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Principality Laws Of Insulae Draconis

The following are the laws of the Principality of Insulae Draconis (“ID”).

1. Insulae Draconis

- 1.1 ID is a branch of the Kingdom of Drachenwald, in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (“SCA”), which encompasses the modern nations of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Iceland. While noble and royal titles are used within the Society, no claim to, control over, nor power over any territory is claimed or implied.

2. Precedence

- 2.1 The following is the order of precedence for laws and governing practices:
- 2.2 Governing laws, by-laws and statutes of the relevant modern country.
- 2.3 Society Governing Documents
- 2.4 SCA Board of Directors Policy Decisions
- 2.5 Corporate officers policies
- 2.6 Kingdom of Drachenwald Laws
- 2.7 Drachenwald Crown edicts
- 2.8 Drachenwald officer policies.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 ID Royal Couple: Prince and Princess
- 3.2 Greater Officers: ID Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, Chatelaine, Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chronicler, and Chirurgeon.
- 3.3 Lesser Officers: Minister of the Lists, Web Minister, Rapier Marshal, Equestrian Marshal, Archery Marshal, and Signet Clerk.
- 3.4 Parliament: A meeting of the ID Prince and Princess, officers, and peers wherein changes to Principality laws are discussed and/or changes made.
- 3.5 Principality Events: Coronet Tournament/Investiture (one event) and Protectors/University (one event).

4. Standards

- 4.1 Email will be the primary form of communication within ID.
- 4.2 The Principality shall ensure an electronic mailing list is maintained. This list shall be open to anyone who subscribes, provided they follow the mailing list rules.

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- 4.3 The ID newsletter, The Baelfyr, shall be published in paper and electronic format. Subscribers shall be charged fees for either version.
- 4.4 The Principality maintains control and ownership of the ID website. Domain name registration and website hosting expenses are the responsibility of the Principality.

5. Administration of Principality laws.

- 5.1 The ID Royal Couple must consult Parliament prior to making additions, deletions and/or alterations to Principality laws. A change to the Principality law takes effect after it has been published in the The Baelfyr, modified upon the ID website and proclaimed at an Insulae Draconis Principality Court.
- 5.2 Who can call a Parliament?
 - The ID Prince and Princess or
 - A quorum of four (4) Greater Officers may demand Parliament be convened.
- 5.3 Parliament is open to all. If recognised by the ID Prince or Princess, anyone may speak at the Parliament.
- 5.4 Notification:
 - A notice in The Baelfyr appearing no later than the issue dated the same month as the Parliament, provided the Parliament is on or after the fifteenth of the month, and announced on the ID email list at least two weeks before the Parliament. For example, if Parliament is on 20 June, the notice must appear no later than the June Baelfyr and must be announced on the email list by 6 June. OR
 - The issue dated the month before the Parliament date and announced on the ID email list during the month preceding the Parliament date. If Parliament is on 5 June, the notice must appear in the May Baelfyr and be announced on the email list in May as well.
- 5.5 In an emergency, a letter or e-mail notification must be sent to
 - All Greater and Lesser officers of ID or their designated representatives.
 - All ID branch Seneschals or their designated representatives.
 - All Peers within Insulae Draconis.
 - Territorial Baronage of Insulae Draconis.
- 5.6 Notice must consist of the following:
 - Place where Parliament is to be held
 - Time and date Parliament will be held
 - Proposed agenda.
- 5.7 The ID Seneschal shall make the changes as directed by the ID Royal Couple and submit them to the Kingdom Seneschal and Crown for approval. Upon approval, the amended Principality laws will then be published in the Baelfyr, announced at a Principality Court and published on the Insulae Draconis website. Amendments will not be deemed official

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until all three of the above actions happen.

- 5.8 The Principality laws will be made available on the ID website. Hard copies will be provided upon written request to the ID Chronicler. The Chronicler may charge for printing and postage costs.
- 5.9 For Parliament to be valid, one of the ID Royal Couple, Seneschal (or duly designated representative) and at least three Greater Officers (or their duly designated representatives) must be present. Greater Officers are requested to make every effort to attend Parliament. Those who cannot attend are requested to send a designated representative in their stead.
- 5.10 While it is not a requirement, the ID Royal Couple is advised to act with the consensus of the Parliament.

6. ID Royal Couple

- 6.1 The ID Royal Couple shall consist of a Prince and Princess.
- 6.2 The reign of the ID Royal Couple shall be for a period of six (6) months.
- 6.3 ID Royal Couple shall be chosen by Heavy Weapons tournament.
- 6.4 ID Prince and Princess (in cooperation with the ID Seneschal) shall publish in the Kingdom newsletter and The Baelfyr notification of the Tournament's location, date, and time at least two (2) months prior to the Tournament date.
- 6.5 Qualifications for entry into Coronet Tournament:
 - Be acceptable to the Crown and ID Prince and Princess.
 - Be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the Tournament.
 - You must have lived in ID for the 6 months prior to the Tournament and attended at least 1 event listed in the DT in that time OR you must have lived in Insulae Draconis for 12 months or more and attended two events listed in the Dragon's Tale between six and twelve months before the Coronet Tournament.
 - Have regular means of quick communication, including e-mail, and sufficient income to support their reign should they win.
 - Be knowledgeable of the structure and laws of the Principality, the Kingdom of Drachenwald and the Society, and be willing to uphold and abide by them.
 - The entrant must be an authorised fighter and present a valid fighter authorisation card.
 - Be current members of the Society.
 - The entrant or consort must subscribe to The Baelfyr. If the entrant and consort reside together at the same address, then only one subscription to the Baelfyr is needed. However, if separate residences are maintained, then two subscriptions are required.
 - Entrant cannot fight for more than one Consort. No prospective Consort may be fought for by more than one fighter.
 - Optionally, the incumbent Prince and Princess can request that each competing couple present a modest A&S project that has been composed or crafted by his/her own

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hand(s), completed within the twelve (12) months prior to the Coronet Tournament. If requested, these will be presented/performed on the morning before the Coronet Tournament, and the physical items will then be put on display for the populace to peruse at their leisure. The request for these items must be announced at least one (1) month before the Letters of Intent submission deadline. These entries merely are a participatory prerequisite and are not part of the actual Tournament.

7. Requirements for Participation.

- 7.1 At least one (1) month prior to the Tournament, entrants must submit a letter of intent to the ID Prince, Princess and Seneschal. Entrant and Consort must state in their letter their desire to compete at the Tournament; provide their mundane names, addresses, telephone numbers and electronic mailing addresses. It is helpful if proof of authorisation is included.
- 7.2 The Entrant and Consort must be present at the Tournament. If either is absent at the Tournament, then both will be immediately disqualified.
- 7.3 The Victor and Consort must maintain their memberships to the Society and subscription(s) to The Baelfyr, without lapse, throughout their tenure. They must also maintain a residence within ID.

8. ID Royal Couple Duties

- 8.1 Be present at their Investiture, the next ID Coronet List, and the Investiture of their successors.
- 8.2 Attend and chair Parliament, though they may delegate the chairing duties as they wish.
- 8.3 They are expected to uphold, and abide by the Society laws and governing practices in force, including Corpora, Drachenwald Kingdom Law and the Principality Law..
- 8.4 To enrich ID's atmosphere, they should attend as many events as possible within the Principality during their reign.
- 8.5 Maintain files (paper, CD etc.) of important correspondence, appointments, awards, and other miscellaneous. These files will be transferred to their successors.
- 8.6 Submit to the Herald and Chronicler a list of all awards given within fifteen days after each event.
- 8.7 Relinquish any administrative office held during reign.
- 8.8 Maintain and keep regalia. Transfer all regalia to the successors and provide an updated inventory to the successors and Minister of Arts and Sciences.
- 8.9 Encourage the arts and sciences, service, and martial activities throughout ID.
- 8.10 Provide recognition to those deemed worthy of such honour for service and/or achievements within ID.
- 8.11 Encourage courteous behaviour and chivalrous virtue by being the highest example of courtesy and chivalry in public.
- 8.12 The ID Royal Couple may not succeed themselves nor may they participate in any Crown or Coronet tourney.
- 8.13 The ID Prince and Princess are expected to help replenish the travel fund through

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fundraisers and/or contributions during their reign.

9. Rights and Privileges of the Royal Couple

- 9.1 The ID Prince and Princess will hold Court and present awards.
- 9.2 The ID Royal Couple have the right to grant Principality awards during a court to those whom they feel are worthy of recognition.
- 9.3 The ID Royal Couple will be allowed privilege of sanctum, which is defined as a clear area within a radius of ten (10) feet from the ID Prince and Princess.
- 9.4 The ID Royal Couple are allowed to appoint a Retinue consisting of such guards, advisers and assistants as they deem needed, and make other royal appointments as they see fit.
- 9.5 The ID Prince and Princess are allowed to accept/refuse personal gifts made to them or to ID. Those gifts that are not personal in nature will become regalia and are the property of ID.

10. Failure of Succession

- 10.1 In the case that either of the Royal Couple should abdicate or die, the other shall assume the full powers of the ID Prince and Princess for the remainder of the reign.
- 10.2 In the case that both the ID Royal Couple should abdicate or die, the previous victor or consort, in that order, shall become Regent. The Regent shall have all duties and privileges of the ID Prince and Princess granted under Corpora and these laws, except the right to make or bestow awards and orders, the right to make or change law, and the right of sanctum. If the previous victor or consort is not available or refuses, then the ID Seneschal shall become Regent.
- 10.3 If the schedule for the next Coronet Tournament is greater than four (4) months from the time the Regent takes office, then he or she shall schedule and hold a Coronet Tournament at the earliest possible date, and invest the victor and consort as ID Royal Couple immediately. The ID Prince and Princess shall serve until the next scheduled Coronet Tournament.

11. Failure of Tournament

- 11.1 If for any reason a Coronet Tournament fails to result in a victor, then the Principality Seneschal shall re-schedule the tournament to occur within three (3) months. This time frame allows a site to be found and the event announcement to be published in the Dragon's Tale and The Baelfyr.
- 11.2 During the time between the scheduled Coronet Tournament and the victory of heirs, the 'regent' procedures outlined in 10.2 come into effect.
- 11.3 If a second tournament in a row fails, then the Crown shall appoint a Vicar whom most likely is a peer of the realm residing in ID, but the Crown may decide otherwise.
- 11.4 The Vicar must consult with the Principality Officers, branch Seneschals and Peers in order to determine the way forward. The results of these consultations must be presented to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, along with recommendations as to how to proceed, within one (1) month of the date of the failed tournament.

12. Principality Events.

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- 12.1 The Principality shall receive fifty (50) percent of the profits from all Principality events as defined in this section.
- 12.2 Coronet Tournament: There shall be two ID Coronet Tournaments per annum, which shall be held in the months of February and August, preferably the third weekends of these months. This schedule should be followed as closely as possible.
- 12.3 Protectors and University of Insulae Draconis: Protectors and University of Insulae Draconis shall be a single event for the purpose of selecting the Protectors of Insulae Draconis and furthering knowledge and skills in the Arts and Sciences throughout Insulae Draconis. This event will be held in the month of March, preferably, but not limited to, one of the last two weekends of March.
- 12.4 Protectors:
- ID will have a set of five (5) Protectors.
 - Protectors are the victors from the Protector Tournament.
 - Protector Tournament will consist of events in heavy fighting, rapier fighting, archery, equestrian, and arts and sciences.
 - Protectors' terms of office should not exceed fifteen (15) months.
 - All Protectors' names shall be archived and available on the Principality website.
- 12.4.1 Protector Responsibilities
- Contribute to the positive growth and encouragement of their respective area by accomplishing the following while they hold their titles:
 - Arrange the specialised Protector competition for the next Protector Tournament.
 - Additionally, each protector must complete at least two of tasks outlined below and publish the details of the task in The Baelfyr prior to the event.
- 12.4.2 Heavy Combat Protector:
- Arrange a class (or classes) on heavy fighting, which may include fighting different weapon styles, heavy combat tactics and/or strategy. More than one class should not be held at each event; class topics should not be duplicated.
- 12.4.3 Sponsor and arrange a tournament(s) (at event of his or her choosing) based on a historical model, with information for the populace and fighters that details the historical basis.
- 12.4.4 Rapier Combat Protector:
- Arrange a class (or classes) on rapier fighting, which may include fighting different weapon styles, rapier combat tactics and/or strategy. More than one class should not be held at each event; class topics should not be duplicated.
 - Sponsor and arrange a tournament(s) (at event of his/her choosing) based on a historical model, with information for the populace and fighters that details the historical basis.
- 12.4.5 Archery Protector:

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- Arrange a class (or classes) on constructing period archery equipment.
- Arrange a Royal Round and/or IKAC tournament(s) (at event of his/her choosing). More than one tournament cannot be held at the same event.

12.4.6 Equestrian Protector:

- Arrange a class (or classes) on equestrian competitions and activities. While these class(es) do not have to include horses, more than one class should not be held at the same event.
- Arrange Equestrian activities at events of his/her choosing. More than one activity should not be held at each event.

12.4.7 Arts and Sciences Protector:

- Arrange a class (or classes) on “how to do” some art or science in a period fashion or provide entertainment at separate events.
- Sponsor and arrange different Arts and Sciences competitions using the Kingdom Arts & Sciences criteria at events of his or her choosing. Arranging competitions includes finding and coordinating the judges. More than one competition be held at the same event cannot be counted towards fulfilling this requirement. The judges must be given at least one month preparation time.

13. Principality Officers

- 13.1 The Principality shall have the following offices: Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Marshal, Chronicler, Chirurgeon and Chatelaine. The Principality may also have a Historian. Each officer is required to make an oath or solemn promise to the Crown of Drachenwald through the ID Royal Couple as soon as possible after the ascension of a new Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis
- 13.2 All ID Officers should take and train a deputy for their office who shall be their designated successor. Nothing in this section prohibits an ID officer from having more than one deputy; however, one should be named as the designated successor.
- 13.3 Vacancies: In the event that an office becomes vacant, the Seneschal shall advertise in The Baelfyr for a new ID officer. Applications will be received for a period of one (1) month. The departing officer and the ID Prince and Princess will then review all applications to make their decision. The applicant’s name will then be submitted to the pertinent Kingdom Officer for approval. If the Crown has removed the departing officer, then the appropriate Kingdom Officer and warranting authority shall make the decision.
- 13.4 With the exception of the Seneschal, Herald, Marshal and Exchequer, all other Principality officers may hold shire or canton positions with two (2) provisions: they cannot hold a local office that has direct reporting requirements to them at the Principality level, and they must receive permission from the ID Prince and Princess.
- 13.5 The terms of office for Principality Officers begin as needed.
- 13.6 Greater Officers may be removed from office according to the procedures given in the Governing Documents of the Society and Kingdom Law.
- 13.7 Duties and obligations of the Insulae Draconis officers.

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- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Must maintain Society membership throughout office term and reside in ID.
- Must maintain or have immediate access to Kingdom and Principality newsletter subscriptions.
- Must promote and encourage development and knowledge within the specialty of the office.
- Must maintain an archive of official correspondence and documents. This archive should be transferred to the new officer within one (1) month of the transition.
- Must seek and train a deputy to replace them.
- Each officer shall require and co-ordinate reports from his or her subordinate officers in a timely fashion so that they may report to their appropriate kingdom officer. Each officer shall be in contact with his or her subordinate officers on a regular basis but not less than once per quarter.
- To enable ID Officers to report to their respective kingdom level officers on the 25th day of each quarter, local officers must file their quarterly reports by the 15th day of April, July, October and January. Semi-annual reports, for those who only require these, are due no later than the 15th of January and July.

14. Greater Officers

14.1 Seneschal

- Is the chief administrative officer for Insulae Draconis.
- Advises the ID Prince and Princess on matters of Corpora, Kingdom Law, and Principality law.
- Assists the Royal Couple in composing Parliament Agenda.
- Ensures that the electronic copies of the Principality laws are up-to-date. Responsible for distributing the Principality laws to anyone requesting them via electronic format (E-Mail)

14.2 Herald

- Responsible for ensuring ID Order of Precedence is correct.
- Track all submission of names and devices submitted.
- Develop/encourage/maintain book, court, and field heraldry.
- Shall assist the Royal Couple in finding a herald for CP events.
- Organise and present ID business in court.

14.3 Chirurgeon

- Maintain a warrant in good standing, knowledge and training that corresponds to the standard First Aid Certification from the American Red Cross.

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- Shall coordinate and supervise the practise of emergency aid in accordance with the policy of the Society.
- Maintain a list of the warranted and Apprenticed Chirurgeons.

14.4 Chatelaine

- Coordinate and distribute information to newcomers, guests, and interested people.
- Encourage and foster growth by coordinating public relations materials, such as flyers, and making them available to all our branches. Make information on what has resulted in branch growth in the past available to all branches.

14.5 Minister of Arts and Sciences

- Foster and develop exhibitions of Arts and Sciences by way of assisting local MoAS Officers and encouraging Arts and Sciences displays as well as competitions.
- Perform the duties of ID University Chancellor or appoint a deputy to do so.
- Perform duties as the Keeper of Regalia and work with the Council of Regalia for the prudent care and upkeep of ID Regalia.
- Perform duties as Regional Arts and Sciences Officer, including keeping a list of all local ID MoAS Officers and a list of ID artisans and their areas of specialty. These lists should be updated quarterly and remain accessible via the ID Website. Contact information should be shared via the web only with each individual's consent.
- Assist the KmoAS with projects as required by KmoAS.

14.6 Marshal

- Under the direction of the Earl Marshal, the Insulae Draconis Marshal is responsible for all heavy weapons activities in Insulae Draconis.
- The Insulae Draconis Marshal shall enforce the Rules of the Lists and Conventions of Combat of the Kingdom.
- The Insulae Draconis Marshal may authorise fighters and marshals. All new authorisations must be reported to the Minister of the Lists.
- Maintains a core of authorising marshals to meet the needs of Insulae Draconis.

14.7 Exchequer

- Shall be responsible for the ID Treasury
- Maintain the financial policy(ies) in accordance with Society and Kingdom requirements.
- Submit financial statement to the ID Royal Couple and The Baelfyr at the beginning of each new ID reign.
- Audit bank accounts held by Chronicler on a per annum basis for "Final Doomsday Report".

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- Work with the Council of Regalia for prudent care of ID regalia.

14.8 Chronicler

- Edit, publish and distribute The Baelfyr.
- Provide print copies of Principality laws as requested by a member of the populace provided prior payment is received.
- Supervise other newsletters within ID. Ensure courtesy copies are provided to the Crown, Kingdom Chronicler, Kingdom archivist and SCA Archivist.
- Work with Exchequer to maintain a bank account solely for the publishing and distribution of The Baelfyr.
- Complimentary copies of the Baelfyr shall go to the King, Queen, Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Chronicler, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, Kingdom archivist and SCA Archivist.

15. Lesser Officers

15.1 Minister of the Lists

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Minister of the Lists.
- Shall draw and maintain the lists at the Coronet Tournament.

15.2 Web Minister

- Is a lesser officer under the Chronicler
- Shall maintain and publish the ID website, which includes a current copy of Principality laws, ID event calendar, officer contact details, an updated Archive of Protectors, and links to the Society and Drachenwald websites.

15.3 Rapier Marshal

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.
- Under the direction of the Kingdom Rapier Marshal, the Insulae Draconis Rapier Marshal oversees all aspects of rapier combat in Insulae Draconis.

15.4 Equestrian Marshal

- Is a lesser officer under the Drachenwald Kingdom Equestrian Marshal.
- Under the direction of the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal is responsible for overseeing all equestrian activities in Insulae Draconis.

15.5 Insulae Draconis Lieutenant General of Archers

- Is a lesser officer under the Drachenwald Captain General of Archers.
- Under the direction of the Drachenwald Captain General of Archers, the Insulae Draconis Lieutenant General of Archers is responsible for overseeing all Target Archery and Combat Archery activities in Insulae Draconis.

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15.6 Insulae Draconis Signet Clerk

- The Insulae Draconis Signet Clerk is a lesser officer under the direction of the Drachenwald Signet Clerk.
- The Insulae Draconis Signet Clerk shall help co-ordinate scrolls for awards given out by the Royal Couple of Insulae Draconis

16. Principality Regalia

- 16.1 There shall be a Council of Regalia. It shall consist of the ID Royal Couple, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, and the Exchequer. Its duty will be to consider the artistic, historical and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment.
- 16.2 The regalia shall remain the property of Insulae Draconis, but shall be in the keeping of the ID Royal Couple. Reasonable care and maintenance of this regalia shall be the responsibility of the ID Prince and Princess. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the ID Royal Couple. This regalia may include, but is not limited to, coronets, chains of office, sceptres, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks and robes.
- 16.3 With the Council's approval, regalia no longer needed by the Principality will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. If no bids are received, the items will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 16.4 Any loss or damage to ID regalia, other than normal wear and tear, may require the ID Prince and Princess to either replace or reimburse the CP.

17. Advisory Committee

- 17.1 Previous Royal Couples and Viceregal couples may be invited to be part of a Principality advisory committee. The purpose of this committee is to give advice and council to the Royal Couple on the unique position that they hold. This committee is an advisory position only.

18. Principality Awards

- 18.1 Awards are granted by the Royal Couple in recognition of activity in the field specified by the Award, i.e. Service, Excellence of Example, Arts & Sciences and Martial Activity.
- 18.2 The award for Excellence of Example may given out only once per reign by the Royal Couple. All other awards are unrestricted in the number of times they can be awarded, although recipients can only receive each award once.
- 18.3 All the award recipients are expected to have shown / be showing a due degree of courtesy to all and a willingness to assist others in their field to learn and develop within that discipline.

19. The Awards

- 19.1 Company of Merit for Excellence and Example: This award can be given only once per reign to persons demonstrating excellence efforts in all their activities and setting a good example of how to behave and grow within the Society to all. The members of this Order may be called upon by the Royal Couple to provide advice and opinions on matters regarding the governance and progress of the Principality.
- 19.2 Order of FFraid (pronounced Vraid): This award is given to those showing great

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contributions of service to the Principality as a whole, be it in event running, teaching classes, running demos and tourneys etc.

- 19.3 Company of Merit for Artists and Scientists: This award is given to practitioners of the Arts and Sciences in recognition of their talents, willingness to pass on knowledge to others and courtesy to all.
- 19.4 Company of Merit for Prowess in the Arts Martial: This award is given to those who have shown merit and progress in any of the Martial activities, this includes Heavy fighting, Rapier, Target archery, Combat Archery, Thrown Weapons, Siege Engines and Missile Combat. Courtesy must have been shown to all and assistance provided to others when asked.
- 19.5 All of the Awards will have attendant badges and tokens, as follows.
- Company of Merit for Excellence and Example: token a goblet pilgrim badge, badge as follows (to be inserted when registration with the College of heralds is complete).
 - Order of Ffraid: token an acorn pilgrims badge, badge as follows; (Fieldless) An oak sprig per pale sable and azure fructed inverted Or .
 - Company of Merit for Artists and Scientists: token a bell pilgrim's badge, badge as follows (to be inserted when registration with the College of heralds is complete).
 - Company of Merit for Prowess in the Arts Martial: token a heart shaped pilgrims badge, badge as follows (to be inserted when registration with the College of heralds is complete).
- 19.6 Scrolls for the awards fall under the job of the Signet Clerk who shall assign their by scribes within the Principality. The office of Signet Clerk may be held in conjunction with any other office other than Royal Office.

Glossary

In this document, the following terms are used with the meanings given below:

- **Society:** The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organizations).
- **SCA, Inc. or SCA:** The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation
- **Board:** The Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
- **Governing documents:** The Organizational Handbook, which contains: The Introduction, Corpora, The Articles of Incorporation of the SCA, Inc., the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., and any amendments and appendices.
- **By-Laws:** The By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or its equivalent in an affiliated organization.
- **Corpora:** The policies governing historical re-creation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
- **Subscribing member:** A Sustaining or International member of the SCA, Inc. or its approved equivalent in an affiliated organization.
- **Society Member:** Membership in the Society is defined in the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or in the approved organizational documents of any corporation affiliated with the SCA, Inc.
- **SCA, Inc. Waiver Card:** A card that indicates that a properly executed waiver is on file at the corporate office. This card may also contain membership information.
- **Armigerous award:** An award that can convey Arms by Award, Grant, or Patent.
- **Consort:** The member of the opposite gender for whom the combatant fights in a Royal Lists.
- **Coronet:** The Sovereign and Consort of a principality, acting together.
- **Court of Chivalry / Court of Inquiry:** A panel, defined according to kingdom law, convened to investigate issues and possibly recommend action to the appropriate Society authority.
- **Crown:** The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together.
- **Officer:** A Society member serving in an appointed office as defined in Corpora, or as an appointed deputy in such an office, or in another office as may be defined by Kingdom Law, at any level of the Society, or in the role of organizer of a Society event (commonly referred to as “Autocrat” or “Steward”), or as a Territorial Baron or Baroness, or as Crown or Coronet or heir to a Crown or Coronet.
- **Peerage:** Collectively, the members of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican are referred to as the Peerage. A member of any of these

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Orders is a Peer.

- **Period:** The era used by the Society as the base for its re-creation activities. The Society is based on the life and culture of the landed nobility of pre-17th Century Western Europe, focusing on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
- **Realm:** A kingdom (including any principalities), or a principality.
- **Royal Lists:** Properly constituted armored combat tournament to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as “Crown Lists” for kingdoms, and “Coronet Lists” for principalities.
- **Royal heirs:** The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor’s consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom) or Investiture (principality).
- **Royal Peer:** An individual who has reigned as King or Queen of a kingdom, or as Prince or Princess of a principality is referred to as a Royal Peer.
- **Royalty:** The persons who hold the offices of Sovereign or Consort of a kingdom or principality. The heirs to those positions are also considered royal, but Corpora uses the terms “royalty” and “reigning royalty” interchangeably, and only to refer to Sovereigns and Consorts.
- **Sovereign and Consort:** The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor’s consort, respectively, after their Coronation or Investiture.
- **Subject:** Any person who physically resides within the borders of a realm for more than half the year. Those who do not maintain a residence meeting this definition may be considered subjects of the realm where they participate most frequently if they obtain written acknowledgment from the royalty of that realm. Those who participate in Society activities primarily in a realm other than the one where they reside may be considered subjects of that realm if they obtain written permission and acknowledgment from the royalty of both realms. Decisions of the Coronet in such matters depend upon the approval of the Crown.