with any additional explanation deemed appropriate, to all named parties.

**12.02.1.2.4.6.2** The Crown, in cases of severe transgression of Kingdom and Society laws or courtesy, may exercise sanctions as outlined in Corpora.

**12.02.1.2.4.7** If additional pertinent information comes to light, the Petitioner may re-Petition the Crown. The Crown may revise its decision based on this new evidence after review with the Kingdom Seneschal, the original arbitrator(s), and all named parties.

### **12.03 The right to bear steel**

**12.03.1** All members of the Kingdom shall be assured of the right to bear steel.

**12.03.2** Those members found to be irresponsible, through misconduct or negligence, with their weapons, shall forfeit the right to bear steel in the Kingdom.

**12.03.3 ALL** bladed weapons shall be carried sheathed. **ALL** blades will be passively bonded at SCA events, except for ceremonial duties of the Royal Guard.

**12.03.4** Weapons of War shall not be carried before the Throne, without the permission of the Crown, during Court (Knights are excluded from this restriction).

### **12.04 The duty and responsibility of all**

**12.04** It should be the duty and responsibility of all members of the Kingdom of Drachenwald to maintain and increase authenticity, the spirit and the willingness to create a Current Middle Ages.

## **13.00 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **13.01 Guilds within the Kingdom**

**13.01.1** The Crown looks with favor upon the formation of **Guilds** within the Kingdom and directs that they operate under the supervision of the Minister of Arts and Sciences. Guild heads will be called upon by the MoAS in conclave, upon occasion.

### **13.02 Smoking is restricted to certain areas**

**13.02.1** **Smoking** is forbidden in the central area of any event, being defined as any area where people must be present in order to participate in the event, such as the hall where a feast is held, or the area immediately surrounding the Lists at a tournament. The autocrat shall be responsible for defining the boundaries of the central area and for providing some other area as convenient as may be found where smoking is permitted and made safe and practical. Smoking is permitted in the interior of a pavilion with its owner's permission.

### **13.03 Canned beverages should not be visible**

**13.03.1** **Canned beverages** are forbidden to be set out in plain sight at Kingdom events. Those who bring canned beverages are encouraged to keep them out of sight and to discreetly dispose of them afterwards.

### **13.04 Black dragons are protected**

**13.04.1** **Black dragons** are under the protection of the Crown of Drachenwald.

### **13.05 Mock assassinations require consent**

**13.05.1** **Mock assassinations** should only be carried out with the consent of the participants.

### **13.06 Decisions regarding free admission**

**13.06.1** **Free admission** to an event for any gentle is at the discretion of the Autocrat and Chancellor of the Exchequer of the sponsoring group.

### **13.07 Flash during court is forbidden**

**13.07.1** The use of **flash photography during court** is forbidden. Picture taking without the use of a flash is perfectly acceptable.

**13.08.The Order of Precedence in Drachenwald**

The Order of Precedence shall be as follows:

1. Sovereign and Consort of Drachenwald
2. Crown Heirs of Drachenwald
3. Direct Crown vassals (territorial Coronets, Viceregal Rulers, or Baronial Rulers outside a Principality) in their own lands
4. Baronial Rulers within a Principality in their own Barony
5. Territorial Coronets
6. The Crown's appointed representatives of a Crown Principality (such as Viceregal Rulers)
7. Duchy
8. County
9. Viscountcy
10. Bestowed peers
11. Territorial Baronial Rulers
12. Court Barony
13. Awards that carry a grant of arms
14. Plain grants of arms
15. Awards that carry an award of arms
16. Plain awards of arms
17. Non-armigerous awards
18. Everyone else

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