

*The Laws of the Principality of the Summits*



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## **DEFINITIONS:**

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<b>Board:</b>	The Board of Directors (BoD) of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA).
<b>Coronet:</b>	The Prince and Princess of the Summits acting jointly. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.
<b>Corpora:</b>	The document defining those policies governing historical recreation within the Society and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
<b>Coronet Sovereign:</b>	The victor in the Coronet Lists of the Summits who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess.
<b>Coronet Consort:</b>	The companion who inspired the victor in the Coronet Lists of the Summits who has been invested with the title of Prince or Princess.
<b>Crown:</b>	The Sovereign and Consort of AnTir, acting jointly.
<b>Curia:</b>	A council of Officers and Coronet Advisors meeting to assist with the administration of the Principality.
<b>Defender:</b>	The victor of the Defender's List who shall administer the affairs of the Principality in the event there should be a failure of the Coronet to reign.
<b>Member:</b>	Paid member of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc.
<b>Heirs:</b>	The victor of the Coronet List and Consort, for the period between the victory and the Investiture, titled Tanist or banTanist of The Summits.
<b>Moot:</b>	Forum for the populace of Summits to express their concerns, the officers to discuss current projects and goals and Branch Seneschals to give reports on local activity and events.
<b>Principality:</b>	A geographical area of the kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by right of armoured combat.
<b>Proclamation:</b>	A directive of the Coronet that shall have effect only during the reign of the proclaiming Royalty.
<b>Royalty:</b>	The Sovereign, Consort, Crown Prince and Princess, all Principality Princes and Princesses and all Principality Heirs (Tanist and banTanist).
<b>Subject / Resident:</b>	A person or group of persons whose primary residence is in the Principality of the Summits, Kingdom of An Tir

# **The Laws of the Principality of the Summits**

## **ARTICLE I. THE LAW**

### **Article I.A. The Word of the Coronet**

The word of the Coronet is law within the Principality. The Coronet acknowledges, and is subject to, modern law, the governing documents of the Society and the current written Laws of The Summits and Laws of An Tir. The Coronet shall be cognizant of the rights and privileges of its vassals and subjects by tradition, custom and usage.

### **Article I.B. Amendments to Principality Law**

The Laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet with the Crown's approval and after review by both the Kingdom and Summits seneschals. Changes to the Law must be submitted to the Crown of An Tir in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed. Changes will take effect after proclamation at a legal Society event and with complete copy published in an official publication of the SCA, Inc. (Crier and Echoes).

### **Article I.C. Proclamations**

Proclamations shall be understood to be in effect only during the reign of the Coronet and shall lapse upon the Investiture of Their Successors.

### **Article I.D. When Effective**

- 1) Any Proclamation or Amendment to the Law shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken; however, no subject of the Principality shall be held accountable until the Law and/or Amendment is signed and published.
- 2) Amendments to the Law must be proclaimed at an official Principality Event and published in The Crier, The Echos and on the Principality Website.

### **Article I.E. Editions of the Law**

This is the current edition of the Laws of the Principality of the Summits, all earlier versions are repealed.

## **Article I.F. Publishing Schedule**

- 1) The Laws of the Principality of the Summits will be published, in full, bi-annually in the Echos and the latest edition of the Laws shall be available at the Principality Website.
- 2) A complete and current copy of the Laws of the Principality of the Summits shall be made available by the Office of the Seneschal to the populace at the next principality event following any revisions.

## **Article I.G. Additional Handbooks**

The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in the Laws of the Principality of the Summits and shall be treated as though they are part of Principality Law:

- 1) The An Tir Book of Combat (The ABCs), covering the conduct of combat and other martial art forms as well as applicable equipment standards.
- 2) The An Tir Book of Target, covering conduct of all archery and thrown weapons activities and equipment standards.
- 3) The An Tir Book of Fence, covering conduct of all rapier/fencing activities and equipment standards.
- 4) The An Tir Book of Horse, covering the conduct of all equestrian activities and equipment standards.
- 5) An Tir Financial Policy, covering all financial matters.
- 6) An Tir Kingdom Publication Policy, covering all print and electronic publications
- 7) An Tir Calendar Policy
- 8) An Tir Media Policy
- 9) Summits Financial Policy
- 10) Summits Event Policy

## **ARTICLE II. THE CORONET**

### **Article II.A. Duties of the Coronet**

The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora.

### **Article II.B. Duties of the Coronet of the Principality of the Summits**

- 1) The Coronet shall use Their power to defend and protect the Principality of the Summits and the Kingdom of An Tir.
- 2) The Coronet shall work to see that justice is done and that the glory that is the Summits and An Tir is in no way diminished.
- 3) The Coronet agrees to allow personal access information to be published in The Crier and The Echos and on official Society, Kingdom and Principality websites.
- 4) The Coronet may delegate unto any subject the execution of Coronet power for a stated specific purpose, such as transmission of an award to a person properly named and selected.
- 5) The Coronet will render an Oath of Fealty for Their lands at each Coronation of the Sovereign and Consort of AnTir. This Oath may be delivered by letter, but must be renewed in person at the first opportunity.
- 6) The Coronet shall provide a report on the State of the Principality to the Crown of An Tir at each Coronation. Copies shall be sent to the Tanist and banTanist and the appropriate Kingdom and Principality Seneschals.
- 7) The Coronet, Tanist and banTanist shall be exempt from all fees (site, feast, etc.) at all events they attend within the Principality.

### **Article II.C. Coronet Lists**

- 1) The Coronet Lists shall be fought at two Coronet Tournaments per year.
  - a) **Spring Coronet Tournament - Vernal Equinox**
  - b) **Fall Coronet Tournament - Third weekend of September**
- 2) All authorized fighters who meet residency requirements of the Principality of the Summits have the right to compete in the Coronet List, unless they are denied entry by the Coronet, or are in violation of the rules of the Coronet List, the governing documents of the Society, the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir, the Laws of the Principality of the Summits or modern law jurisdiction.
- 3) All combatants and consorts must be present on the day of the List and presented to the Coronet. The decision as to the acceptability of each participant rest solely with the Coronet and is final.
- 4) By entering into the Coronet List, a combatant declares that s/he has a consort of the opposite gender who has agreed to reign with them, should the combatant win.
- 5) Combatants in the Coronet List must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 Months) prior to the Coronet Tournament and must live within the Principality of the Summits for the duration of their reign. The Coronet may grant exceptions to these requirements, if requested in advance and if the Coronet is satisfied that all obligations will be met by the combatant and consort.
- 6) No combatant may fight for more than one prospective consort and no person may have more than one combatant fighting for him or her in a given Coronet List.
- 7) Both combatant and consort will present themselves to the Principality Seneschal and/or the Keeper of the Lists to confirm membership and authorization status. Combatant will present current SCA Membership and Fighter

Authorization Cards and the Consort will present a current SCA Membership Card, confirming that both are eligible based upon Membership requirements put forth in Corpora. Once confirmed, the combatant's name may be entered in the Coronet List.

- 8) During the Invocation of the Coronet List, all combatants and consorts shall declare that they are loyal to the Crown of An Tir and the Coronet of the Summits and will uphold the laws of and respect the customs and traditions of the Kingdom of An Tir and Principality of the Summits.
- 9) No one shall compete for the Coronet without intending to reign should they win.
- 10) Both combatant and consort are aware that the positions of Prince and Princess of the Summits may require expenditures in excess of membership fees and allowable reimbursements.
- 11) All combatants and consorts entering the Coronet List of the Principality of the Summits must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- 12) Neither the Prince nor the Princess of the Summits may fight or be fought for in the Coronet List.

#### **Article II.D. Combat Conventions**

- 1) The Coronet List Combat Conventions shall be determined by the Coronet.
- 2) The Combat Conventions will be published to the populace at least four weeks prior to the Tournament in The Echos, posted on the official Summits website and posted to the Summits Group.

#### **Article II.E. List Victory, Investiture of Tanist and banTanist**

- 1) Upon victory of the Coronet Tournament, The victor and consort shall provide proof of SCA Memberships through the end of their reign as Prince and Princess to the Principality Seneschal. Memberships must be verified by the Principality Seneschal.
- 2) Upon victory of the Coronet Tournament, the victor and consort shall be invested as the Coronet Heirs and titled Tanist and banTanist (or Tanista) as per custom.
- 3) The Tanist and banTanist shall swear fealty to the populace of the Summits and obedience to the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir and the Laws of the Principality of the Summits. These oaths shall be witnessed by the Summits Seneschal, the Summits Herald, the Summits Earl Marshall, Principality of the Summits Champions and such members of the Peerage who attend Coronet Tournament.
- 4) Upon victory of the Coronet Tournament, the Tanist and banTanist shall declare that they will attend Their Investiture, preside over the activities of the following Coronet Tournament and attend the Coronation of Their successors.

#### **Article II.F. Investiture of Coronet Heirs – Tanist and banTanist**

- 1) The Investiture of the Coronet Heirs (Tanist and banTanist) shall take place at a Principality Coronet Investiture. The two Coronet Investitures shall take place on the weekend closest to the following calendar dates:
  - a) **Summer Investiture - Summer Solstice**
  - b) **Winter Investiture - two weeks prior to Winter Solstice**
- 2) At their investiture, the Coronet Heirs (Tanist and banTanist) shall swear fealty to the Crown of An Tir and obedience to the Laws of An Tir. Should the Crown not be present to accept their oaths, written oaths shall be sent to the Crown upon Investiture and spoken oaths sworn in-person at the first opportunity.
- 3) At Their Investiture, the Coronet Heirs (Tanist and banTanist) shall swear fealty to the Royal Peers, Peers and populace of the Principality of the Summits.
- 4) The Coronet Heirs (Tanist and banTanist) shall be Invested with the Customary Investiture Ceremony for The Prince and Princess of the Principality of the Summits.
- 5) The Coronet Heirs (Tanist and banTanist) shall be allowed to create a "persona" correct Investiture Ceremony; however, it must contain all the customary oaths and ceremonies contained in the Investiture Ceremony for the Prince and Princess of the Principality of the Summits.

#### **Article II.G. Tournament Invalidation, Failure to Invest**

- 1) Should, for any reason, a Coronet Tournament is declared invalid or the Tanist and banTanist elect to abdicate directly or abdicate by failure to appear or respond for Their Investiture, a Coronet List shall be called for the Saturday morning of Coronet Investiture.
- 2) Coronet Investiture Tournament shall be open to those who were eligible and competed in the previous Coronet List and who currently meet eligibility requirements as stated in Principality Law.
- 3) The Tanist and banTanist who abdicate are explicitly excluded as both combatants and consorts from the Coronet Investiture Tournament List.
- 4) Any person or persons whose actions or inactions were the grounds for an invalidation of the Coronet Tournament are explicitly excluded as both combatant and consort from the Coronet Investiture Tournament List.

#### **Article II.H. Abdication**

- 1) A letter from the Tanist and/or banTanist to the Principality Seneschal, indicating intent to abdicate, constitutes official abdication and will be in effect immediately upon receipt. A letter must be sent Certified, Return Receipt Requested through the USPS to the Principality Seneschal's current address.
- 2) An e-mail sent from the Tanist and/or banTanist, to the Summits Principality Seneschal's E-mail Account, indicating intent to abdicate, constitutes official abdication and will be in effect immediately upon authentication and confirmation of receipt by the Principality Seneschal.

#### **Article II.I. Failure to Reign**

- 1) Should either the Prince or Princess be unable to complete the reign for whatever reason, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign. Should both Prince and Princess be unable to complete the reign, administrative duties of the Coronet shall fall to the Defender of the Summits and the Coronet shall revert to the Crown of An Tir until such time as a Coronet List may be held.
- 2) Failure of the Prince and Princess to attend a required Coronet event constitutes failure to reign and shall be taken as abdication, unless the failure to attend is beyond the control of the Coronet and no failure to reign is demonstrated.

#### **Article II.J. The Defender**

- 1) In the event that the Coronet of the Summits is unable to conclude Their reign or have abdicated, the Defender of the Summits shall serve as Regent.
- 2) If the Defender of the Summits cannot carry-out the Regent's duties, the Crown shall select the most suitable person to serve as Defender
- 3) Duties:
  - a) The Regent shall not have the authority to amend or change the Laws of the Principality of the Summits or to bestow awards.
  - b) If the Coronet has officially abdicated without Coronet Heirs, the Regent shall invest the Coronet victor and consort of the next Coronet Tournament as Prince and Princess immediately.
  - c) The Regent may not fight or be fought for in the Coronet List.
  - d) If the Coronet officially abdicates after a successful Coronet Tournament, the Regent shall invest theTanist and banTanist as Prince and Princess at the next scheduled Investiture Event.

#### **Article II.K. Coronet Finances**

- 1) The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, copying, postage, electronic mail and telephone expenses incurred in preparation for and in conjunction with Their reign.
- 2) The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to the following required events:
  - a) Coronet Tournament to establish Their Heirs.
  - b) Investitures: Their own and the event to Invest Their Heirs.
- 3) The Coronet shall have access to and may utilize the Summits' Travel Fund as defined in Principality of the Summits Financial Policy.
- 4) The Coronet shall have access to and may utilize The Coronet Discretionary Fund as defined in Principality of the Summits Financial Policy.
- 3) The Tanist and banTanist shall be reimbursed for reasonable office, copying, postage, electronic mail and telephone expenses incurred in preparation for and in conjunction with Their reign.
- 4) The Tanist and banTanist shall be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to the following required events:
  - a) Return travel from the Coronet Tournament of which they are victorious.
  - b) Their Investiture.
- 5) The Coronet shall be exempt from fees at all events they attend within the Principality.
- 6) The Tanist and banTanist shall be exempt from fees at all events they attend within the Principality.

### **Article III OFFICERS OF COURT AND STATE**

#### **Article III.A. Officer Responsibilities**

All Officers of Court and State shall:

- 1) Be paid members of the SCA, Inc. and have access to The Crier and The Echos at their place of residence.
- 2) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3) Execute the lawful commands of the Crown of An Tir and Coronet of the Summits and abide by Kingdom and Principality Law.
- 4) Carry-out additional duties as are appropriate to their office and/or as directed by the Coronet.
- 5) Agree to allow personal contact information to be published in The Crier and The Echos and on official Society, Kingdom and Principality Websites.

- 6) Be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to attend required Coronet and Crown Events.
  - a) Reasonable travel expenses are defined as mileage paid at the current rate authorized by the IRS or gas receipts to and from an event for one vehicle.
- 7) Be exempt from site fees at all Coronet Events and at Principality Events if they are performing the duties of their Office
- 8) Attend the 4 Principality events each year; Spring Coronet, Summer Investiture, Fall Coronet, Winter Investiture and the event where their successor is chosen if not a Principality Event.
- 9) Attend Curia and Moot at each Principality Event.
- 10) Be a resident of the Principality of the Summits

### **Article III.B. Officers of Court – Principality Champions**

- 1) Principality Champions are considered the Officers of the Royal Court.
  - a) Principality Champions are selected through competition rather than by appointment.
  - b) All Principality Champions' Term of Service shall be for a period of one year, or until the next applicable Championship Tournament or Championship Competition is held.
  - c) Should a Principality Champion become an Heir to the Crown or Coronet, that champion shall surrender the Championship and in all cases, the Coronet shall appoint a suitable replacement.
  - d) Principality Champions may not hold Principality Greater Officers.
  - e) Principality Champions may hold other offices and titles provided that their office is not responsible for a Championship Tournament/Competition in which they are competing.
  - f) No individual may hold or participate in more than one championship at a time.
  - g) Principality Champions shall be exempt from event fees for Coronets and Investitures and the Championship Tournament and/or Competition at which their successor will be chosen.
- 2) All Principality Champions shall:
  - a) Swear an Oath of Fealty or Oath of Service to the Coronet of the Summits.
  - b) Support the Coronet in war and take the field at the Coronet's command.
  - c) Attend all Coronet events, unless receiving exemption from the Coronet.
  - d) Attend Curia and Moot at each Principality event
  - e) Speak or act in the Coronet's name when specifically delegated to do so.
  - f) Further the interests of their area of endeavor.
  - g) Have a place at the High Table for the Champion and a guest
  - h) Stand armed near the Coronet at all events.
  - i) Bear and display the regalia of their position.
- 3) Designation of Champions
  - a) The Coronet shall determine and create such Titled Champions, as they deem necessary.
  - b) The current Champions of the Principality of the Summits are:
    - i) Defender of the Summits (Heavy Champion)
    - ii) Alpine Scholar (Arts and Sciences Champion)
    - iii) Captain of Eagles (Archery Champion)
    - iv) Captain of Cats (Rapier Champion)
    - v) Outrider of the Summits (Equestrian Champion)
    - vi) Bardic Champion

### **Article III.C. Defender of the Summits**

- 1) The Defender of the Summits Tournament will be held in conjunction with June Investiture and shall end with the installation of the new Defender of the Summits.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Defender's List shall bear the title Defender of the Summits.
- 3) The Defender shall determine the conventions of the Defender's List with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits and the Principality Earl Marshal.
- 4) Combatants in the Defender's Lists must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Defender's Tournament, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc. or be acceptable to the Coronet.
- 5) The Defender's List shall be of a kind that promotes a tactical victory (war scenario), rather than of sole prowess at arms.
- 6) The combatant who is victorious in the Summits Defender's List shall be invested as Defender of the Principality of the Summits at June Investiture.
- 7) Should the Summits Defender be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet List, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall appoint a suitable person to serve as Defender until the next Defender's List.

- 8) Duties and Privileges of the Defender:
  - a) The Defender shall accompany and defend the Coronet.
  - b) The Defender shall Act as Bearer of the Summits' Sword of State
  - c) The Defender shall promote and encourage honour, chivalry and martial prowess throughout the Principality.
  - d) The Defender shall coordinate with the Principality Earl Marshal and Principality Warlord.
  - e) The Defender shall attend the Coronet at Court.
  - f) The Defender shall have a seat at the Principality High Table with his/her guest.
  - g) The Defender shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.
  - h) Upon abdication of the Coronet of the Summits, the Defender shall:
    - i) Become Regent (the Crown's Representative) and assume the administrative duties of the Coronet.
    - ii) Shall take the appropriate steps to either invest the Tanist and banTanist of the Summits at the next official Summits Investiture or hold the next official Coronet List and immediately invest the victor and consort as the Coronet of the Summits.
    - iii) If the Defender of the Summits cannot carry-out the Regent's duties, the Crown shall select the most suitable person to serve as Defender.

#### **Article III.D. Alpine Scholar – Champion of Arts and Sciences**

- 1) The Alpine Scholar Competition will be held the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> Night Winter Investiture and shall end with the installation of the new Alpine Scholar.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Arts and Sciences Competition shall bear the title Alpine Scholar.
- 3) The Alpine Scholar and Principality MoAS shall determine the Competition Rules, plan and organize the Alpine Scholar Competition with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits.
- 4) Entrants in the Alpine Scholar Competition must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Competition, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc., or be acceptable to the Coronet.
- 5) The Alpine Scholar Competition shall be of a kind that promotes a broad range of knowledge in two or more areas in the Arts and Sciences rather than expertise in one discipline.
- 6) The victor of the Arts and Sciences Competition shall be invested as Alpine Scholar of the Principality of the Summits at 11<sup>th</sup> Night Winter Investiture.
- 7) Should the Alpine Scholar be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall appoint a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Arts and Sciences Competition.
- 9) Duties and Privileges of the Alpine Scholar:
  - a) The Alpine Scholar shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - b) The Alpine Scholar shall promote and encourage Arts and Sciences throughout the Principality.
  - c) The Alpine Scholar shall work with the Principality MoAS and assist with ARTists' Showcases, classes and teaching opportunities.
  - d) The Alpine Scholar shall work with the Principality MoAS to prepare and conduct a competition to select an appropriate successor.
  - e) The Alpine Scholar shall have a seat at the Principality High Table with his/her guest.
  - f) The Alpine Scholar shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.

#### **Article III.E. Captain of Eagles – Summits Archery Champion**

- 1) The Archery competition shall take place at the following events, alternating years, Briaroak Bash in the Shire of Briaroak and Harvest Tourney in the Shire of Corvaria and shall end with the installation of the new Archery Champion.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Principality Archery Championship shall bear the title Captain of Eagles.
- 3) The Captain of Eagles and Principality Deputy Captain of the Bow shall determine the Competition Rules, plan and organize the Principality Archery Competition with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits.
- 4) Entrants in the Principality Archery Competition must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Competition, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc., or be acceptable to the Coronet.
- 5) The Principality Archery Competition shall be of a kind that promotes a broad range of knowledge in various forms of archery.
- 6) Should the Captain of Eagles be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall appoint a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Principality Archery Competition.
- 8) Duties and Privileges of the Captain of Eagles:
  - a) The Captain of Eagles shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - b) The Captain of Eagles shall promote and encourage archery throughout the Principality.

- c) The Captain of Eagles shall work with the Principality Deputy Captain of the Bow and assist with tournaments, classes and teaching opportunities.
- d) The Captain of Eagles shall work with the Principality Deputy Captain of the Bow to prepare and conduct a competition to select an appropriate successor.
- e) The Captain of Eagles shall have a place at the Principality High Table and his/her guest.
- f) The Captain of Eagles shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.

**Article III.F. Captain of Cats - Summits Rapier Champion**

- 1) The Rapier Championship shall take place at 11th Night Winter Investiture and shall end with the installation of the new Rapier Champion.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Principality Rapier Championship shall bear the title Captain of Cats.
- 3) The Captain of Cats and Principality Deputy Captain of Fence shall determine the Competition Rules, plan and organize the Principality Rapier Championship with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits.
- 4) Entrants in the Principality Rapier Championship must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Competition, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc., or be acceptable to the Coronet.
- 5) The Principality Rapier Championship shall be of a kind that promotes a broad range of knowledge in various forms of Rapier Combat.
- 6) Should the Captain of Cats be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet list, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall appoint a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Principality Archery Competition.
- 8) Duties and Privileges of the Captain of Cats:
  - a) The Captain of Cats shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - b) The Captain of Cats shall promote and encourage the art and science of rapier combat throughout the Principality.
  - c) The Captain of Cats shall work with the Principality Deputy Captain of Fence and assist with tournaments, classes and teaching opportunities.
  - d) The Captain of Cats shall work with the Principality Deputy Captain of Fence to prepare and conduct a competition to select an appropriate successor.
  - e) The Captain of Cats shall have a place at the High Table with his/her guest.
  - f) The Captain of Cats shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.

**Article III.G. Outrider of the Summits – Equestrian Champion**

- 1) The Equestrian Championship shall take place at a suitable event between May and August and shall end with the installation of the new Equestrian Champion.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Principality Equestrian Championship shall bear the title Outrider of the Summits.
- 3) The Outrider of the Summits and Principality Deputy Equestrian Officer shall determine the Competition Rules, plan and organize the Principality Equestrian Championship with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits.
- 4) Entrants in the Principality Equestrian Championship must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Competition, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc., or be acceptable to the Coronet.
- 5) The Principality Equestrian Championship shall be of a kind that promotes a broad range of knowledge in various forms of Equestrian Skills.
- 6) Should the Outrider of the Summits be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet List, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall appoint a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Principality Equestrian Competition.
- 8) Duties and Privileges of the Outrider of the Summits:
  - a) The Outrider of the Summits shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - b) The Outrider of the Summits shall promote and encourage the Equestrian Arts and Sciences throughout the Principality.
  - c) The Outrider of the Summits shall work with the Principality Deputy Equestrian Officer and assist with tournaments, classes and teaching opportunities.
  - d) The Outrider of the Summits shall work with the Principality Deputy Equestrian Officer to prepare and conduct a competition to select an appropriate successor.
  - e) The Outrider of the Summits shall have a place at the Principality High Table with his/her guest.
  - f) The Outrider of the Summits shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.

**Article III.H Bardic Champion**

- 1) The Principality of the Summits Bardic Championship shall take place at Fall Coronet and shall end with the installation of the new Bardic Champion.
- 2) The individual who is judged victorious in the Principality Bardic Championship shall bear the title Bardic Champion.

- 3) The Bardic Champion and Principality MoAS shall determine the Competition Rules, plan and organize the Principality Bardic Championship with the concurrence of the Coronet of the Summits.
- 4) Entrants in the Principality Bardic Championship must be a resident of the Principality for at least 1 year (12 months) prior to the Competition, must live within the Principality for the duration of their term of service and be a paid member of the SCA, Inc., or be acceptable to the Coronet .
- 5) The Principality Bardic Championship shall be of a kind that promotes a broad range of knowledge in the Bardic Arts.
- 6) Should the Bardic Champion be unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, or is victorious in a Crown or Coronet List, s/he shall resign the title to the Coronet. The Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve as Champion until the next Principality Bardic Competition.
- 8) Duties and Privileges of the Bardic Champion:
  - a) The Bardic Champion shall have a position beside the throne at Principality Court.
  - b) The Bardic Champion shall promote and encourage the art of Bardic Entertainment throughout the Principality.
  - c) The Bardic Champion shall work with the Principality MoAS and assist with ARTists' Showcases, classes and teaching opportunities.
  - d) The Bardic Champion shall work with the Principality MoAS to prepare and conduct a competition to select an appropriate successor.
  - e) The Bardic Champion shall have a place at the Principality High Table with his/her guest.
  - f) The Bardic Champion shall attend meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.

### **ARTICLE III. I. OFFICERS of STATE**

- 1) All Officers of State of the Principality of the Summits are responsible for carrying-out the laws and business affairs of the principality.
- 2) The Greater Officers of the Principality of the Summits shall be: Principality Seneschal, Bleu Grael Herald, Earl Marshal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chronicler, Chatelaine, Chirurgeon, Gryphon Scribe, and Family Activities Coordinator.
- 3) All Officers of State shall:
  - a) Be appointed by the existing officer and Kingdom Officer with the concurrence of the Coronet.
  - b) Report on a Quarterly Schedule in accordance with Kingdom Law
  - c) Provide copies of all Quarterly Reports to their Kingdom superior, the Coronet , Coronet Heirs and Principality Seneschal.
  - d) Provide copies of all correspondence with Society Officers and the Board of Directors to the Coronet and Principality Seneschal.
  - e) Attend the four Principality Events each year.
  - f) Attend Curia and Moot at the four Principality Coronet Events and provide a report on the status of their office and the status of their branch officers.
  - g) The Coronet may grant permission for an Officer of State to be absent from Curia and/or Moot, in extraordinary circumstances. In such cases, the Contingency Deputy or designated representative must attend in the officer's stead.
- h) Fees for the four Principality Events shall be waived during an officer's term of service. Officers of State are expected to perform their office duties at each event
  - i) Officers of State may hold only one office at a time.
    - i) Officers of State may not hold a Branch Office in more than one branch at a time.
    - ii) Exceptions may be granted by the Coronet and the relevant Principality Officers, in writing, on a case-by-case basis.
    - iii) Officers of State may not hold a Branch Office and a Principality Office at the same time.
    - iv) Exceptions may be granted by the Coronet and the relevant Principality/Kingdom Officers, in writing, on a case-by-case basis.
    - v) Officers of State may not hold a Branch, Principality or Kingdom at the same time.
    - vi) Exceptions may be granted by the Crown, Coronet and the relevant Kingdom and Principality Officers, in writing, in a case-by-case basis, after consulting with the Coronet of the Summits.
    - vii) Officers of State may not hold a Branch, Principality, Kingdom and Society Office at the same time.
    - viii) Exceptions may be granted by the Society, Crown, Coronet and the relevant Kingdom and Principality Officers, in writing, in a case-by-case basis, after consulting with the Coronet of the Summits.
  - j) Select and warrant a Contingency Deputy, with the concurrence of the Kingdom Superior and the approval of the Coronet within thirty (30) days of assuming office.
    - i) The role of the Contingency Deputy is to administer the duties of the office of the Principality Officer if, for whatever reason, the Principality Officer cannot continue in that role.
    - ii) The Contingency Deputy may not be a spouse/partner of the Principality Officer.
    - iii) The Contingency Deputy is not presumed to be the next officer. If the Contingency Officer is interested in holding office, they shall apply for the position just as any other candidate.

- iv) The Contingency Deputy shall agree to allow personal contact information to be published in The Crier and The Echos and on official Society, Kingdom and Principality Websites.
  - k) Encourage and assist their subordinate officers in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the Kingdom and Principality.
  - l) Officers shall maintain regular communications with their subordinates.
  - m) Officers shall maintain regular and timely communication, including responding to telephone calls and e-mail communications within 72 hours (three days).
  - n) Officers shall appoint deputies and assistants as are necessary to the functioning of their office.
    - i) No person shall serve as deputy to more than one office without the written permission of both superior officers and the Principality Seneschal. It is the responsibility of all officers to qualify a deputy candidate to ensure that they are not serving as deputy to another office or offices.
  - o) Follow lawful directions from superiors.
    - i) Directions from superior officers must be in compliance with Kingdom and Principality Law(s). No officer shall obey a directive if said directive is in conflict with Written and Published Laws and/or an order from the Crown or Coronet.
    - ii) Any directive which constitutes a conflict of Kingdom and/or Principality Law(s) shall be reported immediately to the superior and to the Crown and/or Coronet.
  - p) Have the ability to create rules, regulations, reporting standards and policy relating to their specific office. Any such rules, regulations, reporting standards and policies are subject to the approval of and modification by their superior officer, the Crown and/or Coronet of the Summits.
  - q) Be reimbursed for reasonable telephone, office, postage, copying and electronic mail access expenses incurred in the performance of their office.
    - i) All expenses are subject to the limits of the officer's budget and/or approval of the Financial Committee.
  - r) Be responsible for running their activities at Principality Events or assign a designated representative to act in their stead.
  - s) The Lesser Officers of State in the Principality of the Summits shall be the Principality Webminister.
- 4) Appointment, Removal and Terms of Office:
- a) Warrants for terms of office for Principality Officers of State shall be for two years and the expected end-of-term date shall appear with the officer listing in The Echos and on the Principality Web site.
  - b) One two-year term is allowed for Greater Officers of State.
    - i) A maximum of two one-year term extensions or a second two year term of office may be granted at the discretion of the Kingdom Officer.
    - ii) Two consecutive terms (4 years) or one two year term with two one year extensions (4 years) is the maximum allowed for Principality Officers of State.
  - iii) Those who have served as Principality Officers may apply for office again, after at least one two-year term out-of-office.
  - c) Notification of the opportunity to apply for a Principality Office must be published in The Crier and The Echos at least three months (90 days) in advance of the upcoming end-of-term for each Principality Officer of State.
  - d) Applications for a Principality Office shall be made in writing to the incumbent officer with copies provided to: the Coronet, Coronet Heirs (if applicable), incumbent officer's Kingdom superior and the Principality Seneschal. Applications shall include the following: a Letter of Intent, SCA Resume and Modern Resume
  - e) The Coronet and Principality Seneschal shall review a new Principality Officer's performance in the office after the first six months and shall report their conclusions to the appropriate Kingdom Officer.
  - f) All officers, including Administrative Deputies not specifically named herein, serve at the pleasure of their immediate superior and the Coronet.
  - g) All officers within the Principality shall be appointed and warranted by means of a roster warrant which is signed by the Coronet and forwarded to the appropriate Kingdom Officer and Crown for signatures.
  - h) Grounds for dismissal by the Crown, Coronet and/or the officer's superior shall include, but not be limited to the following:
    - i) The officer has demonstrated a substantial failure to perform the duties of the office after having been given notice of the nature of the failed duties and having been given a reasonable opportunity to correct said failures.
    - ii) The effectiveness of the officer has been impaired to a substantial degree due to personal reasons or a breakdown in the officer's ability to deal with the Crown and/or Coronet, the officer's superior, the officer's deputies and subordinates or the populace with whom the officer must work.
    - iii) The officer has willfully abused the office by using it to hinder or annoy others or to advance some purpose inconsistent with the trust of that office.

- iv) The officer has performed the office at an unacceptably low level for an unacceptably long period of time.
- v) The officer has demonstrated a failure to abide by Kingdom and Principality Law.

#### Specific Duties of the Officers of State

Here follow the descriptions of the Officers of State, in order of precedence. Lesser Officers (or Deputies) are listed as subsidiaries to the appropriate Greater Officer listing.

#### 6) The Principality Seneschal:

- a) The Principality Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Principality. The Principality Seneschal shall also serve as the principal legal representative of the Society within the Principality.
- b) The Principality Seneschal shall:
  - i) Assist the Coronet in matters of Principality Law, Kingdom Law and Corpora; administer the local branches through local seneschals; receive copies of all reports to the Crown and Coronet on the state of all other greater and lesser Offices of State, Baronies and Shires.
  - ii) Hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Curia and Moot at Principality Events.
  - iii) Be in regular communication with the Crown and Coronet.
  - iv) Be responsible for supervising and have ultimate responsibility for planning and carrying out Principality level events.
  - iv) Serve as a member of the Principality Financial Committee.
  - v) Be an alternate signatory on all appropriate Principality bank accounts.
  - vi) Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal:
    - A) The Principality Calendar
      - 1) Maintain the Principality Calendar of Events.
      - 2) Ensure that all events advertised in Kingdom and Principality newsletters are official events as outlined in Corpora.
      - 3) Compile and maintain the Calendar Policy, which shall contain a current list of branch reserved dates

#### 7) Bleu Grael Herald:

- a) The Bleu Grael Herald, is the chief Heraldic Officer of the Principality and the head of the Summits College of Heralds.
- b) The Bleu Grael Herald, shall:
  - i) Act as the Coronet's chief advisor in all heraldic matters.
  - ii) Act as the Voice of the Coronet in coordination with the Royal Herald.
  - iii) Facilitate the timely processing of registration of the arms, devices and badges of the populace.
  - iv) Make and maintain the Order of Precedence and update the Awards Roster for the Summits.
  - v) Advise the Coronet and populace on matters of ceremony and protocol.
  - vi) Encourage the practice of heraldry within the Principality.
  - vii) Be responsible for official announcements at Principality events

#### 8) The Earl Marshal:

- a) The Earl Marshal is the chief Martial Officer of the Principality.
- b) The Earl Marshal shall:
  - i) Represent the Coronet in the Coronet's absence, supervising the fighting on a field of honor.
  - ii) Interpret and maintain the martial standards and regulations of the Kingdom and Principality.
  - iii) Facilitate the education of the populace in combat with the aim of encouraging honourable and chivalric combat to the greatest extent possible.
- c) Deputies of the Earl Marshal:
  - i) The Armored Combat Marshal shall:
    - a) Encourage the development of period heavy weapons combat.
  - ii) Maintain, publish and enforce: Rules for Heavy Weapons Combat. Ensure equipment and safety standards for period heavy weapons combat.
  - ii) The Deputy Captain of the Bow:
    - a) Encourage the development of period archery.
    - b) Maintain, publish, and enforce: Rules for Archery and Period Missile Weapons. Ensure equipment and safety standards for archery and period missile weapons.
  - iii) The Deputy Captain of Fence
    - a) Encourage the development of period rapier combat.
    - b) Maintain, publish and enforce: Rules for Rapier Combat. Ensure equipment and safety standards for period rapier combat.
  - iv) The Warlord of The Summits shall be appointed by the Coronet of the Summits.

- a) The Coronet will receive guidance and council from the Captains of the Armies of the Summits, to assist in the selection of Their Warlord. The Warlord should be an individual who inspires and carries the confidence of the Captains of the Armies of the Summits and who these captains feel can effectively lead the Summits' army and all of their troops.
- b) The Warlord's responsibilities will be:
  - i) To carry the Banner of the Principality of the Summits in times of war and peace.
  - ii) To create and engage in teaching opportunities for the Armies of the Summits, including but not limited to war scenarios and battle scenes in and around the Principality of the Summits.
  - iii) To attend, assist and participate in the Kingdom of An Tir Events the "Art of War" and "An Tir/West War".
  - iv) To be in contact with the various War Captains and War Households within the Summits to encourage participation with and to strengthen the Armies of the Summits.
  - v) To remain in contact and communicate with the Principality Earl Marshal.
  - vi) To attend and assist the Crown with general meetings at War Councils, wars with other Kingdoms, that the Summits and/or the Coronet will be attending and assist with scenarios and treaties involving the participation of the Summits during times of war.
- c) The Warlord of the Summits is encouraged to attend, "Great Western War", "Estrella War", "Gulf Wars" and/or "Pennsic" as a representative of the Coronet of the Summits and/or the Defender of the Summits, should the Coronet and/or Defender not be available at these events.
- d) The Warlord of Summits will serve a 2 years term of office.
- e) The Warlord of Summits, at the discretion of the Coronet of the Summits, may serve a second and final two (2) year term, contingent upon a successful confidence polling of the War Captains of the Summits. The confidence polling is simply a tool and the Coronet of the Summits shall have the final decision in who will serve as the Warlord of the Summits.
- v) The Keep of the Lists shall:
  - a) Maintain a listing of all authorized fighters and marshals.
  - b) Organize and coordinate lists as directed by the Coronet.
  - c) Work in cooperation with the College of Heraldry and Earl Marshall to maintain fighter authorizations and martial fields.
- vi) The Deputy Captain of Horse:
  - a) Encourage the research into and development of period animal activities Including equestrian, canine and falconry.
  - b) Maintain, publish and enforce rules governing the use of animals at events.
  - c) Establish and maintain an authorization system for riders and equestrian marshals.
- vii) The Deputy Youth Armored Combat Marshall:
  - A) Pass a background check as administered by the Kingdom Seneschal's office;
  - B) Encourage the Youth Combat Arts throughout the Principality;
  - C) Establish and maintain an authorization system for youth combatants and marshals.

9) The Minister of Arts and Sciences:

- a) The Minister of Arts and Sciences is the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Kingdom.
- b) The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:
  - i) Encourage the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies and philosophies.
  - ii) Organize the Principality Arts and Sciences Competition with the assistance of the current Alpine Scholar.
  - iii) Serve on the Principality Regalia Commission.

10) The Chancellor of the Exchequer:

- a) The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Principality.
- b) The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall:
  - i) Maintain the Principality's financial records.
  - ii) Receive and verify the accuracy of reports from branch exchequers and other entities.
  - iii) Compile and submit a doomsday report to the Kingdom.
  - iv) Serve as a member of the Financial Committee.
  - v) Advise the Coronet on matters of finance.
  - vi) Oversee the procedures of branch exchequers.
  - vii) Provide counsel to anyone needing advice on financial matters relating to the Society.
  - viii) Relate and enforce Society, Kingdom and Principality Financial Policy.
- c) Deputies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer:
  - i) The Principality Chamberlain shall:
    - a) Maintain and inventory the Royal Regalia. A completed inventory form shall be signed by the Principality Chamberlain, the Coronet and the Coronets Heirs at each Coronation event.

- b) Maintain insurance on regalia items.
- c) Maintain a secured storage facility and/or principality trailer for regalia.
- d) Order and maintain a sufficient supply of medallions and other tokens given by the Coronet.
- e) Solicit bids for the repair or replacement of existing regalia items or the creation of new ones.

11) Principality Chronicler:

- a) The Principality Chronicler is the chief record keeper for the Principality, and is ultimately responsible for all official publications within the Principality.
- b) The Principality Chronicler shall:
  - i) Maintain and oversee official communication through electronic media, such as web pages and e-mail.
  - ii) Encourage the publication of the results of research by any subject of the Coronet.
  - iii) Keep the official minutes at Curia and Moot Meetings.
  - iv) Provide a copy of all minutes recorded at Curia, Moot and the Financial Committee, within 7 (seven) working days of all Principality Events, to the Coronet, Principality Seneschal and Principality Officers for corrections and approval before publishing.
  - v) Distribute approved minutes to the Coronet, Coronet Heirs (as applicable), Principality Seneschal and Principality Officers within 14 (fourteen) working days of all Principality Events.
  - vi) Provide a copy of all approved minutes, within 20 (twenty) working days of all Principality Events for publication and disbursement via The Echos and the official Principality Website.
- c) Deputies of the Principality Chronicler:
  - i) *The Echoes* Deputy Editor-In-Chief shall:
    - a) Accept submissions for, compile, collate, publish and distribute the Principality newsletter, *The Echos*, no less than quarterly, within an acceptable time frame, and in accordance with Corpora.
    - b) Publish official announcements of the Coronet.
    - c) Publish changes to Principality Law.
    - d) Manage all Principality newsletter stipends.
    - e) Maintain all official Principality documents both in print and online. Official Principality documents are defined as all documents originating from a Principality Officer in accordance with their office as specified.
    - f) Coordinate with Principality Officers concerning official Principality documents and revisions to said documents originating from their office.
    - g) Verify compliance to modern laws and Society Governing Documents for all official Principality documents.
    - h) Produce printed editions for all documents as needed and/or required by Kingdom and Principality Law.
    - i) Keep *the Laws of the Principality of the Summits* updated as directed by the Coronet.
    - j) Provide each Coronet Heir and Consort with a current copy of *the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir and the Laws of the Principality of the Summits* before Their Investiture.

12) The Principality Webminister: (A lesser office)

- a) The Principality Webminister supervises all web-publishing activities of the principality, and is the editor or supervises the editor of the Principality website. The webminister is responsible for maintaining a professional public face to the world.
- b) The Webminister shall:
  - i) Ensure all local branch websites meet the standards set forth by the Society Webminister.

13) The Principality Chirurgeon:

- a) The Principality Chirurgeon is the chief first-aid officer of the Principality.
- b) The Principality Chirurgeon shall:
  - i) Administer the chirurgeonate in providing voluntary first-aid at official Society events and activities including, but not limited to, tournament combat.
  - ii) Develop and maintain procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events.

14) The Principality Chatelaine:

- a) The Principality Chatelaine is the chief welcome officer of the Principality.
- b) The Principality Chatelaine shall:
  - i) Introduce new and prospective members to appropriate branches and current members.
  - ii) Provide education on the conventions of the Current Middle Ages, Kingdom and Principality.
  - iii) Encourage active participation and period behavior.
  - iv) Coordinate with Gold Key, a deputy to the Chatelaine, to make period clothing accessible to new members.
  - v) Represent the Society accurately and favorably.

15) The Family Activities Coordinator:

- a) The Family Activities Coordinator is the chief officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of 18.
- b) The Family Activities Coordinator shall:
  - i) Take office only after having successfully passed a background check as required by Society, Kingdom and Principality.
  - ii) Assist branches in developing activities specifically for children and teens.
  - iii) Serve as an information officer for safety issues affecting children and teens at events.
  - iv) Promote the ideals of service and chivalry among the youth of the Kingdom and Principality.
- b) Deputies of the Family Activities Coordinator:
  - i) The Preceptor of Pages shall:
    - a) Assume office only after having successfully passed a background check as required by Society, Kingdom and Principality.
    - a) Promote the welfare of all children at Society events.
    - b) Educate children, ages twelve to seventeen, on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and the history and customs of the Society, Kingdom and Principality.
    - c) Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children twelve to seventeen at Principality events.
    - d) Share information on children's activities with interested persons.
  - ii) The Principality Pied Piper shall:
    - a) Assume office only after having successfully passed a background check as required by Society, Kingdom and Principality.
    - b) Promote the welfare of all children at Society events.
    - c) Educate children under twelve on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and the history and customs of the Society, Kingdom and Principality.
    - d) Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children under twelve at Society events.
    - e) Share information on children's activities with interested persons.

16) The Gryphon Scribe

- a) The Gryphon Scribe shall:
  - i) Serve as the administrative head of the Scribes of the Summits.
  - ii) Maintain the Great Seal of State of the Principality of the Summits; surrendering the Great Seal to the Coronet in time of need and upon occasions of State.
  - iii) Maintain and administer the Backlog Scroll Roster for the Principality and coordinate with the scribes of the Summits to ensure the timely completion of the scrolls from the roster.
  - iv) Ensure, through coordination with Bleu Grael Herald, the accuracy and suitability of original scrolls containing registered heraldry.
  - v) Ensure, in cooperation with the Royal Scribe, that all charters and scrolls for the current reign are completed to the satisfaction of the Coronet.
  - vi) Maintain a supply of impressions of the Great Seal, furnishing these to the Coronet and/or Royal Scribe, as needed.

**Article V.B. Reports**

1) Principality Officer Reporting

- a) Principality officers shall submit a written Quarterly Report on the state of their office and the status of the branch officers within the Principality as per Kingdom Law, unless otherwise directed by their Kingdom superior.
- b) All Principality officers will report to the Coronet, Principality Seneschal, Kingdom superior, the Heirs (as applicable), and to any others required by Kingdom and Principality Law and Policy.
- c) The calendar year is divided into the following reporting quarters:  
**January, February and March (First Quarter) due May 15th**  
**April, May, and June (Second Quarter) due August 15th.**  
**July, August, September (Third Quarter) due November 15th.**  
**October, November, and December (Fourth Quarter) due February 15th.**
- d) Vacant Offices:
  - i) The Principality Seneschal shall assume the duties of vacant Principality Offices, with the exception of the Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, until a suitable officer can be installed.

- 2) Branch Officer Reporting
  - a). Branch officers shall submit a written Quarterly Report on the state of their office and relevant branch activity to their Principality Superior, as required Kingdom Law, unless otherwise directed by their Kingdom Superior.
  - b) The reporting quarters are:
    - January, February and March (First Quarter) due May 1st.**
    - April, May, and June (Second Quarter) due August 1st.**
    - July, August, September (Third Quarter) due November 1st.**
    - October, November, and December (Fourth Quarter) due February 1st.**
  - c) Branch Officers shall report pursuant to the direction of their Principality Superior, including the use of required reporting formats and/or forms.
  - d) A Branch Officer shall report with greater reporting frequency, at the direction of their Principality Superior, when a reporting structure has been put into place to ensure the smooth running of said office.
  - e) A Branch Office shall report directly to their Kingdom Officer, should there be no Principality Officer or designated Reporting Officer.
  - f) The branch Seneschal shall be responsible for submitting Quarterly Reports for all vacant Branch Offices to the relevant Principality superiors. The report shall include the Branch Seneschal's contact information, statement of vacancy, any potential officer candidates and any activities related to the office.
  - g) The Branch Officer shall submit a Quarterly Report to their Principality Superior Officer and shall supply a copy to the Branch Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness or Royal Patron of the branch, as applicable.
  - h) The Branch Officer shall submit a Monthly Report to their Branch Seneschal at the Branch Monthly Business Meeting and shall supply a copy to their Principality Superior Officer as requested or required, including the use of require reporting formats and/or forms..
- 3) Failure to report - Consequences
  - a). Failure of a Branch Officer to report to their Principality Superior on two consecutive reporting periods, or twice in a twelve-month span of time, can result in the suspension of that officer.
  - b) Suspension of a Branch Officer will be in-force until reinstatement by the Coronet, Principality Seneschal and their Principality Superior Officer
  - c) The suspension of a Branch Officer, especially of the critical offices of Seneschal and/or Exchequer, can result in that branch passing into abeyance.
  - d) Should a Branch Officer remain in suspension for a full reporting period, that office shall, at the end of that reporting period, be considered vacant.
  - e) Branches in abeyance may, at the discretion of the Coronet and Principality Seneschal, be passed over as a hosting branch of Principality level events.
  - f) Branches in abeyance or with poor reporting records for any office risk demotion back to Incipient Status at the discretion and advice of the Coronet, Principality Seneschal, Kingdom Seneschal, and New Branches Deputy (if applicable).

## **ARTICLE VI AWARDS**

### **Article VI.A. Awards within the Principality of the Summits**

- 1) The power to bestow all awards flows from the Crown.
  - a) Any subject may make recommendations to the Crown and Coronet regarding any level of award.
  - b) It is the duty of those with administrative responsibilities to bring forward the names of individuals deserving of recognition.
  - c) No branch or other entity below Baronial level may bestow awards.
    - i. Shires and other branch entities below Baronial level may give scrolls of praise and recognition and other tokens.
- 2) The Principality Coronets, with the permission of the Crown, may bestow Award of Arms to subjects of the Principality of the Summits per Kingdom Law IV.C.
  - a) The names of the Crown shall be incorporated into the text of the scroll or charter.
  - b) The Coronet shall request permission to bestow Awards of Arms at the commencement of each reign.
- 3) The Crown of An Tir grants the Principality Coronets the privilege of offering a Patent of Arms by recognizing the attainment of Viscounty rank by those who have met the requirements as outlined in Corpora.

## **Article VI.B. Creation of Awards**

- 1) The Coronet shall create such awards as are needed for the recognition of the subjects of the Principality of the Summits. Per Corpora VIII.B.4, such awards must be ratified by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. The precedence of these awards shall be determined by the Crown of An Tir.

## **Article VI.C. Summits Awards – Non Armigerous Awards and Honours:**

Non-Armigerous Awards do not confer the right to bear arms. Non-Armigerous Awards have no bearing on an individual's standing in the Order of Precedence.

- 1) Ordo Aerie (formerly The Order of the Aerie):  
This is a closed order consisting of all those who held the position of Defender (High Chief) or Lady of the Summits prior to the Crown Principality of the Summits being granted full status as the Principality of the Summits. Members may wear a black garter with a grail tippet.
- 2) Order of the Gryphon and Spear (formerly The Order of the Gryphon's Sword, formerly The Order of the Silver Gryphon):  
Members of the order are those combatants who have placed second in the Coronet Lists. Members may wear an argent sword bent into a ring.
- 3) Order of the Truehearted (formerly Morgan's Rose):  
Members of the order are the consorts of combatants who have placed second in the Coronet Lists. Members may wear an argent rose wrapped around an argent spear.
- 4) Order of the Shield of the Summits (formerly The Shield of Chivalry):  
Bestowed by the current Princess to that combatant whom she judges to have been most chivalrous during the Coronet Lists. The recipient shall bear the Shield of the Summits and display the favor of the Shield of the Summits. The consort of the recipient shall bear the Baldric of the Shield of the Summits and carry the Most Honourable List of the names of those combatants and consorts who were previously bestowed this great honour. A new member of the Order is selected at each Coronet List and the regalia is passed-on.
- 5) The Order of the Summits:  
This award is bestowed to honour those who make extraordinary contributions to the principality and emulate the ideals and embody the essence of the Principality of the Summits, the Kingdom of An Tir and the Laurel Kingdoms. This is a polling order and is given with the recommendation of the current Companions of the Order. The honour shall be bestowed no more than once per Coronet reign and need not be given every reign. The Coronet shall only present this award at Principality Level Events at which the recipient is present.
- 6) Order of the Silver Berberie (formerly The Evergreen):  
This award is presented as a sign of appreciation and honor by the Coronet Consort to select gentles who have contributed greatly to the personal care and well-being of Her Highness. Recipients are entitled to wear the Symbol of the Order, an Argent spray of Barberry.
- 7) Order of the Gryphon's Paw:  
This award is given as a sign of appreciation and honor by the Coronet Sovereign to select gentles who have contributed greatly to the personal care and well-being of His Highness. This token is designed by each Coronet Sovereign.
- 8) Order of the Grail of the Summits:  
This award is bestowed by the Coronet for notable contributions to the Arts and Sciences, Service, or Martial endeavors. Recipients are entitled to wear the symbol of the Order, an argent grail within an annulet on a colored field (Vert for Arts and Science, Gules for service, Sable for Martial). Due to the varied nature of the award, a recipient may receive more than one of the same or different types of grails.
- 9) Friend of the Summits (formerly Gryphon's Favor):  
Given to those who reside outside the borders of the Principality of the Summits and who make great and note-worthy contributions in support of the Principality. Recipients are entitled to wear the Symbol of the Award, an Argent grail on an Azure field.
- 10) The Throne Favor of the Summits  
This award is bestowed upon to those good gentles who reside within and without the borders of the Principality of the Summits and who make grande and notable contributions to the Principality of the Summits and/or the Coronet of the Summits. The token for this award is determined by each Coronet.

- 11) Die Gesellschaft von den Gldenen Sternen ("The Order of the Golde Stars", formerly Aurum Astra):  
Bestowed upon children (generally 5-11 years of age) who are deserving of reward for their contributions to the Principality of the Summits.
- 12) Order of Aurora (formerly The Order of the Far Traveler, formerly The Order of the Far Voyager):  
Given to recognize those subjects of the Principality of the Summits who travel far and wide throughout the lands of the Known World and represent the Summits with honour and diplomacy.
- 13) Order of the Bezant:  
This award acknowledges those merchants who make outstanding and on-going contributions for the enrichment of the Principality of the Summits and/or the Coronet of the Summits. The token for this award is (Fieldless)  
A chalice Azure, five bezants in annulo.
- 14) Order of the Wings (of the Summits):  
Accolade bestowed upon an individual who, despite overwhelming odds, pursues and displays thoughts, words and deeds that are inspirational to the Coronet and Populace of the Principality of the Summits. This is a polling order and Companions in this Order will offer a candidate for consideration to the Coronet, before an invitation is offered to a new companion. The honour shall be bestowed no more than once per Coronet reign and need not be given every reign. The Coronet shall only present this award at Principality Level Events at which the recipient is present. The scroll and token for this Order is made by fellow Companions. The token consist of an Argent Gryphon's Wing.
- 15) Order of the Gryphon's Talon:  
This award is bestowed upon combatants to recognize their extreme fighting prowess and undeterred ferocity on the field of battle.
- 16) Order of the Joy of the Summits:  
Bestowed upon those who, through self-less acts of kindness and service bring joy and happiness to the presence of the Coronet.
- 17) Order of the Heart of the Summits:  
Offered by the Coronet to those who display outstanding efforts in support of the Coronet during their reign. Recipients may wear a circlet as created for them by each Coronet.
- 18) Order of the Vanguard (of the Gryphon):  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Defender of the Summits, either by holding the position until the next Defender's Tournament or by ascending to the throne during their tenure as defender.
- 19) Ordre et de Jewel OR Light of the Summits:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Alpine Scholar (A & S Champion).
- 20) Ordre et de Schermidore Argent:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Captain of Cats (Champion of Rapier Combat).
- 21) Ordre et de Arrow Argent:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Captain of the Bow (Archery Champion).
- 22) Ordre et de Chamferon Argent:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Outrider of the Summits (Equestrian Champion).
- 23) Ordre et de Song of the Mountain:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Bardic Champion.
- 24) Ordre et de Gauntlet Argent:  
Is bestowed by the Coronet upon an individual's successful completion of a term as Warlord of the Summits.

## ARTICLE VII. COUNCILS AND COURTS

### Article VII.A. Designation of Councils and Courts

- 1) The Coronet shall determine and create such subordinate administrative bodies as they deem necessary. As appropriate, these matters shall be with the concurrence of the Crown of An Tir.

### Article VII.B. The Exchequer's Council – Financial Committee

- 1) The Exchequer's Council is the Financial Committee of the Summits and shall consist of the Coronet, the Coronet Heirs (when applicable), the Principality Seneschal and the Principality Exchequer.
- 2) All requests and proposals for the use of Principality moneys for any and all expenses must be submitted in writing to the Financial Committee. The consent of a majority of the Financial Committee is needed to disburse monies; with the exception of regular approved expenses (Article III. I. q.) and/or pre-approved officer budgets.
- 3) The Exchequer's Council shall create and maintain a Summits Financial Policy, approved by the Kingdom Exchequer and published annually in The Echoes, with changes announced via The Echoes and official Principality Websites.
- 4) The Summits Financial Policy shall have the force of Principality Law once approved and published in The Crier and The Echos. Any permanent special purpose funds overseen by the Principality must be included in the Financial Policy; balances published quarterly in the Echoes and be reported to every Moot. Current permanent funds: Travel Fund, Gryphon Fund.
- 5) The Exchequer's Council will meet (at a minimum) each Coronet and Investiture. Other meetings may be called as needed and online discussions between members of the Council constitutes a meeting if necessary, providing all council members are included in response to the discussion.
- 6) The Exchequer's Council and all branches within the Principality shall adhere to all policies as stated within the current Summits Financial Policy.

### Article VII.C Curia

- 1) Curia shall be the business meeting for the principality. Anyone may attend curia.
- 2) Greater Officers and Event Stewards of Principality Events must attend curia.
- 3) All Champions of the Summits must attend Curia.
- 4) Event Stewards, or a representative, must give a status report for all Principality Events occurring in the 6 months following the Quarterly Curia Meeting. Written reports from Event Stewards shall be given to the Principality Seneschal prior to Curia.
- 5) Greater Officers will submit a written report (current Quarterly Report) with necessary updates, to the Principality Seneschal and Chronicler, 72 hours prior to a Principality Event, covering the status of their office.
- 6) Curia and Moot may be held as a combined meeting as deemed appropriate by the Principality Seneschal and the Coronet.

### Article VII. D. Moot

- 1) The Moot shall be the forum for the populace of Summits to express their concerns, the Principality Officers to discuss current projects and goals for their offices and Branch Seneschals to give reports on local activity and events. Anyone may attend Moot. Summits Officers and Branch Seneschals, or a representative, must attend Moot. Event Stewards, or a representative, are encouraged to provide updates and announcements for all Principality Events occurring in the next six months.
- 2) Greater Officers and Event Stewards of Principality Events must attend Curia.
- 3) All Champions of the Summits must attend Curia.
- 4) Principality Champions shall also announce the rules and guidelines for those Championships which choose their successors. There shall be a Moot at each Principality Level Event (both Coronets and Investitures).
- 5) Curia and Moot may be held as a combined meeting as deemed appropriate by the Principality Seneschal and the Coronet.

Signed this 10th day of December A.S. XLVI, being 2011 CE

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King of An Tir

Dagmaer in Hvassa  
Queen of AnTir

Brian Caius Brittanicus  
Prince of the Summits

Acacia Gryffyn  
Princess of the Summits

VASA d'Este  
Seneschal of the Summits

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Seneschal of An Tir