

Laws of the Kingdom of Ealdormere



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ARTICLE I - Preamble and General Provisions

I-100 All subjects and guests to the Kingdom of Ealdormere are bound by precedence of law:

Precedence of law shall be as provided for in Corpora, Section I, subsection A, with the following additions and clarification:

- Kingdom Law is noted to include General Operating Policies of the Kingdom of Ealdormere. ● Greater Officer Policies for the Kingdom of Ealdormere, and handbooks shall come just below Kingdom Law and just above Decisions of the Crown.

I-200 The Sovereign and Consort are the premier peers of Ealdormere and, as such, are bound by the laws that follow, as surely as Their subjects are bound by them.

I-300 Definitions

I-301 The Crown - The Crown is the Sovereign and Consort acting in concert. Where these laws specify actions to be taken by the Crown, both the Sovereign and Consort must assent to the action being taken, except as provided for in Article III- 900.

I-302 Sovereign – The Sovereign of Ealdormere is the person who has won a Crown Tournament and was crowned at the most recent Coronation, except as provided for in Article III-1100.

I-303 Consort – The Consort of Ealdormere is the person for whom the Sovereign fought at the Crown Tournament and was crowned at the most recent Coronation.

I-304 The Crown Heirs - The winner of the Crown Tournament and the person fought for shall be hereafter referred to collectively as the Heirs, from the date of the Tournament until Their Coronation and may style themselves as indicated in Article I-403.

I-305 Kingdom Events - Kingdom events are SCA events, as defined in Corpora, which are held for the benefit of the Kingdom and meet the requirements as set out in the Ealdormere Operating Policies and Kingdom Law.

I-306 Privy Council - The Privy Council is the senior advisory body to the Crown. Membership in the Privy Council is as defined in Article V-102.

I-307 Royal Family - The Royal family consists of the Sovereign, the Consort, and the Crown Heirs.

I-308 Kingdom Laws – Kingdom Laws are the permanent body of written, established laws that govern the Kingdom. The Crown may make changes to Kingdom Law as detailed in Article I-500.

I-309 Proclamations and Edicts - Proclamations and edicts are legal directives from the Crown which do not entail changes to the permanent body of written Law. Proclamations and edicts must be announced in a Royal Court and expire at the end of the reign.

I-310 General Operating Policies – General Operating Policies are the written procedures detailing the operations of the Kingdom. All Privy Council members must be informed of proposed changes to General Operating policy, at least one week before the Privy Council meeting. Changes to General operating policies are made by the unanimous approval of all Privy Council members present at the Privy Council meeting.

I-400 The Arms and Badges of Ealdormere

I-401 The arms of the Kingdom of Ealdormere are: Gules, a trillium flower affronty argent, barbed vert, within a laurel wreath, in chief a crown argent.

I-402 The arms of the Kingdom may be displayed by the Crown and by the Kingdom Herald when acting as Their representative or by others with the Crown's consent. The arms of the Kingdom may be displayed with a label, in the same manner, by the Heirs.

I-403 The Sovereign and Consort of Ealdormere may style themselves as Their Royal Majesties, King and Queen, or any other manner befitting the dignity of Their station. The Heirs to the Kingdom may style themselves as Their Royal Highnesses, Prince and Princess, Althehn and Althegna, or in any other manner befitting the dignity of Their station.

I-404 All badges, names and devices reserved for the use of the Kingdom of Ealdormere are as registered with the Society College of Arms.

I-405 The Royal Badge of the Consort is (Fieldless) a trillium argent, barbed and seeded vert, supporting a crown argent.

I-406. The Royal Badges may be displayed by the Crown; used to identify the Crown's property; or worn by retainers and entourage, heralds, Kingdom officers, or other servants of the Crown.

I-407 The badge of a Champion is (Fieldless) a sword inverted sable, surmounted by a trillium argent, barbed and seeded vert.

I-408 The badge of a Champion may be borne by any person named Champion by the Crown including, but not limited to, champions of martial activities and arts & sciences.

I-409 The badge of the people of Ealdormere is (Fieldless) on a trillium argent, barbed vert, a wolf's head cabossed gules.

I-410 The badge of the people of Ealdormere may be worn by any subject of Ealdormere or, with the permission of the Crown, by any person abroad including ambassadors and friends of the Kingdom.

I-500 Kingdom Laws

I-501 "Laws" are the permanent body of written, established laws that govern the Kingdom.

I-502 The Crown may make changes to Kingdom Law, as it sees fit, for the good and just governance of the Kingdom.

I-503 Prior to changing Kingdom Law, the Crown must first solicit counsel from a quorum of the Privy Council regarding the proposed change.

I-504 After the Privy Council has been consulted; the proposed change to Kingdom Law must be published in the Kingdom newsletter to allow opportunity for the Crown's loyal subjects to comment on the proposed change. The Crown will allow a minimum period of 30 days from the 1st of the month which the publication is intended to serve to receive comments from Their subjects. This requirement for publication and comment may be waived, in unusual circumstances, only with the unanimous approval of the Privy Council. The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal will use all reasonable means available to them to inform the people of the Kingdom of the waiving of requirements, and if possible, seek a means of requesting commentary prior to enacting the law change itself.

I-505 After publication and comment (or after this requirement has been waived), the revised Law in its final form must be approved and signed by the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal. The approved law must then be proclaimed at a Royal court. The Royal Court must be conducted at an official sanctioned event of the SCA.

I-506 All revisions to Law take effect upon proclamation in Royal Court. The approved revision to Law must be published in the Kingdom newsletter within 60 days in order to remain in force.

I-507 The Chronicler may not publish the final, approved revision to Law until it has been signed by the Sovereign, the Consort and the Kingdom Seneschal.

ARTICLE II - The Crown

II-100 The premier duties of the Crown are to uphold the Kingdom's Laws, to defend the Kingdom's traditions and to protect the rights of Their subjects.

II-200 The Crown shall have all the rights and privileges accorded by the By-laws and Corpora of the SCA, and the Laws and traditions of the Kingdom.

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II-300 The only office that may be held by the Crown or the Heirs is that of Territorial Baronial Noble.

II-400 All official documents issued by the Crown, including warrants, treaties, and changes to law, must bear the original signature of both the Sovereign and Consort. A faxed signature is acceptable in extraordinary circumstances.

II-500 The Crown may choose any person to act as Regent and represent Their interests for an event They cannot attend or to serve in any function They may require for a stated period of time during Their

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reign. The Regent may act only on those matters that the Crown has given express written permission. In unusual circumstances this permission may be given verbally, however, the Crown must then confirm the details of the regency to a warranted seneschal who will be in attendance at the event. The Regent may not make any commitments, promises or proclamations on the Crown's behalf unless given express prior permission. Regency extends only for the express duration indicated by the Crown.

II-600 The Crown shall have the power to bestow the Honours of Ealdormere as They see fit. In this They should consider such advice as given from members of relevant polling orders. The creation of new awards and orders requires a change to Kingdom Law. The Crown may personally recognize any achievement and bestow tokens as They see fit.

II-601 Bestowal of any of the Honours of Ealdormere must be proclaimed at a Royal Court occurring at a published event as defined by Corpora.

II-602 All awards bestowed by the Crown shall be published in the Tidings and the Ealdormerian Order of Precedence in a timely manner. The responsibility for this shall rest with the Trillium Herald.

II-700 The Crown may accept gifts to the Regalia of the Kingdom, and may have the use of all Regalia for the duration of Their reign. A full accounting of all Regalia must be provided to the Minister of Regalia at the conclusion of each reign. The Sovereign and/or Consort may keep only those gifts expressly given as personal gifts to them.

II-800 The Crown shall make every reasonable effort to attend all Kingdom events as defined in these Laws.

II-900 To ensure the smooth administration of the Kingdom, the Crown must maintain a means of direct communication (such as telephone, permanent mailing address, e-mail) with the populace throughout Their reign. E-mail may not be the sole means of direct communication.

II-1000 Proclamations and edicts are legal directives from the Crown which do not entail changes to the permanent body of written Law. Proclamations and edicts must be announced in a Royal Court and expire at the end of the reign.

II-1100 The Heirs

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II-1101 The Heirs must attend Their Coronation.

II-1102 The Heirs shall make every reasonable effort to attend at least one meeting of the Privy Council prior to Their Coronation.

II-1103 The Heirs shall make every reasonable effort to attend all Kingdom events, as defined in these Laws, held during Their term as Heirs.

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ARTICLE III - Succession of the Crown

III-100 The Crown Tournament shall be a single-combat, elimination tournament, in the style of medieval armored foot combat, conducted in a manner chosen by and presided over by the Crown during their Heir period, except as provided for in III-1300. The format of Crown Tournament may stipulate weapons forms to be used, save that the form of weapon and shield cannot be excluded. Missile weapons and experimental weapons forms are not permitted.

III-101 The Initial pairings of Crown Tournament must be by random draw on the day of the Crown Tournament and all crosses on the list tree should be predetermined. If a list tree is not being used, the pairings for each round should be determined by random draw or some other random technique or predetermination.

III-200 The intent to hold a Crown Tournament, in which is stated the tourney format, conditions for consideration and the deadline for applications may be announced in a Court of the Crown and shall be published in at least two issues of the Kingdom Newsletter. The deadline for applications must be at least 10 days prior to the date of Crown Tournament. Anyone who wishes to act as a combatant or consort of a combatant in the next Crown Tournament must submit a written request to do so along with the documentation requires to satisfy all parts of III-400, III-500, III-501, III-502, III-503, III-504, III- 505, and III-700 of Kingdom Law, to the Crown Heirs and the Kingdom Seneschal

III-300 The Sovereign and Consort presiding over the Crown Tournament may disallow any prospective combatant or consort from participating in that Crown List for any just and stated cause. After consulting with the Kingdom Seneschal, the reason(s) for disallowance must be conveyed in writing by email to the email addresses indicated on the Crown Tournament Declaration form to the prospective combatant and consort by the Kingdom Seneschal no less than 5 days prior to the Crown Tournament. However, neither those who will preside over the Crown Tournament nor the Kingdom Seneschal shall convey the reason(s) for disallowance from the Crown Tournament to anyone except the disallowed parties.

III-301 Those who shall preside over the Crown Tourney as Sovereign and Consort, may choose to waive the entrance requirements as set out in Articles III-503, III-504, III-600, and III-700, for any individual candidate(s) whom They deem worthy.

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III-400 All prospective combatants and consorts must be paid members of the SCA and must maintain that membership through to the end of Their reign. Proof of membership must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament.

III-500 All prospective combatants and consorts in the Crown Tournament must meet the following requirements:

III-501 They must be subjects of Ealdormere as defined by Corpora and must remain subjects of the Kingdom through to the end of Their reign.

III-502 They must be at least 18 years old.

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III-503 They must have been subjects of Ealdormere and have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the year prior to the Crown Tournament.

III-504 They must be armigerous.

III-505 All prospective combatants must be authorized to fight as an armored combatant in the Kingdom of Ealdormere and must present proof of authorization when submitting their letter of intent.

III-600 Any person who does not meet the requirements of Section III-503 or 504 may make an application to the Heirs under the "Rule of 12" as outlined below:

The Prospective combatant and consort shall submit a request to participate in the Crown Tournament pursuant to Section III-200. Their request must be accompanied by a letter addressing why they seek dispensation from Section III-503 or III-504. This letter must bear the signatures of 12 subjects of Ealdormere, all of whom are armigerous. By signing the dispensation request, the signatories vouch for the worthiness of the candidates. Due weight will be given to this request.

Note: This dispensation request must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament and is not a method of recourse after a combatant or consort has been disallowed from the Crown Tournament.

III-700 Neither the Sovereign or the Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort of Ealdormere within three months prior to the Crown Tournament, may participate as a combatant or consort in that Crown Tournament.

III-800 No prospective combatant may have more than one declared consort. No prospective consort may be fought for by more than one combatant.

III-900 Should the Sovereign or Consort be unable to fulfill the duties of the Crown, then the other shall continue to fulfill all the duties until the successors are crowned at the customary time of Coronation.

III-1000 Should both the Sovereign and Consort be unable to fulfill the duties of the Crown, the Heirs shall be proclaimed Regents by the Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Herald. The Regents shall fulfill all the duties of the Crown until the customary time of Coronation, at which time They will be crowned Sovereign and Consort by the Premier Royal Peer of the Realm.

III-1100 Should either of the Crown Heirs be unable to fulfill their duties prior to their Coronation, the other shall fulfill all the duties until the customary time of Coronation at which time that person shall be crowned Sovereign.

III-1200 In the event that both the Heirs are unable to fulfill their duties prior to their Coronation, the

Crown shall arrange for a Crown tournament to be held within thirty (30) days. Only those combatant/consort pairs who had been accepted as participants in the previous Crown Tournament will be allowed to participate in this Crown Tournament. The victors of this Tournament shall be proclaimed Crown Heirs upon the day of the Tournament.

III-1300 Should the Sovereign and the Consort be unable to fulfill the duties of the Crown, and there are no Heirs, the last reigning Sovereign and/or Consort to complete a full reign who is available to serve will be declared Regent by the Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Herald. The Regent, in conjunction with the Privy Council, shall arrange for a Crown Tournament to be held within thirty (30) days. Only those combatant/consort pairs who had been accepted as participants in the previous Crown Tournament will be allowed to participate in the Regent 's Crown Tournament. The victors of this Tournament shall be proclaimed Sovereign and Consort upon the day of the Tournament. The new Sovereign and Consort shall immediately set in place the mechanism to allow for the choosing of Their Heirs, who would assume the duties of the Crown at the next scheduled Coronation.

ARTICLE IV – Kingdom Events

IV-100 The Kingdom events shall be the Crown Tournaments, the Coronations, the Kingdom Arts and Sciences event, and other events so named by the Crown after consultation with the Privy Council.

IV-200 The Privy Council shall solicit bids for Kingdom events from all branches within Ealdormere through publication in the Kingdom newsletter. Branches wishing to host Kingdom events must submit a written bid to the Crown and Privy Council following the guidelines outlined in the Ealdormere Operating Policy concerning Kingdom events.

IV-300 There shall be two reigns per year. Coronations shall be scheduled for the months of April and September, and Crown Tourneys shall be scheduled for the months of May and October as specified in the Ealdormere Operating Policies pursuant to the Policy Manual for the Seneschal's Office in the Kingdom of Ealdormere, save and except in unusual circumstances as decided upon by the Crown with consultation of the Privy Council.

IV-400 No event shall occur in Ealdormere on the same day as a Kingdom event without express prior approval of the Crown.

ARTICLE V - Councils of Ealdormere

V-100 Privy Council

V-101 The Privy Council of Ealdormere is neither a legislative nor an executive body, but an advisory committee to the Crown. The specific duty of the Privy Council is to advise the Crown on legislation, appointments to office, expenditure of Kingdom funds, contracts involving the Kingdom, and whatever other matters upon which the Crown may require counsel. The Crown shall be empowered to make and amend such laws of the Kingdom as They deem necessary only after consultation with a quorum of the Privy Council.

V-102 The Privy Council of Ealdormere shall consist of the Crown, the Heirs and the Officers of State. The Crown shall retain the right to invite other individuals to participate in the deliberations of the Privy Council. These individuals shall not vote on any decisions of the Council. The Lawspeaker shall sit as a non-voting member of the Privy Council. Both the

Sovereign and Consort will receive one vote each. The Heirs shall be given one vote. Officers of state shall receive one vote each.

V-103 A quorum of the Privy Council shall consist of either Sovereign or Consort, the Kingdom Seneschal (or their designated representative), and at least half of the remaining Officers of State.

V-104 The Crown may convene a public meeting of the Privy Council at an event at least once per reign or, in the alternative, the Crown or the Kingdom Seneschal may convene a meeting to discuss the Minutes of the private Privy Council meeting with the populace. Any member of Privy Council may, if circumstances warrant, request that the Crown schedule additional public meetings. Any member of the populace may request a meeting to discuss the Minutes by contacting the Kingdom Seneschal. The Kingdom Seneschal shall advertise the time and place of the public Privy Council meeting or discussion of the Minutes on the Kingdom Calendar. Participation in public Privy Council meetings are limited to Privy Council, the Crown, and invited participants. Any person may attend and observe the public Privy Council Meeting.

V-105 The Kingdom Seneschal shall be responsible for issuing agendas and minutes of Privy Council meetings. Minutes of Privy Council meetings shall be made available upon request to any member of the populace. The Kingdom Seneschal shall ensure that any correspondence addressed to the Council is answered promptly by the appropriate officer.

V-106 Any changes to Ealdormerian Officer's Operating Policies must be approved by a quorum of the Privy Council. Approval is defined as a majority of all votes cast.

V-107 To ensure the smooth administration of the Kingdom, all members of the Privy Council must maintain a means of direct communication (such as telephone, permanent mailing address, e-mail) with the populace throughout their term in office. E-mail may not be the sole means of direct communication.

V-200 Baronial Council of Ealdormere

V-201 The Baronial Council of Ealdormere is neither a legislative nor an executive body, but an advisory committee for the Crown. The Territorial Baronial Nobles of Ealdormere have both the right and the responsibility to advise the Crown on important issues affecting the Realm.

V-202 The Baronial Council of Ealdormere shall consist of the Crown, the Heirs of the Kingdom and the Territorial Baronial Nobles of Ealdormere.

V-203 The Crown shall endeavour to convene a meeting of the Baronial Council of Ealdormere at least once per reign. Any member of the Council may, if circumstances warrant, request that the Crown schedule additional meetings.

ARTICLE VI - Officers of State

VI-100 The Officers of State shall be the Kingdom Seneschal, the Trillium Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Kingdom Exchequer, the Kingdom Chronicler, the Kingdom Clerk-Register, Kingdom Chatelaine, and the Kingdom DEIB Officer.

VI-200 All Officers of State are responsible to the Crown, their Corporate superior, and the people of Ealdormere for the efficient performance of their offices according to Corpora and the Laws and operating policies of Ealdormere.

VI-300 The Officers of State shall report to the Crown as necessary and appropriate, answer correspondence promptly and meet with their subordinates (territorial and at large) at least once a year. Copies of reports to corporate superiors shall be provided to the Crown and the Heirs. Failure to make regular reports to the Crown and/or Corporate Superiors may be considered cause for removal from office.

VI-400 All Officers of State and their deputies must be paid members in good standing of the SCA and have access to the Kingdom Newsletter in their place of residence.

VI-500 Officers of State may not hold any other Corporate or Kingdom office. Officers of State may hold a local office provided that office does not report to the Kingdom office they hold.

VI-600 The term of office for Officers of State shall be two (2) years. This term may be extended for a third year with the approval of the Crown, after consultation with the Privy Council. No person may serve more than three consecutive years on Privy Council as an Officer of State. No person currently serving as an Officer of State, or who has served as an Officer of State within the previous six months, may apply for a vacant Office of State. This restriction may be waived in unusual circumstances, as deemed by the Privy Council, with the express permission of the Crown.

VI-700 All Officers of State shall be appointed by the Crown, following the procedures as detailed in the Ealdormere Operating Policy (Section 2 - Selection of Kingdom Officers), subject to approval from the appropriate Society Officer.

VI-701 The Crown and their corresponding Society Officer (if one exists) shall warrant all Officers of State. Warrants shall be signed by each incoming Crown and shall run from one Coronation until the next unless specifically superimposed by a new warrant issued by the Crown. If the Crown chooses not to sign the Warrant of Office, They must follow the procedures for suspension or removal as outlined in these laws and Corpora.

VI-702 The Crown may suspend and/or remove an Officer of State in accordance with the provisions laid out by Corpora.

VI-800 All Officers of State are responsible for maintaining operating policies and procedures that apply to their jurisdiction. Officer operating policies are subordinate to the Laws of Ealdormere. Operating policies and procedures of all Officers of State, Kingdom Officers and deputies are to be reviewed and approved by the Crown and a quorum of the Privy Council. Officer operating policies and procedures, and any associated handbooks will be made available on the Kingdom Website. Officer policies and procedures for each office shall establish, at minimum:

- The functions and duties of deputies and local officers.
- Procedures and requirements for the selection, warranting and removal of deputies and local officers.

- The frequency of reports by the Officers of State to the Crown.
- The frequency of reports from deputies and local officers to the Officer of State. ●
- The types of records to be kept by each Officer of State
- Any rules and regulations required to allow for the legal performance of the function of the associated jurisdiction.
- Financial policies and procedures for all financial transactions as required by Kingdom Law and Financial Policy.

VI-801 It is recommended that all Officers of State and Kingdom Officers publish and maintain their Operating Policies and Procedures within the Official Handbook of their office. Any changes, deletions or additions to those policies must be approved as per VI-800.

If the Officer of State or Kingdom Officer chooses to publish and maintain their Operating Policies and Procedures, and those of any deputy, separately from the Official Handbook of their office, they must pass any changes, deletions or additions to the Handbook by the Privy Council prior to placing them on the Kingdom Website. Handbooks can be brought to the Privy Council members via email, regular mail or in hard copy by hand in order to speed up the process. The Privy Council members will review any changes to check for legal conflicts and to ensure the changes do not affect Officer policies and procedures nor require approval as in VI-800. The Privy Council will respond to the appropriate officer within 15 days. Handbooks are those publications considered to be maintained and controlled by the Officer of State and/or Kingdom Officer, which provide instructional guidelines and assistance regarding the function of that area of jurisdiction. (ie: The regulations regarding the construction materials of a sword are part of Operating policy for the Marshallate, however, an instructional article on how to construct a sword is part of the Handbook).

VI-900 All Officers of State are members of the Privy Council and must attend at least one meeting of the Privy Council per reign. If they are unable to attend a meeting, they may petition the Crown to be represented by a designated representative/deputy at such meetings.

VI-1000 Officers of State shall make every effort to disseminate information regarding their offices to their subordinates and the populace. The preferred methods of communication are the Kingdom Newsletter and direct mail to their subordinates.

VI-1100 Each Officer of State shall maintain a staff of warranted deputies as necessary to fulfill the duties of their office.

VI-1200 All Officers of State shall be responsible for providing supervision of and assistance to their deputies and subordinates. It shall be the duty of all Officers of State to train one or more deputies to act in their place should they be suddenly unable to complete their term of office. The "emergency" deputy shall have no status or title and shall not automatically succeed to the office. Emergency replacement of an incapacitated officer shall be ratified by the Crown and the Privy Council.

VI-1300 There shall be maintained a record of all correspondence and activities carried out in the performance of the duties of each office. Such records shall be made available to any Officer of State if needed to assist in the performance of their duties. Retention of documents and information pertaining to all Greater Officers will be in accordance with current Corpora and Society Policy.

VI-1400 All Officers of State shall maintain a roster of the warranted subordinates of their office. This warrant roster will be presented to the Crown for ratification at their Coronation or as soon as practicable by prior agreement with the Crown. These warrants will be considered valid until signed by the Crown unless specifically revoked by the Crown. A copy of this roster will be provided to each member of the Royal Family and to all warranted subordinates upon request. Warrant rosters may be provided to the Crown by electronic means for their signature where circumstances of meeting in person to ratify them is delayed.

VI-1500 Officers of State wishing to fight or be fought for in Crown Tournament must have a warranted deputy, acceptable to Those who shall preside over the Tourney, who will assume the duties of the office if necessary. The Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Exchequer may not fight or be fought for in Crown Tourney.

VI-1501 Upon receipt of confirmation of their allowance into the Crown Lists, the Officer must meet with Those who shall preside over the Tournament, in order to discuss and approve of the deputy who will fulfill the officer's duties during the Crown Tournament, and the deputy who will assume those duties in the event that the said officer is triumphant.

VI-1600 All Officers of State shall meet with the Heirs as soon as practical to inform Them of the state of the Office, and advise the Heirs of the Officer's duties towards the Royalty and the Kingdom. This information should be presented by way of written statements which shall include:

- How long they have held their office and when their term is scheduled to end
- List of current (major) Deputies and when they assumed the position and when their term is up
- List of current projects and status of same together with a list of anticipated projects and scope of same
- Copy of most recent report for the office

VI-1700 Neither the Sovereign nor Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort may assume the position of an Officer of State within six months of their stepping down.

ARTICLE VII - Duties of the Officers of State

VII-100 The Kingdom Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Kingdom and shall act as a signing officer in all contractual matters involving the Kingdom.

VII-101 The Seneschal shall supervise the process of formation and advancement of local branches according to the Laws and operating policies.

VII-102 The Seneschal will ensure that meetings of the Privy Council are conducted in an orderly fashion and that agendas and minutes of the meetings are issued promptly.

VII-103 The Kingdom Seneschal shall be responsible for reviewing the content of all proposed laws and law changes to ensure that they do not contradict existing Law or Corpora. The Kingdom Seneschal shall maintain a current listing of Kingdom Laws and shall ensure that changes to Kingdom Law will be made available to the subjects of Ealdormere on the Kingdom

Website.

VII-104 The Seneschal shall be responsible for soliciting bids for Kingdom events as defined in Article IV and ensuring they appear in the Kingdom Calendar of Events.

VII-105 Contracts involving the Kingdom may be entered into only by the Seneschal with the approval of the Crown, in consultation with the Privy Council. Such contracts must be signed by the Seneschal, following the procedures outlined in the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One - Financial.

VII-106 The Seneschal shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill requirements of the office. Deputies to the Seneschal may include but shall not be limited to:

Council Secretary - responsible for minutes of council meetings,

Chatelaine - responsible for providing assistance to and education of new and prospective members of the SCA,

Chancellor of Youth and Youth programs - responsible for organization of children's activities within Ealdormere.

Social Media Officer – responsible for administering official Social Media platforms throughout the Kingdom. The Kingdom Social Media Officer shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Bids - responsible for collecting and presenting Bids for Kingdom events to Privy Council and Crown.

VII-200 The Kingdom Herald is the voice of the Crown to the populace and the voice of the populace to the Crown. The Herald is the head of the College of Heralds in Ealdormere.

VII-201 The Herald shall be responsible for the administration of Royal Courts, the heraldic submission process, the regulation of heraldic display according to operating policy, and the maintenance of the order of precedence.

VII-202 The Herald shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office. Deputies to the Herald may include, but shall not be limited to:

Inland Seas Herald — drop-dead deputy and/or successor to the Trillium Herald

Green Mantle Herald — responsible for heraldic submissions within the Kingdom of Ealdormere, and when jointly warranted by the Kingdom Exchequer, responsible for the administration of finances related to this process

Caleygreyhound Herald — responsible for maintaining the Order of Precedence in Ealdormere

Pentland Herald — responsible for field and tournament heraldry

Bucina Herald — responsible for heraldic education

Afon Fawr Herald — responsible for name resources and heraldic research

Privy Seal — responsible for maintaining the Scroll of Honour

Signet — responsible for overseeing the activities of the scribes of Ealdormere and the provision of such scrolls and documents as required by the Crown

VII-203 All funds for the Ealdormere College of Heraldry are administered by the Kingdom Exchequer.

The Herald shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI), the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One - Financial.

VII-204 The Herald and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-205 The Trillium Herald, through their deputy (Green Mantle Herald as defined above) shall ensure that fees for services in the submission process of names or armory are sufficient to cover the cost of such services. Any such fees, collected by the Kingdom, are not refundable to the submitter.

VII-300 The Earl Marshal shall supervise all approved martial activities within Ealdormere. The Earl Marshal, in cooperation with the Kingdom Marshals, shall set standards for the safe conduct of the same, consistent with the Rules of the List and Conventions of Combat for each of the martial activities within the SCA.

VII-301 The Earl Marshal shall be a person warranted within the Kingdom in a martial discipline. and shall be the chief administrative officer for martial activities within the Kingdom.

VII-302 The Earl Marshal shall be the Kingdom Marshal for one martial discipline for which they are warranted and shall ensure there are Kingdom Marshals for the remaining disciplines listed in VII-305. Where the Kingdom Earl Marshal is not an Armoured Combat Marshal and/or is not the Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat, the Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat shall be the Marshal responsible for the running of Crown Tournaments.

VII-303 The Earl Marshal must consult with the appropriate, warranted Kingdom marshal before ruling on any martial activity in which they are not personally warranted. Each Kingdom Marshal will be responsible for the administration of duties pertaining to their specific area however the Kingdom Marshals will work closely with the Earl Marshal in the conduct of their duties. In the event of a dispute between Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshal, the Crown shall arbitrate.

VII-304 The Earl Marshal shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill requirements of the office.

Deputies to the Earl Marshal may include but shall not be limited to:

Minister of the Lists — responsible for maintaining all records of authorized martial participants, issuing all martial-related authorization cards and, in consultation with the

Crown, and with the Earl Marshal, the organization of the Crown Lists.

VII-305 The Kingdom Marshals shall be:

Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat - responsible for the conduct of armoured combat within Ealdormere including. The Kingdom Marshal for Armoured combat shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal for Archery - responsible for the conduct of archery within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Archery shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal for Thrown Weapons - responsible for the conduct of thrown weapons activities within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Thrown weapons shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal of Fence - responsible for the conduct of rapier combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Rapier Combat shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal for Youth Armoured Combat - responsible for the conduct of Youth Armoured combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Youth Armoured combat shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal of Fence for Youth -- responsible for the conduct of Youth fencing combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal of Fence for Youth shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

VII-306 The Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshals shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One – Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshals shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-307 The Earl Marshal and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-400 The Kingdom Exchequer shall be the chief financial officer of the Kingdom and is responsible for all matters dealing with Kingdom funds or property.

VII-401 The Exchequer shall submit a current balance sheet and a budget to the people of Ealdormere to be published in the May issue of the Kingdom newsletter each calendar year.

VII-402 All disbursements of Kingdom funds shall be according to the guidelines outlined in the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One - Financial and shall be authorized by the Crown, the Kingdom Exchequer and a quorum of the Privy Council.

VII-403 The Exchequer shall meet with the Heirs as soon as practical to inform them of the

financial status and policies of the Kingdom.

VII-404 The Exchequer shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office. Deputies to the Exchequer may include, but shall not be limited to:

Regalia Officer — responsible for procurement, inventory, storage and maintenance of Kingdom Regalia.

VII-405 The Exchequer and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-406 The Exchequer will work with the Earl Marshal and Kingdom marshals, the Chronicler, and the Herald in the administration of the financial duties accompanying those offices.

VII-407 All monies designated SCA funds, or raised for SCA purposes must be directly turned over to a warranted Exchequer for deposit. In the case of a long-term fundraising project, monies need only be turned over at the completion of the project. No Officers other than warranted Exchequers may receive funds on behalf of the SCA.

VII-500 The Kingdom Chronicler shall be the chief publications officer of the Kingdom. The Chronicler shall be responsible for overseeing all official publications in the Kingdom and shall be responsible for the regular publication and distribution of the Kingdom Newsletter.

VII-501 The Chronicler shall be responsible for the publication of the Kingdom Calendar of Events.

VII-502 The Chronicler shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

VII-503 The Chronicler shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One – Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Chronicler shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-504 The Chronicler and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-600 The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Science shall be responsible for promoting and fostering Arts and Science activities within the Kingdom.

VII-601 The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall be responsible for the conduct of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences event.

VII-602 The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

VII-603 The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One – Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-604 The Minister of Arts and Sciences and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-800 The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Kingdom website pursuant to Corpora and the standards set forth by the Society Webminister, together with the maintenance of the Kingdom Web Server.

VII-801 The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall be conversant with the governing documents that pertain to the office and shall ensure that all recognized branch sites for the Kingdom are in compliance with, and meet the standards set forth by the Society Webminister.

VII-802 The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date warrant list.

VII-803 The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office and shall be responsible for supervising the activities of their deputies.

VII-804 The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One – Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Kingdom Clerk-Register shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-805 The Kingdom Clerk-Register, and all subordinate officers, will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-900 The Kingdom Chatelaine shall be responsible for promoting and fostering recruitment and retention of members of the Society within the Kingdom.

VII-901 The Kingdom Chatelaine shall be responsible for the conduct of any Kingdom Level demonstrations or recruiting events.

VII-902 The Kingdom Chatelaine shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

VII-903 The Kingdom Chatelaine shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Kingdom Chatelaine shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-904 The Kingdom Chatelaine and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

VII-1000 The Kingdom DEIB Officer shall be responsible for being a resource educational and information on DEIB

VII-1002 The Kingdom DEIB Officer will refer all inquiries, concerns or incidents involving violations of the Society's inclusivity policies to the Kingdom Seneschal

ARTICLE VIII - Territorial Baronial Nobles

VIII-100 The Crown shall appoint a Territorial Baronial Noble(s) when a branch is granted baronial status and at such subsequent times as a new Baronial Noble(s) is required. Each barony must have a written baronial selection procedure that is in accordance with the procedures as set out in Kingdom General Operating Policy 5 – Baronial Selection Procedures and has been approved by the Crown. Subsequent changes to the baronial procedure must be presented by the Baronial Noble(s) in conjunction with the Baronial seneschal and have the approval of the Crown. The Kingdom Seneschal shall sign the procedure to ensure its legality.

VIII-105 All Territorial Baronial Nobles traditionally swear fealty to the Crown upon Their Investiture, and to each succeeding Crown. In some cases, Territorial Baronial Nobles have reasons they cannot swear fealty (eg. religious reasons) and make an equivalent agreement.

VIII-200 A written petition to the Crown for a baronial appointment or re-appointment must be made by, and reflect the support of, the majority of the subjects of the Barony. Consideration of this petition requires that the subjects of the Barony not substantially oppose it. Bearing in mind the will of the people, the Crown shall appoint the Baronial Noble(s) deemed most fit to represent the Kingdom in the Barony.

VIII-300 Territorial Baronial Nobles, once titled, shall serve an initial term not to exceed five years. The duration of subsequent terms must be defined before re-appointment and must not exceed five years.

VIII-400 All Territorial Baronial Nobles must be subjects of the Barony. Should one or both take up residence outside the territory in such a manner as to preclude their active participation in the Barony, the individual(s) shall resign their title. Should both the Baronial Nobles resign, the process as outlined in Article VIII-100 shall be followed.

VIII-500 In the event of an extended, but temporary, absence of the Baronial Noble(s), they may, with the approval of the Crown, appoint a Vicar to fulfill their duties until their return. Vicars serve as interim representatives of the Territorial Baronial Noble(s), as long as they continue to have the ongoing support of the Baronial Noble(s) and the current Crown. In the absence of a Baronial Noble, or a Vicar, the Barony will be governed by the Baronial Seneschal, and the Crown may appoint a Regent as outlined in Article II-500 of these Laws.

VIII-600 Territorial Baronial Nobles will make every reasonable effort to attend sessions of the Baronial Council of Ealdormere.

VIII-700 All officer appointments are at the pleasure of the Crown. It shall be the right and responsibility

of the Territorial Baronial Nobles to be active in the process of selecting Baronial Officers.

ARTICLE IX - Lawspeaker of Ealdormere

IX-100 The Lawspeaker shall be an experienced member of the Society who commands the respect of the subjects of Ealdormere. This person shall possess the capacity to mediate, arbitrate and provide counsel. The Lawspeaker will act as a mediator and ombudsman and as a councilor to the Crown. The Lawspeaker will stand as a deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal and will be appointed, and removed from office, as detailed in these Laws.

IX-101 Due to the nature of the work required of the Lawspeaker, the position of Lawspeaker will be a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, for the purposes of Legal and Insurance coverage. This warrant is to be enacted by the Crown, and Kingdom Seneschal when the Lawspeaker takes office, to be renewed for the entire term of office of the Lawspeaker. The only process by which this warrant can be revoked is outlined in section IX-600. It is hereby noted that while the Lawspeaker is a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, the Lawspeaker is not a Seneschal and does not report to the Kingdom Seneschal, nor does the Kingdom Seneschal have any influence on the Office of Lawspeaker. The Lawspeaker stands outside the formal reporting structure of the Kingdom, the better to act as a mediator, ombudsman and councilor to the Crown and people of Ealdormere.

IX-200 No Sovereign, Consort, Heir to the Crown, Territorial Baronial Noble, Kingdom Officer or member of the Seneschalate may be nominated for the position of Lawspeaker.

IX-300 The Lawspeaker will be selected in the following manner:

IX-301 Nominations for the position will be solicited in the Kingdom newsletter and submitted in writing to the Seneschal.

IX-302 Those people who receive nominations from 12 armigerous subjects of Ealdormere and are confirmed by either the outgoing Lawspeaker, the Sovereign, the Consort, or either of the Crown Heirs will be approached privately by the Seneschal and asked if they accept the nomination. Upon acceptance of the nomination, that person shall be declared a candidate for the position.

IX-303 If there is only one nominee, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call for a vote of confidence. All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the confidence of their branch in the nominee. The nominee must receive no less than a 50% vote of confidence. If a 50% vote of confidence is not met, the process will begin again.

IX-304 In the event there are two or more candidates, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call an election and the names of the candidates shall be made public.

(i) The Kingdom Seneschal shall oversee and conduct the election.

(ii) All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the wishes of their branch.

(iii) The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared Lawspeaker.

IX-400 The term of office for the Lawspeaker shall be three years. The outgoing Lawspeaker may be considered an eligible candidate assuming they receive the required nominations and is confirmed by the Kingdom Seneschal, and by the Sovereign, Consort, or either of the Crown Heirs.

IX-500 In the event the Lawspeaker is unable to fulfill their duties; they shall appoint an interim replacement subject to ratification by the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal. The Kingdom Seneschal and Crown may choose to allow the interim replacement to act for a stated period of time. At the end of this period, the Lawspeaker may resume their duties. The period of absence shall be included as part of the Lawspeaker's term in office. Or the Crown may choose to ask the Kingdom Seneschal to proceed with the selection process upon ratification of the interim replacement. The selection procedure as outlined in IX-300 shall be initiated immediately.

IX-600 In the event that the people of Ealdormere are dissatisfied with the performance of the Lawspeaker, a removal process may be initiated. A petition signed by 30% of the warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will be cause for the Kingdom Seneschal to call for a vote of confidence in the Lawspeaker. All warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will participate in this vote. The Kingdom Seneschal will initiate the selection procedure to select a new Lawspeaker only if directed to do so by a majority vote of the seneschals.

IX-700 Due to the nature of the position and the selection process, the Lawspeaker may not fight or be fought for in Crown Tournament.

IX-800 Duties of the Lawspeaker

IX-801 The Moot - In consultation with the Crown, the Lawspeaker shall ensure that a Moot is called at least once per reign.

(i) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that the time and location of the Moot are published in advance in the Kingdom newsletter.

(ii) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that one section of Kingdom Law is read at the beginning of each Moot so that the people may be familiar with their Laws.

(iii) The Lawspeaker shall chair the Moot and ensure that records are maintained and published.

IX-802 The Lawspeaker shall investigate concerns brought before them and mediate disputes as required. In the event of a conflict of interest, the Lawspeaker may appoint a mutually acceptable mediator in their stead.

IX-803 The Lawspeaker shall administer and chair Courts of Inquiry following the guidelines detailed in the Kingdom Operating Policy, Section Four - Courts of Justice.

ARTICLE X - Creation and Advancement of Branches

X-100 Any group wishing to form a new branch of the SCA within Ealdormere must contact the Kingdom Chatelaine for information. Subsidiary branch types and requirements for these branches shall be as stated in Corpora.

X-200 A branch shall be advanced to full status when:

X-201 There is a demonstrated record of activities as outlined in policy to support the Society in the area.

X-201 There has been a record of regular reporting by local officers to their Kingdom superiors as outlined in policy.

X-203 There is a slate of local officers consisting, at minimum, of a Seneschal and an Exchequer and either a Pursuivant, a Marshal, a Minister of Arts and Sciences or a Chatelaine.

X-204 A name has been registered with the Laurel College of Arms.

X-205 A petition showing substantial support for the change of status is presented to the Crown by the members of the branch.

X-300 Shires and Cantons shall be elevated to a Barony or Province when:

X-301 There is a demonstrated record of activities to support the Society at the new level.

X-302 There has been a record of regular reporting by local officers to their Kingdom superiors as outlined in policy.

X-303 There is a full slate of local officers consisting at minimum of a Seneschal, Pursuivant, Exchequer, a Chronicler, and either a Marshal, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Clerk-Register or a Chatelaine.

X-304 A name and device have been registered with the Laurel College of Arms.

X-305 A petition from the members of the branch, showing substantial support for the advancement in status, is presented to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.

X-306 In the case of advancement to Baronial status - A petition, naming a candidate or candidates for Territorial Baronial Nobles who are acceptable to the Crown and not substantially opposed by the branch, has been presented to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.

X-307 Baronies and provinces must maintain the requirements as set out in X-301, X-302, and X-303.

X-400 Principalities are major regional divisions and will be covered on a case-by-case basis

by the Crown and Privy Council, if such a petition is received.

ARTICLE XI - The Honours of Ealdormere

Preamble: As per law XIV-100, recommendations are accepted for every level of award. It is not necessary to hold a particular award or be a member of a given Order to make a recommendation.

XI-100 Honours conveying Arms - Awards of Merit

XI-101 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Award which the Crown may bestow unto such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be known as the Award of the Maiden's Heart, herein referred to as the Award.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who have performed exemplary service to Ealdormere and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour.

(ii) Holders of the Award are entitled to place after their names the initials AMH and may be styled and announced as Recipients of the Award of the Maiden's Heart

(iii) Elevation shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at large.

(iv) The Award shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms, save the recipient already holds that award.

(v) Receipt of the Award shall ensure the individual a position, according to date of receipt of the Award, above holders of Awards of Arms, equal to recipients of the other Awards of Merit, and below Grants of Arms simple.

(vi) Recipients of the Award may wear a medallion bearing the badge, Quarterly azure and or a Heart counterchanged.

XI-102 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Award which the Crown may bestow unto such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be known as the Award of Orion, herein referred to as the Award.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who have demonstrated skill in the arts and sciences and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour.

(ii) Recipients of the Award are entitled to place after their names the initials AO, and may be styled and announced as Recipients of the Award of Orion.

(iii) Elevation shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at

large.

(iv) The Award shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms, save the recipient already holds that award.

(v) Receipt of the Award shall ensure the individual a position, according to date of receipt of the Award, above holders of Awards of Arms, equal to recipients of the other Awards of Merit, and Grants of Arms simple.

(vi) Recipients of the Award may wear a medallion bearing the badge as approved by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms.

XI-103 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Award which the Crown may bestow unto such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be known as the Award of the Scarlet Banner, herein referred to as the Award.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who have demonstrated skill in a martial discipline approved within Ealdormere, and who demonstrate courteous and chivalrous behaviour both on and off the field

(ii) Recipients of the Award are entitled to place after their names the initials ASB and may be styled and announced as Recipients of the Award of the Scarlet Banner.

(iii) Elevation shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at large.

(iv) The Award shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms, save the recipient already holds that award.

(v) Receipt of the Award shall ensure the individual a position, according to date of receipt of the Award, above holders of Awards of Arms, equal to recipients of the other Awards of Merit, and Grants of Arms simple.

(vi) Recipients of the Award may wear a medallion bearing the badge, Argent a pale wavy gules between two wolves combatant sable.

XI-200 Honours conveying Grants of Arms - Orders of High Merit

XI-201 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Order unto which the Crown may elect such persons as it sees fit. The Order shall be known as the Order of the Wain, herein referred to as the Order.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who have performed exemplary and long-standing service to Ealdormere in a variety of different areas, present a reasonably authentic appearance and provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation.

(ii) Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms.

(iii) Elevation to the Order shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the

Kingdom at large.

(iv) Members of the Order are entitled to place after their names the initials COW, may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of the Wain and may bear the title "the Honourable" and/or may use any title of Grant of Arms rank on the SCA title or approved SCA alternative title list.

(v) Membership in the Order shall ensure the individual a position, according to seniority in the Order, above Grants of Arms simple, equal to members of other Orders of High Merit and below Barony of the Court.

(vi) Companions of the Order may wear a medallion bearing the badge of the Order, Argent, a saltire pierced within a bordure gules charged with four mullets argent

(vii) This shall be a consultative order. The Crown shall give due weight and consideration to the recommendations of the current Companions of the Order when considering the induction of new members.

XI-202 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Order unto which the Crown may elect such persons as it sees fit. The Order shall be known as the Order of the Crucible, herein referred to as the Order.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who:

- have demonstrated skill in a variety of Arts and Sciences, including a high level (journeyman) skill in at least one discipline
- have demonstrated a knowledge of period techniques.
- have demonstrated the ability to research and the willingness to teach Arts and Sciences related skills.
- present a reasonably authentic appearance
- provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation.

(i) Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms.

(ii) Elevation to the Order shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at large.

(iii) Members of the Order are entitled to place after their names the initials COC, may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of the Crucible and may bear the title "the Honourable" and/or may use any title of Grant of Arms rank on the SCA title or approved SCA alternative title list.

(iv) Membership in the Order shall ensure the individual a position, according to seniority in the Order, above Grants of Arms simple, equal to members of the other Orders of High Merit, and below Barony of the Court.

(v) Companions of the Order may wear a medallion bearing the badge of the Order, Per Pale argent and sable, an athanor counter-changed.

(vi) This shall be a consultative order. The Crown shall give due weight and consideration to the recommendations of the current Companions of the Order when

considering the induction of new members.

XI-203 There shall exist in Ealdormere an Order unto which the Crown may elect such persons as it sees fit. The Order shall be known as the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer, herein referred to as the Order.

(i) This honour shall be given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who:

- exhibit excellence in a martial activity approved in Ealdormere.
- demonstrate a knowledge of related skills and/or of other martial disciplines.
- demonstrate a leadership role in a martial activity, including a willingness to teach.
- present a reasonably authentic appearance.
- provide an example of courtesy and chivalry worthy of emulation.

(i) Elevation to the Order shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms.

(ii) Elevation to the Order shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at large.

(iii) Members of the Order are entitled to place after their names the initials COTH, may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer and may bear the title "the Honourable" and/or may use any title of Grant of Arms rank on the SCA title or approved SCA alternative title list.

(iv) Membership in the Order shall ensure the individual a position, according to seniority in the Order, above Grants of Arms simple, equal to members of the other Orders of High Merit, and below Barony of the Court.

(v) Companions of the Order may wear a medallion bearing the badge of the Order, Gules, a Thor's hammer within a bordure embattled argent.

(vi) This shall be a consultative order. The Crown shall give due weight and consideration to the recommendations of the current Companions of the Order when considering the induction of new members.

XI-300 A person may be elevated to the rank of Barony of the Court at the pleasure of the Crown.

XI-301 Such persons shall provide the gift of inspiration and uphold the ideals of our Society. They shall present a reasonably authentic appearance and shall provide an example of courtesy and honour worthy of emulation.

XI-302 Elevation to the Rank of Barony of the Court shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms; save the recipient already holds that award.

XI-303 Elevation to the Rank shall be proclaimed in Court or in a public place to the Kingdom at large.

XI-304 Elevation to the Rank shall ensure the individual a position, according to date of

elevation, above the members of the Orders of High Merit, and below Territorial Baronial Nobles.

XI-400 The Crown may bestow upon persons, as they see fit a Grant of Arms simple. This honour should be given to persons deserving, but falling outside the Orders of High Merit of Ealdormere. This may include, but not limited to, authentic portrayal of a time period covered within the scope of the SCA. Persons receiving such an honour may bear the title "the Honourable" and/or may use any title of Grant of Arms rank on the SCA title or approved SCA alternative title list. Bestowal of such an honour shall ensure the individual a position, according to date of receipt of such an honour, above members of the Awards of Merit and below members of the Orders of High Merit.

XI-500 All Royal Peerages shall be conveyed by Patents of Arms.

XI-600 Awards that carry no Precedence

XI-601 The Scroll of Honour

- (i) There shall exist in Ealdormere an award called The Scroll of Honour.
- (ii) The Scroll of Honour shall be a record of the worthy deeds of the people and friends of Ealdormere which do not necessarily fall into the scope and structure of the other Kingdom awards.
- (iii) The names of those accomplishing such worthy deeds shall be entered fittingly on the Scroll by the Kingdom Herald or the Privy Seal. Names shall be entered at the discretion of the Crown.
- (iv) The Kingdom Herald and their deputy, The Privy Seal, shall care for the Scroll and shall ensure that it is displayed in court. The scroll shall frequently be made available to be read by the people.
- (v) There shall also exist in Ealdormere a Book of Reigns which shall record all of the awards, decrees and notable deeds during the reign of each of Ealdormere's Crown Sovereign and Consort. This, too, shall be the responsibility of the Kingdom Herald and their deputy, The Privy Seal to maintain and have available for display

XI-602 There shall exist an Award that the Crown may bestow as it sees fit. The Award shall be known as the Award of the Wolf's Cub, herein referred to as the Award.

- (i) The Award shall be bestowed upon those children of the Kingdom who have served beyond their years and set an example to others.
- (ii) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as "Wolf's Cubs"
- (iii) Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Kingdom at large.
- (iv) Recipients of the Award may bear the badge of the Award, subject to approval by the

Laurel Sovereign of Arms.

XI-603 There shall exist an Award of the Queen's Favour, which the Crown may bestow as they see fit. Should the Crown style themselves with an alternate title as approved by Society, they may present the Award with that alternate title, and shall be noted on the Order of Precedence.

XI-604 There shall exist an Award of the King's Favour, which the Crown may bestow as they see fit. Should the Crown style themselves with an alternate title as approved by Society, they may present the Award with that alternate title, and shall be noted on the Order of Precedence.

XI-605 There shall exist an Award of the Crown's Favour, which the Crown may bestow as they see fit. Should the Crown style themselves with an alternate title as approved by Society, they may present the Award with that alternate title, and shall be noted on the Order of Precedence.

XI-606 The Order of the Rose shall be offered automatically, after elevation to the County Rank, to those who have completed Their reign as Consort.

XI-607 The Crown may bestow upon any person or group an Augmentation of Arms in recognition of their dedication and impact on the Kingdom. The Augmentation shall be a recommendation from the Crown of an addition to or alteration of the recipients' device or badge. The augmentation chosen by the Crown may incorporate elements of Kingdom-owned heraldry, symbols of personal significance to the Crown, or some other unique charge. Augmentations of Arms may allow specific charges or marks of pretence. The Crown will recommend changes to the recipients' device or badge, but the final decision for alteration lies with the recipient, subject to the approval by the College of Arms. While this honour acknowledges recognitions for exemplary acts and the favour of the Crown, it shall carry no precedence.

XI-608 The Crown may bestow upon a person, group, guild, or household, as they see fit a Royal Augmentation; as per Society definition of an augmentation of arms. A Royal Augmentation is permission for the recipient or designated group to add or alter their device or group badge with a symbol recommended by the current Crown or by the recipient. The Crown may give with this augmentation permission to conflict with Their personal arms or badge, providing elements of that badge are not restricted to the individual. All additions or alterations must follow the submission rules of the College of Arms including style and restricted charges. This honour, though acknowledged as being recognition for exemplary behaviour, shall carry no precedence.

XI-609 The order of the Trillium consists of those gentles who have completed serving a term as a Principality Consort in the Principality of Ealdormere. Members of this Order are charged with encouraging chivalric and courteous behaviour among all members of Society. Members may style themselves "of the Trillium."

ARTICLE XII – Order of Precedence and Symbols of Rank

XII-100 The Order of the March shall be thus:

The Crown of Ealdormere

The Heirs of Ealdormere

Territorial Princes/Princesses/Coronet of the Principalities of Ealdormere (according to date of creation of Principality)

Heirs to Principalities of Ealdormere

Dukes/Duchesses/Ducal Estate

Counts/Countesses/County Estate

Viscounts/Viscountesses/Viscounty Estate

Bestowed Peerages

Ealdormere Territorial Barons/Baronesses/Baronial Estate (according to date of creation of Barony)

Court Barons/Baronesses/Baronial Estate

Ealdormere Honours Conveying Grants of Arms

Foreign Honours Conveying Grants of Arms

Grants of Arms

Ealdormere Honours Conveying Awards of Arms

Foreign Honours Conveying Awards of Arms

Awards of Arms

XII-200 Symbols of Rank

XII-201 Only Dukes and Duchesses may wear a coronet adorned with strawberry leaves.

XII-202 Only Counts and Countesses may wear a gold embattled coronet.

XII-203 Only Viscounts and Viscountesses of Ealdormere may wear a silver embattled coronet.

XII-204 Only Territorial Baronial Nobles may wear a gold coronet adorned with six pearls (spheroids) which may be adorned with the full baronial arms.

XII-205 Only those who are Court Baronial Nobles and have formerly served as Territorial Baronial Nobles may wear a gold coronet adorned with six pearls (spheroids).

XII-206 Only Court Baronial Nobles may wear a silver coronet adorned with six pearls (spheroids).

XII-207 Any individual who has earned the right to bear a symbol of rank from another Kingdom may continue to bear that symbol within Ealdormere.

XII-300 There shall exist in the Kingdom of Ealdormere a document known as the Ealdormere Order of

Precedence. This document shall be a listing of all persons or groups that receive any honour as detailed in section XI of Kingdom Law and all Ealdormerian Baronial awards. Any subject of the Kingdom of Ealdormere who is a recipient of a Foreign Honour may have these honours recorded upon the Ealdormere Order of Precedence. This document shall be readily accessible to all. The preferred format of this document shall be as a web accessible resource and maintained by the Trillium Herald.

ARTICLE XIII - Conduct of Royal Courts

XIII-100 The normal business of the Kingdom is conducted through public Royal Courts. At these courts awards are bestowed, laws proclaimed, official gifts given and received, branches are advanced in status and oaths proclaimed.

XIII-200 For any of the above to be binding on the people of Ealdormere, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

XIII-201 A warranted Seneschal must witness the court.

XIII-202 A warranted Pursuivant or Herald must assist with the court.

XIII-203 The Royal Court must occur at a published event as defined by Corpora.

ARTICLE XIV - Rights of the Subjects

XIV-100 It is the right and duty of every citizen and resident of the Kingdom of Ealdormere to recommend to the Crown any person they deem worthy of receiving any of the Honours of Ealdormere. Recommendations are accepted for every level of award. It is not necessary to hold an award or be a member of a given Order to make a recommendation.

XIV-101 Recommendations made to the Crown and the Heirs through the electronic Award Recommendation Form go directly and only to the Crown and the Heirs. The Crown may forward and share these recommendations with Territorial Baronial Nobles, Kingdom Signet and such scribes as They see fit.

XIV-102 Each Barony may set up an electronic Award Recommendation form that goes directly and only to the Territorial Baronial Nobles of that Barony. The Baronial Nobles may forward and share these recommendations with Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, Kingdom Signet and such scribes as they see fit.

XIV-200 The Moot

XIV-201 The Crown shall continue the ancient and honourable tradition of the Moot, being a forum open to all subjects of the Kingdom to allow discussion of matters of importance to the people.

XIV-202 A moot will be called at least once per reign. Additional moots may be called at the discretion of the Crown. The date of all moots will be published in advance in the Kingdom newsletter.

XIV-203 The Lawspeaker will be responsible for conducting the Moot.

XIV-204 Any subject of Ealdormere may speak at a moot, without fear of recrimination, on any matter of concern to the Kingdom, provided they show common courtesy.

XIV-300 Any subject of Ealdormere may ask the Lawspeaker to investigate and mediate disputes within the Kingdom. If the Lawspeaker cannot mediate the situation, the Crown shall direct the Lawspeaker to appoint a Court of Inquiry. A subject of Ealdormere under banishment retains this right.

XIV-400 Privacy Protection Video Media

XIV-401 Non-flash photography is permitted at events for personal use.

XIV-402 Photos or video recording from events taken for official SCA use will require the appropriate consent or release forms from primary subjects, available at the gate notifying of the intent to record.

XIV-403 Video or audio recording is permitted at events for personal use, with prior consent from all primary subjects of the recording. A notice must be posted at gate notifying of the intent to record with the contact name of the person recording.

XIV-404 Photos or recording from events taken for personal use and shared publicly are assumed to have consent from all participants. Any recorded subject may withdraw their consent, and the photo or recording will be removed from public distribution.

ARTICLE XV - Courts of Justice

XV-100 Courts of Inquiry

XV-101 A Court of Inquiry, as detailed in the Kingdom Operating Policy, Section Four - Courts of Justice, is called by the Lawspeaker to investigate and mediate disputes within the Kingdom. A Court of Inquiry will be called before each Court of Chivalry.

XV-102 The Lawspeaker shall appoint a Court consisting of one representative of each of the Bestowed Peerages (Laurel, Pelican and Chivalry), a Royal Peer and the Lawspeaker.

XV-103 The Court of Inquiry shall meet to investigate and attempt to mediate the dispute, making such inquiries and calling such witnesses as is reasonable and necessary. All investigations shall be completed within 30 days of the appointment of the Court.

XV-104 Courts of Inquiry may not find against individuals, rather their inquiries shall be of a problem- identification and solving nature. Members of the Court shall come to a consensus as to whether the matter shall be referred to a Court of Chivalry. The Lawspeaker shall communicate the recommendation to the Crown and the aggrieved parties within five days of completion of the Court. All deliberations of the Court of Inquiry shall be held confidential, except that, in the event that a Court of Chivalry is recommended, the findings and records of the Court of Inquiry shall be

forwarded to the Court of Chivalry.

XV-200 Courts of Chivalry

XV-201 The Court of Chivalry, as detailed in the Kingdom Operating Policy, Section Four - Courts of Justice, is the highest court in Ealdormere. It shall be called when there is evidence that a serious breach of the laws, policies or customs of Ealdormere or the Society has occurred. Breaches of the criminal code or common law shall be referred to the local civil authority for investigation.

XV-202 Should the Court of Inquiry recommend a Court of Chivalry be called, the following procedures will apply:

- (i) The aggrieved parties shall be contacted by the Kingdom Seneschal to set mutually acceptable dates and places for sessions of the court to be conducted. The time and place shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter. If any aggrieved party cannot attend, they may send a representative to act on their behalf. Outright and deliberate refusal to participate in the Court shall result in the Court proceeding in the absence of that person and without their input.
- (ii) Each aggrieved party shall appoint two armigerous people to the judicial panel. In the event that there is only one aggrieved party, the Crown will appoint two armigerous judges. The four judges shall then mutually appoint a fifth armigerous judge.
- (iii) Each aggrieved party shall have the opportunity to present their case before the judges. The judges shall have the right to call additional witnesses at their discretion.
- (iv) After the court's proceedings have concluded, the judges shall retire to consider their verdict. The judges may find for either party or may assign mutual fault. If a party is found to be at fault, the Court may recommend sanctions ranging from a simple reprimand to recommendation for banishment from the Society.
- (v) The judges shall return their judgment within 72 hours of the close of the court.

ARTICLE XVI - Financial Accounting and Contracts

XVI-100 The Kingdom Exchequer shall submit a current balance sheet and a budget to the Crown within thirty (30) days of Coronation.

XVI-200 All disbursements of Kingdom funds shall be authorized by the Finance Committee by majority vote. Any financial issue may be presented to the Finance Committee by any member of the Royal family or Privy Council. No person may initiate a financial matter from which they may personally gain. In an emergency, disbursements must be authorized by the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Exchequer. All emergency disbursements must be ratified by the Finance Committee at the first available opportunity.

XVI-300 The Finance Committee shall consist of the Crown and the Heirs working in concert, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Kingdom Exchequer, and a majority of the remaining Kingdom Officers.

XVI-400 The Crown and the Heirs count as one vote. Should the Crown and the Heirs not be able to reach agreement, the vote will rest with the Crown.

XVI-500 Contracts committing the Kingdom may be negotiated only by the Kingdom Seneschal with the approval of the Crown in consultation with the Privy Council. Such contracts must be signed by the Seneschal.

XVI-600 All changes to the Ealdormere Financial Policies shall be approved by a majority vote of the Finance Committee and ratified, as per Society Policy, by the Society Exchequer and the Board of Directors. All changes to the Kingdom Budget must be approved by a majority vote of the Finance Committee.

XVI-700 The establishment of all Special Purpose Funds must be approved by the Ealdormere Financial Committee. The Kingdom Exchequer shall maintain a list, with the balance, of all Special Purpose Funds, and will publish the list at least once per year. All disbursement of funds in Special Purpose Funds will be approved on a case-by-case basis by a sub-committee of the Financial Committee. This sub-committee must consist of the Kingdom Exchequer, the Kingdom Seneschal and at least one other Great Officer of State. The Sub-committee will be designated upon funding, and structure of the sub-committee will be recorded in the Handbook of the Kingdom Exchequer upon approval by the Privy Council. Special Purpose Funds which do not fall under the responsibility of a specific Great Office will also be designated in the General Operating Policies of Ealdormere.

ARTICLE XVII – Deliberation of the Patent Orders

XVII-100 The deliberations of the Patent Orders with the Crown, and between various members of the Patent Orders are conducted in the Crown's confidence. No person shall share those confidences outside of the Patent Orders without permission of the Crown.

GENERAL OPERATING POLICIES OF EALDORMERE

1. FINANCIAL

1.1. Royal Travel Fund

1.1.1. The Crown Sovereign and Consort will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during travel to and from SCA events, both within and outside of Ealdormere, as outlined in section 1.1.2.

1.1.2. Allowable expenses include food, gas, lodging, specified phone expenses, and travel fares (e.g. plane/train tickets). Reimbursement will be made when the receipts are submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer. All receipts must be submitted within 8 weeks of the end of the reign. The exchequer may grant special dispensation from this deadline in unusual circumstances.

1.1.3. At the beginning of each reign the specified amount, as per the Kingdom Budget,

will be allocated from the Kingdom general funds for Their Majesties travel expenses. In addition to this amount, any money donated to the travel fund during the reign will also be available to the Crown for their travel expenses. All unused travel funds revert to the Kingdom general funds at the end of each reign.

1.2. Officer's of State Travel Fund

1.2.1. The Kingdom Officers of State will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during travel to and from Kingdom Privy Council meetings convened by the Crown of Ealdormere, as outlined in section 1.2.2 and 1.2.3. The Kingdom Officers of State will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during travel to and from Privy Council meetings convened by the Crown of Ealdormere, travel to and from Kingdom events at which attendance by that Officer of State is mandated by Kingdom Law, and office expenditures incurred while fulfilling the duties of their office.

1.2.2. The Ealdormere Officers of State are currently allotted a specified amount per reign, as per the Kingdom Budget, for travel to and from Kingdom events at which attendance by that Officer of State is mandated by Kingdom Law, and Office expenditures incurred while fulfilling the duties of their office. This fund is to be allocated at the beginning of each reign from the Kingdom General Fund. All unused travel funds revert to the Kingdom General Fund at the end of each reign.

1.2.3. Allowable expenses include food, gas, lodging, and travel fares (e.g. plane/train tickets). Reimbursement will be made when the receipts are submitted to the Kingdom exchequer. All receipts must be submitted within 3 months of the date of purchase.

1.3. Heirs Travel Fund

1.3.1. The Heirs to the Crown of Ealdormere will be reimbursed for expenses incurred during their time as Heirs. These expenses are subject to the guidelines outlined in section

1.3.2. All receipts must be submitted within 8 weeks of the end of the Heir period. The exchequer may grant special dispensation from this deadline in unusual circumstances.

1.3.2. Allowable expenses include food, gas, lodging, and travel fares (e.g. plane/train tickets). Reimbursement will be made when the receipts are submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer

1.3.3. At the beginning of each reign the specified amount, as per the Kingdom budget, will be allocated from the Kingdom general funds for the Heirs' travel expenses.

1.3.4. In addition to this amount, any money donated to the Heirs' Travel Fund during their time as Heirs will also be available for their travel expenses. Only those funds donated specifically to the Heirs' Travel Fund will be allocated to the Heirs' Fund. All other Royal Travel Fund donations will be allocated to the Travel Fund of the current Crown of Ealdormere. All unused travel funds revert to the Kingdom general funds at the end of each reign.

1.5. Regalia Fund

1.5.1. Funds will be made available for the care and repair of existing regalia items and for the purchase of new regalia.

1.5.2. At the beginning of each reign the specified amount, as per Kingdom Budget, will be allocated for the regalia fund. Reimbursement of expenses will be made when

receipts are submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer.

1.7. Officers of State Fund

1.7.1. Officers of State of the Kingdom will be reimbursed for expenses incurred fulfilling the duties of their office, as outlined in section 1.7.2.

1.7.2. Allowable expenses include postage, copying charges, and telephone calls. Reimbursement will be made when the receipts are submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer.

1.7.3. At the beginning of each calendar year the specified amount, as per Kingdom Budget, will be allocated from Kingdom general funds for the expenses of each of the Officers of State. All unused funds revert to the Kingdom general funds at the end of each calendar year.

1.1. Financial Policies of the Kingdom Heraldic Office

1.1.1. The Green Mantle Herald is responsible for the collection of heraldic submissions and fee payments for those submissions, from the populace of Ealdormere. Records of all fees collected must include separate entries for each submission made. Each entry will include: the full name and address of the submitter, the name of the individual making the payment, a complete description of the submission made, the date the fee was submitted, the amount of the fee submitted to the Society Herald, the method of payment to the Society Herald, any identifying tracking numbers for both the original payment and the Society payment, and the date the payment was submitted to Society Herald.

1.1.2. The Kingdom Exchequer shall maintain a fund for the Ealdormere College of Heralds, including for all heraldic submission fees. The Kingdom Exchequer shall report the balance of this account to the Kingdom Herald on a quarterly basis.

1.1.3. The Heraldic Submissions office is expected to be financially self-sufficient. No funds from the General Kingdom fund shall be allotted to the College of Heralds fund, except through detailed request of the Herald's office for specific requirements, voted on and approved by the Finance Committee. The College of Heralds fund may, at any time, provide funds to the Kingdom Herald's office as required, provided that all expenses regarding the submission process have been accounted for.

1.2. Kingdom Arts and Sciences Fund

1.2.1. The Exchequer will maintain a separate fund for the Arts and Sciences' office.

1.2.2. No money from general funds will be allocated to this fund. All money donated to and/or raised for this fund will be used to cover expenses incurred by the Arts and Sciences' office. Unused funds do not revert back to general funds.

1.2.3. Reimbursement of expenses will be made when receipts are submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer and the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Officer has approved the expense.

1.3. Royalty Expenditure Fund

1.3.1. The Crown of the Kingdom will be reimbursed for expenses incurred fulfilling the duties of their office, as outlined in section 1.11.2.

1.3.2. Allowable expenses include postage, copying charges, and telephone calls. Reimbursement will be made when the receipts are submitted to the Kingdom

Exchequer.

- 1.3.3. At the beginning of each reign the specified amount, as per Kingdom Budget, will be allocated from Kingdom general funds for the expenses of the Crown. All unused funds revert to the Kingdom general funds at the end of each reign.

2. SELECTION OF KINGDOM OFFICERS

2.1. Invitation for Applications

- 2.1.1. Outgoing or interim officers will solicit applications to fill their positions in at least two issues of the Kingdom newsletter. Outgoing or interim officers are also urged to make other reasonable efforts to ensure that the general populace is aware of the upcoming vacancy and that qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the position.
- 2.1.2. Advertisements for officer positions must contain at least the following information:
 - (i) a brief outline of duties and responsibilities
 - (ii) required qualifications
 - (iii) closing date for applications.

2.2. Eligibility

- 2.2.1. All Ealdormereans are eligible to apply for all positions, provided that they meet the specific qualifications of the position (i.e. some offices, such as Marshal and Clerk-Register, have special requirements).
- 2.2.2. Although most Kingdom Officers of State appoint deputies, it must be understood that nobody, not even a long-term deputy or interim replacement, will be automatically appointed to a position. The selection of all Kingdom Officers of State will be made according to the procedures described in this document.

2.3. Consideration of Applications

- 2.3.1. The outgoing or interim officer will be responsible for collecting and collating the applications to become their successor. The Kingdom Seneschal will hold duplicates of the applications.
- 2.3.2. After the closing date all applications, including those disqualified for not meeting the basic requirements, will be presented to The Crown and the Privy Council for consideration.
- 2.3.3. After The Sovereign, The Consort, The Heirs, and the Privy Council have had the opportunity to consider the applications; the outgoing officer will nominate a candidate.
- 2.3.4. The Sovereign, the Consort, The Heirs, and the Privy Council will vote on the nomination.
- 2.3.5. If a simple majority is achieved, the candidate becomes the designated successor for the position in question.
- 2.3.6. If no simple majority is achieved, The Sovereign, The Consort, The Heirs, and the Privy Council will again examine the applications, nominate another (or perhaps the same) person for consideration, and hold another vote. This process will be repeated until a successful candidate is selected. If agreement cannot be reached after three attempts, the Crown may choose to appoint a successor from amongst the candidates deemed qualified by a quorum of Privy Council. If none of the applicants is considered acceptable, the Crown will call for the Invitation for Applications to be re-issued and the whole process starts over again.

2.4. Interim Replacement Officers

- 2.4.1. If an outgoing officer has to leave office suddenly, and there is not time for the normal selection procedure, they may (in consultation with The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal) appoint an interim replacement who will oversee the office until a permanent successor can be chosen. If the outgoing officer has not appointed an interim replacement, this shall be done by the Kingdom Seneschal in consultation with The Crown and the Privy Council.
- 2.4.2. If the outgoing officer is unavailable or unable to initiate the officer replacement procedure, this responsibility will fall to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- 2.4.3. The Kingdom Seneschal shall appoint a 'drop-dead deputy' who is acceptable to The Crown and the Privy Council. This deputy shall be warranted and will serve as the interim replacement for the Kingdom Seneschal if the Kingdom Seneschal should have to leave office unexpectedly and there is not time for the normal selection procedure. The interim replacement will oversee the office until a permanent successor can be chosen.

3. CROWN TOURNAMENTS, CORONATIONS AND KINGDOM EVENTS

All Kingdom Event bids, except those as described in 3.5.1, must be brought to the Privy Council for consultation, and require the support, by means of vote, of the majority of Privy Council and the Current Crown prior to being accepted.

3.1. Conventions for Crown Tourney

3.1.1. It is the right of all citizens of Ealdormere to fight or be fought for in Crown Tourney providing they meet the requirements as outlined in Kingdom Law. All Kingdom Greater Officers who intend to fight or be fought for in Crown Tourney must arrange for a warranted deputy, acceptable to The Crown, who will temporarily assume the duties of the office if necessary.

3.1.2. No fighter or consort may participate in the administration of the Crown List, in any capacity that may affect the outcome of the list, either prior to or on the day of the Tourney

3.1.3. Excluded Officers

(i) The Kingdom Seneschal is required for the ongoing operations of the Kingdom. Due to the significant amount of time needed to recruit and train a replacement, this officer may not fight or be fought for in Crown tourney.

(ii) The Kingdom Exchequer is required for ongoing kingdom financial operations. Due to the significant amount of time it may take to change signatories with financial institutions, this officer may not fight or be fought for in Crown tourney.

3.1.4 Officers Required for Crown Tourney

(i) The Kingdom Seneschal is required to ensure that the day's activities

occur in a traditional, fair and legal manner.

(ii) The Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat is required to ensure that the lists are properly marshaled and the Tourney is conducted in a fair and chivalrous manner.

(iii) The Kingdom Herald is required to ensure the Tourney and Investiture of the Heirs is conducted in an appropriate and ceremonial manner.

(iv) The Kingdom Minister of the Lists is required to ensure that the list table for the Tourney is staffed and the lists conducted in the proper manner.

Should the Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat, Herald, or Minister of the Lists be participants in the Tourney, they must have another responsible person perform their official duties on the day of the Tourney, as well as any duties which fall prior to, or after the Tourney and may affect its outcome. This does not include the preparation of a blank tourney tree.

3.1.5 The Tourney format should be determined in advance by Their Majesties and any decisions which arise on the day of the Tourney, should also be made by Their Majesties. To ensure that the Tourney is conducted in a fair and consistent manner the initial selection of the order of lists is by random draw on the day, traditionally done by the Consort, and all crosses should be predetermined with the exception of the semi-finals. The process which will be followed to match the semi-finals fights must be stated in advance by Their Majesties and may include random draw of one-life combatant to two-life combatant or may include matching the fights such that each two-life combatant receives an opponent they have not previously fought. If a list tree is not being used, the pairings for each round should be determined by random draw or some other random technique on the day of the Tourney.

3.2. Finances for Crown Tourneys and Coronations

3.2.1. It is an honourable tradition of Ealdormere that the Kingdom and host group share jointly in the financial aspects of a Crown Tourney, Coronation or Kingdom Event. The proposed financial split should be included in the event proposal. The Kingdom reserves the right to be included in financial planning and budgetary decisions.

3.3. Bids for Crown Tourney

3.3.1. All bids for Crown Tourney must be submitted to The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing. It is best to submit the bid as early as possible to give the group sufficient time to prepare should their bid be accepted.

All bids must include:

- (i) name of the host group (and sponsoring group if applicable)
- (ii) date, time, location
- (iii) a description of the facilities
- (iv) a description and schedule of activities planned for the day
- (v) a proposed budget
- (vi) a summary of names and qualifications of the key people working on the event. (e.g. autocrat, head cook, etc.)

3.3.2. The proposed site must be of sufficient size to host a Kingdom level event (attendance may be 400+). Hall sizes should be included in the bid. The site must provide a minimum fighting area of 900 square feet, with a ceiling clearance of at least 15 feet. There must be enough space around the list to include room for Their Majesties' thrones and attendants, a six foot buffer zone, an area for the fighters to spread out their gear without impeding traffic through the hall, and room for a large number of spectators. There should be no windows or breakable hall property near the list area. If the list is to be outdoors, or at a camping event, a suitable indoor site must be available in case of inclement weather. The host group must supply list ropes/barriers and a list table.

3.3.3. The event site must also include a suitable Royalty Room for the Crown and the Heirs. An extra room for scribes and/or meetings would also be useful. The event should include a feast appropriate to the celebration of our new Heirs. There will be a Kingdom Court held in the evening; an appropriate location for the Royal Thrones, banners and attendants will be required, as well as sufficient seating for the populace.

3.3.4. Groups submitting a successful bid may wish to consider the following suggestions:

(i) The host group should consider that the list floor will be subject to scuffs from fighters' boots and knee cops. If this could cause damage to the hall, carpets or some other floor covering should be provided. There should be no loose edges for fighters to trip over.

(ii) A loading area for fighters' gear, on-site showers, a double list rope, a secondary list table for spectators to observe the progress of the tourney, and liquid refreshment for the combatants will help ensure that participants and spectators have the best day possible.

(iii) Either prearranged hotel or crash space should be available to those traveling to the event.

(iv) While Kingdom Officers conduct the major events of the day, it is hoped that volunteers from the local group will assist with marshalling, heralding, list table work, water bearing, guard duty, or just lifting and carrying.

This is one of the premier events of our Kingdom and it would be appropriate for the site to be one that has a less obtrusive modern atmosphere. Decorations that assist in providing an appropriate medieval setting are always welcome

3.4. Bids for Coronation

3.4.1. All bids for Coronations must be submitted to The Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing.

3.4.2. The Kingdom Seneschal is required to ensure that the day's activities occur in a traditional, fair and legal manner. The Kingdom Herald is required to ensure Coronation of the Heirs is conducted in an appropriate and ceremonial manner.

3.4.3. It is best to submit the bid as early as possible to give the group sufficient time to prepare should their bid be accepted.

All bids must include:

- (i) name of the host group (and sponsoring group if applicable)
- (ii) date, time, location
- (iii) a description of the facilities
- (iv) a description and schedule of activities planned for the day
- (v) a proposed budget
- (vi) a summary of names and qualifications of the key people working on the event. (e.g. autocrat, head cook, etc.)

3.4.4. The proposed site must be of sufficient size to host a Kingdom level event (attendance may be 400+). Hall sizes should be included in the bid.

3.4.5. The event site must also include a suitable Royalty Room for the Crown and the Heirs. An extra room for scribes and/or meetings would also be useful. The event should include a feast appropriate to the celebration of our new Crown Sovereign and Consort. There will be Kingdom Courts held throughout the day; an appropriate location for the Royal Thrones, banners and attendants will be required, as well as sufficient seating for the populace.

3.4.6. Groups submitting a successful bid may wish to consider the following suggestions:

(i) Either prearranged hotel or crash space should be available to those traveling to the event.

(ii) While Kingdom Officers conduct the major events of the day, it is hoped that volunteers from the local group will assist with marshalling, heralding, list table work, water bearing, guard duty, or just lifting and carrying.

(iii) This is one of the premier events of our Kingdom and it would be appropriate for the site to be one that has a less obtrusive modern atmosphere. Decorations that assist in providing an appropriate medieval setting are always welcome.

3.5. Kingdom Events

3.5.1. Any group wishing to hold an event bearing the name of "Ealdormere" must submit a written request to the Crown. If the request is for the use of the name only, and does not require the supervision, financial aid, or support of the Kingdom, and will not result in profit sharing of some form, the Crown may grant permission without seeking comment from the Privy Council. Should the Crown see fit to apply the name of the Kingdom to the event, They must inform the Kingdom Seneschal, so that the Kingdom Calendar may be updated. The use of the name of the Kingdom does not denote a "Kingdom Event" or patronage of the Crown, unless the Crown so declares the event to be a "Kingdom Event". Such a declaration must be conveyed to the Kingdom Seneschal and the procedure in Section 3.5.2 must be followed. Upon declaration of a "Kingdom Event", the date on the Kingdom Calendar is automatically protected by the Crown.

3.5.2. The granting of the designation of a "Kingdom Event" rests with the Crown, and They may require or request revisions to the proposed event as They see fit. A Kingdom event would require local officers in charge consult with their Kingdom superiors when planning activities. Designation of an event as a Kingdom Event by the Crown is on a case-by-case basis. A recurring "event" can only be permanently designated as a

"Kingdom Event" by a change to Kingdom Law.

3.6. Inter-Kingdom Events

- 3.6.1. Any event that utilizes the name of the Kingdom of Ealdormere and/or requires or implies the participation and sanction of other Kingdoms is to be considered an inter-Kingdom event, and will be designated as a "Kingdom Event" (i.e. "Known World" events, etc). Inter-baronial wars or inter-canton competitions that occur across Kingdom borders, as long as the Kingdom name is not used in the event title, are not included in this definition.
- 3.6.2. Any group wishing to host an Inter-Kingdom event may submit a request in writing to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, prior to any official contact with any other Kingdom. A brief summary of the event proposal should accompany the request.
- 3.6.3. The Crown will solicit comment from the Privy Council. Should the Crown feel that the proposal is viable, They will work with the host group on the initial details.
- 3.6.4. The Crown will then initiate contact with the Crown of the other Kingdom. Should the other Kingdom agree, the Kingdom Seneschals of both Kingdoms, upon direction of the Royal Families, will discuss and negotiate event details with the host group.
- 3.6.5. Items to be finalized will include financial details (cost responsibility, profit sharing, etc.), coordination responsibility and activity delegation. Specific rules and regulations of the event will be under the discretion of the Crowns of each Kingdom.

4. COURTS OF JUSTICE

4.1. General

- 4.1.1. In Ealdormere, there are three levels of complaint and reconciliation for the purpose of dispute arbitration and resolution. All three levels are intended to provide mechanisms for the resolution of legitimate issues between concerned parties within the context of the Society. Society Law is subordinate to civil law therefore issues that lie outside the framework of the Society are not to be the subject of Courts of Justice and shall be referred to the applicable civil authorities.
- 4.1.2. It is to be hoped that aggrieved parties will make every effort to come to a mutually satisfactory resolution to conflicts before embarking on the processes outlined in this policy. In the event this is not possible, the procedures detailed in this document will be used. Each level of formal complaint and reconciliation shall be used before proceeding to the next level.

4.2. Informal investigation and mediation

- 4.2.1. According to section IX-702 of the Laws of the Kingdom of Ealdormere "The Lawspeaker shall investigate concerns brought before them and mediate disputes as required". This investigation and mediation are the first steps in the formal process of complaint and reconciliation in Ealdormere.
- 4.2.2. All subjects of Ealdormere have the right to request assistance from the Lawspeaker in the mediation of disputes concerning Society matters. The Lawspeaker will speak to the involved parties and attempt to help them come to

a satisfactory resolution to the dispute. The Lawspeaker may solicit assistance from other Society members as appropriate and with the consent of all parties involved in the dispute. In the event the Lawspeaker is not able to provide unbiased assistance to all participants, they will assist the participants in finding an alternate mediator, acceptable to both parties, to act in their stead.

4.2.3. In the event the dispute cannot be resolved through investigation and mediation, The Lawspeaker may either recommend referring the matter to a Court of Inquiry or may recommend no further action on the issue. If the Lawspeaker recommends that no further action be taken on the matter, any participant may petition the Crown to direct the Lawspeaker to call a Court of Inquiry.

4.3. Courts of Inquiry

4.3.1. A Court of Inquiry will be called by the Lawspeaker to investigate and mediate disputes within the Kingdom after attempted informal investigation and mediation. The Court of Inquiry is intended to provide an opportunity for the establishment of the facts of a complaint and fair arbitration between parties. A Court of Inquiry will be called before each Court of Chivalry.

4.3.2. Disputes arising from a single incidence should be brought to the attention of the Lawspeaker within 30 days of the incident. Complaints resulting from a series of incidents should be filed within 30 days of the last cited incident. The aggrieved parties shall provide details of the issue to the Lawspeaker promptly. Information provided must include the name(s) of the person(s) involved, the specific complaint or issue, a description of the incidents leading to the complaint, copies of any pertinent documentation and a list of any appropriate witnesses. The Lawspeaker will arrange for the preparation of a summary document containing the details of the dispute. A copy of this document shall be given to all involved parties, the members of the Court of Inquiry and the Crown.

4.3.3. The Lawspeaker shall appoint a Court of Inquiry consisting of one representative of each of the Bestowed Peerages (Laurel, Pelican and Chivalry), a Royal Peer and the Lawspeaker. The Lawspeaker will provide the names of the members of the Court of Inquiry to all involved parties. Any party may request the dismissal of an appointed member of the Court of Inquiry if a verifiable conflict of interest can be demonstrated. The remaining appointed members of the Court of Inquiry shall then choose a replacement mutually acceptable to them.

4.3.4. Within 30 days of receipt of the complaint by the Lawspeaker, the Court of Inquiry shall convene to investigate and attempt to mediate the dispute. In this they may make such inquiries and call such witnesses as is reasonable and necessary. The presence of the involved parties may not always be required by the members of the Court of Inquiry during their deliberations. Courts of Inquiry may not find against individuals; rather their inquiries shall be of a problem identification and solving nature. Members of the Court of Inquiry shall come to a consensus whether the matter shall be dismissed or referred to a Court of Chivalry. All investigations should be completed within 30 days of the appointment of the Court.

4.3.5. The Lawspeaker shall communicate the recommendation to the Crown and the aggrieved parties within five days of completion of the Court of Inquiry. All deliberations of the Court of Inquiry shall be held confidential except that, if a Court of Chivalry is recommended, the findings and records of the Court of Inquiry shall be forwarded to the Court of Chivalry.

4.3.6. If the Court of Inquiry recommends that no further action be taken on the matter, any participant may petition the Crown to direct the Kingdom Seneschal to call a Court of Chivalry.

4.4. Courts of Chivalry

4.4.1. The Court of Chivalry is the highest court in Ealdormere. It shall be called when there is evidence that a serious breach of the laws, policies or customs of Ealdormere or the Society has occurred. Breaches of the civil law shall be referred to the local civil authority for investigation. Should the Court of Inquiry recommend a Court of Chivalry be called, the following procedures will apply.

4.4.2. The aggrieved parties shall be contacted by the Kingdom Seneschal to set mutually acceptable dates and locations for sessions of the court to be conducted. The dates, times and locations shall be published in the Kingdom 43newsletter at least 15 days before the dates set for the sessions of the Court and communicated in writing to the Crown and the aggrieved parties. All Courts of Chivalry shall be open to the public. If any aggrieved party cannot attend, they may send a representative to act on their behalf. Outright and deliberate refusal to participate in the Court shall result in the Court proceeding in the absence of that person and without their input.

4.4.3. Prior to the first session of the Court of Chivalry each aggrieved party shall appoint two armigerous people to the judicial panel. In the event that there is only one aggrieved party, the Crown will appoint two armigerous judges. The four judges shall then mutually appoint a fifth armigerous judge. The five judges shall appoint a responsible person, acceptable to both the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, to preside over the Court. If the proceedings of a Court of Chivalry extend through two reigns, the person who was presiding over the Court at its inception shall continue to preside until final judgment is rendered.

4.4.4. The Kingdom Seneschal will appoint a scribe who will keep an official record of the proceedings and decisions of the Court. During the proceedings, any aggrieved party may be advised and represented by such counsel as that individual chooses.

4.4.5. Each aggrieved party shall have the opportunity to present their case before the judges. The judges shall have the right to call additional witnesses at their discretion. Any aggrieved party has the right to call witnesses in their defense and to cross-examine all witnesses called. The Lawspeaker and any other Kingdom Officers with relevant jurisdiction over the matters of concern will be present as necessary to advise the Court. Additional sessions of the Court will be convened as necessary to call further witness and make further investigations.

4.4.6. After the court's proceedings have concluded, the judges shall retire to consider their verdict. The judges may find for either party or may assign mutual fault or lack thereof. If a party is found to be at fault, the Court may recommend sanctions ranging from a simple reprimand to recommendation for banishment from the Society.

4.4.7. Within 3 days of the close of the court the judges shall return their judgment to the person presiding over the Court. This person will immediately present the findings and recommendations to the Crown. A copy of the official record of the Court will be given to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal. A copy of this record shall be made available to any subject of the Court wishing to appeal the judgment of the Court.

- 4.4.8. Within one week after receiving the findings and recommendations of the Court, the decisions of the Crown will be communicated to the aggrieved parties and the Kingdom Seneschal. The Crown will consider the recommendations of the Court but is not bound by those recommendations. The decision of the Crown will be published in the Kingdom Newsletter as soon as possible following the adjournment of the Court.
- 4.4.9. Any judgment of a Court of Chivalry may be appealed to the Board of Directors as provided for in the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.

5. BARONIAL SELECTION POLICIES

5.1. Baronial Policy Requirements

- 5.1.1. Each Barony within the Kingdom shall create a Baronial Selection Policy that is compliant with Kingdom Law, Corpora and this Policy that sets out the following:
 - i Process for call for candidates
 - ii Qualification requirements for candidates (such as residency and level of participation)
 - iii The scheduling of candidate meetings and polls
 - iv Eligibility for polling and proxy polls
 - v Notifications to the Barony

5.1.2. Requirements in addition to those noted in 5.1.1 may be included in the Baronial Policy as needed.

5.1.3. Baronial Selection Policy must be approved by the Crown and reviewed and signed by the Kingdom Seneschal pursuant to Kingdom Law.

5.2. Baronial Succession Timelines

5.2.1. In advance of the end of their 5 year term, and prior to announcing their intent to step down, the Baronial Nobles shall consult with the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to determine a timeline for the succession process.

5.2.2. Timelines must be in accordance with Baronial Policy and Kingdom Law and be approved by the Crown.

5.2.3. Whenever possible, efforts should be made to ensure timeline for the complete process are within the deciding Crown's reign. Where not possible and with the consent of the Crown, timelines should start in consultation with the Heirs with the announcement and investiture of the chosen candidates being done during the reign of the Heirs.

5.2.4. Timelines will not span more than two reigns except in unusual circumstances and only on consent of the Crown.

5.3. Polling of the Barony

5.3.1. Members of the Barony shall have the opportunity to express to the Crown their consensus as to the choice of the Baronial Noble in the form of a written poll. These written poll results shall be provided to the Crown to assist the Crown in the confirmation of Baronial Nobles but shall not bind the Crown in any manner whatsoever. Polls shall be conducted as set out in these Policies.

5.3.2. Polling shall be conducted by the Baronial Seneschal with the assistance of Canton Seneschals and Kingdom Seneschal (or their appointed designate) as necessary and at the discretion of the Kingdom Seneschal. If the Baronial Seneschal is considered a candidate, a deputy or interim Seneschal must administer the polling and the Barony until the end of the selection procedure.

- 5.3.3. All efforts must be made to ensure that ballots filled out in private and anonymous and do not connect the voters to any check in sheets to the ballot.
- 5.3.4. If the Baronial Policy allows for non-members to be polled, ballots shall have some way of indicating whether or not the person is a paid member.
- 5.3.5. Persons polled will assign a unique sequential number from 1 to the number of candidates, with 1 being most preferred, to X being least preferred where X is the number of candidates, to each of the candidates listed on the ballots (ie "1", "2", "3" etc.). The ballot is then placed in the ballot box or envelope. Incomplete ballots and/or ballots not ranking the candidates as noted will be considered spoiled and will not be counted.
- 5.3.6. If only one candidate is participating in the selection, the poll will be a simple vote of confidence of "0" for confidence and/or support, or "1" for no confidence or support.
- 5.3.7. When polling in person, the ballots shall be placed in a sealed envelope and signed by the Baronial Seneschal and at least one other officer. These envelopes will be kept secure by the Baronial Seneschal until all polling is completed in the Barony. The envelopes will only be opened at the time of the tally of the poll.
- 5.3.8. When polling by electronic means, ballots will be sent directly to the Kingdom Seneschal only. All attempts will be made to ensure the process is anonymous while still ensuring the polling eligibility of the poller.
- 5.3.9. The ballots of non-members shall be tallied separately from the ballots of paid members with both tallies being provided to the Crown. Additionally, the results for each candidate in each Canton shall be indicated separately from, and in addition to, the total for each candidate. The results of the poll are interpreted with lower numbers being the preferred choice and higher numbers being the less preferred choices.
- 5.3.10. The Kingdom Seneschal (or their appointed designate) shall do the tally of the poll.
- 5.3.11. The results of the tally shall be sent to the Crown within 7 days of the final polling. The results of the tally will be kept in strict confidence of the Crown and not shared with any other person.

5.4. Announcement of the Baronial Office

- 5.4.1. After reviewing the results of the poll, the Crown shall select from the list of candidates a choice not substantively opposed by the populace of the barony and meets the requirements of Corpora and Kingdom Law. The Crown will notify the candidates privately of their decision and publicly announce their intent to invest the polled candidates of their choice.