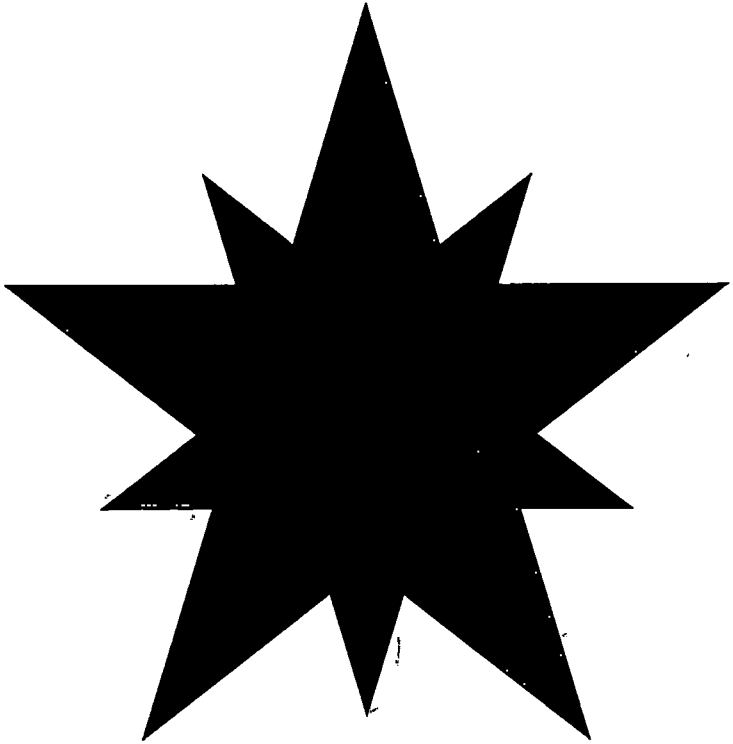


# The Kingdom Laws of Ansteorra



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# Article I : Rights & Duties of the Crown

## Section 1 : Laws & Proclamations

- A. The rights, duties, and powers of the Crown of Ansteorra rest equally and jointly with the Sovereign and the Consort.
- B. The Word of the Crown, written or spoken, is law, subject to the Corpora and Bylaws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
- C. There shall be two classes of law. These shall be edict and statute.
- D. Edict shall be defined as any lawful command of the Crown, and shall have the force of statute for the period of time proclaimed, but not to exceed the duration of the reign in which it is proclaimed. Edicts of more than 30 days duration, or which conflict with existing statutes must be published in the first available Kingdom newsletter and signed by the Sovereign and the consort. The published Edict must specify any portion of statutory law that it affects.
- E. Statutory law shall be the continuing body of law in the Kingdom. To change statutory law, a new law must be published in the Kingdom newsletter or must be mailed as a separate mailing to all persons receiving the newsletter, and signed by the Sovereign, the Consort, and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- F. The law of the Kingdom shall be applied equally to all subjects of the realm. In the event that a subject of the realm shall adopt an alternate persona, said persona shall be subject to all the laws and proclamations pertaining to his or her original persona.

## Section 2 : Other Powers

- A. All armigerous and non-armigerous titles, ennoblement's, grants, awards, etc., recognized by the College of Arms are derived solely from the Crown, and may be awarded only with the prior consent of the Crown.
- B. The Crown reserves unto itself the right to grant official status to Incipient Branches and to formally bestow recognition of advancement and/or change in the official status of Colleges, Cantons, Shires and Baronies.
- C. The Crown reserves unto itself the right to banish, for just and stated cause, by edict, any person for a period of time up to the duration of their reign.
- D. The Crown shall be a single member of the Kingdom Financial Committee.

**E. Rights of the Prince and Princess of Ansteorra**

1. The Prince and Princess shall have the right to be Ambassador's of Good will to the Known World on behalf of Ansteorra.
2. The Prince and Princess of Ansteorra shall have the right to give advice and largess to the populace at large.
3. The Prince and Princess of Ansteorra shall be able to negotiate treaties with other Kingdoms that will take effect after their Coronation, but during their reign as King and Queen.

# **Article II : Rights & Duties of the Officers**

## **Section 1 : Offices of the Kingdom**

- A. All officers of the Kingdom are required to be members of the SCA, Inc., with immediate access to the official Kingdom newsletter and to maintain such membership while in office.
- B. The Great Officers of State Shall be:
  - 1. Seneschal
  - 2. Star Principal Herald
  - 3. Earl Marshal
  - 4. Minister of Arts & Sciences
  - 5. Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - 6. Chronicler
  - 7. Chirurgeon
  - 8. Hospitaler
- C. The Lesser Officers of State shall be:
  - 1. Lord/Lady Chancellor
  - 2. Minister of Children
  - 3. Rapier Marshal
  - 4. All warranted deputy Kingdom officers, including Regional Officers
  - 5. All officers of Royal Household
- D. The Crown reserves the right to create any new Great or Lesser Offices of State for their Reign.

## **Section 2 : Appointment and Removal of Officers**

- A. Great Officers within the Kingdom are appointed by the Crown and the officer's Corporate superior (where such exists).
- B. Lesser officers of State are appointed by the Crown and the Kingdom-level superior (where such exists).
- C. Local officers are appointed by the Crown and the appropriate great Officer or Lesser Officer.
- D. Appointment to an office becomes effective upon receipt of an individual warrant or roster warrant signed and dated by the Crown and the appropriate superior officer (where such exist).
- E. Warrants of appointment within the realm shall be of limited duration not to exceed two (2) years in length. Upon the date of expiration, the warrant shall become null and void.

- F. No warrant shall be renewed beyond 2 years except for extenuating circumstances to be determined by the Crown. No warrant shall be extended for a period of more than 1 year at a time.
- G. Resignation of office in writing constitutes termination of warrant, and is effective, unless otherwise specified, upon receipt on the date mailed or delivered in person.
- H. Great Officers of State may be removed from office for just and stated written cause by the joint action of the Crown and the officer's Corporate Superior, where such exists. The duly warranted Kingdom deputy (as defined in Kingdom Law Article II, Section 3.h.) will automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the office until a new officer can be warranted.
- I. Lesser Officers of State and local officers may be removed from office for just and stated written cause by the crown and/or the appropriate Kingdom-level or Regional level superior officer (where such exist).
  - 1. Removal of any officer except a seneschal requires prior notification of the Kingdom Seneschal. Removal of a seneschal requires prior notification of the crown.
  - 2. Removal of any officer from a barony requires prior notification of the Territorial Baron/ess
- J. Any warranted officer in the Kingdom that is removed from office shall be notified in writing by the appropriate superior officer. All files and office materials shall be turned over to that officer's replacement within 30 days.
- K. Official warrants of the Kingdom of Ansteorra for local, regional and deputy officers shall be in the form of a roster to be signed by the Crown and the greater/lesser officer of state at each Crown or Coronation, This does not preclude the issuance of individual warrants when it is deemed necessary.

### **Section 3 : General Duties of Office**

- A. All officers within the Kingdom shall carry out, enforce and conform to the Corpora and Bylaws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., the written directives of the Board of Directors and Corporate officers, and the Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- B. The Great Officers shall have the right and duty to counsel the Crown on matters regarding their respective offices for the welfare of the populace and Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- C. Kingdom Officers shall, at the pleasure of the Crown, appoint such deputies as they feel are necessary to ensure the proper functioning of their respective offices.

- D. Kingdom Officers shall, at the pleasure of the Crown, appoint local officers for each local branch of the Kingdom as required to maintain the status of each branch and ensure its proper functioning.
- E. All officers within the Kingdom are required to train deputies in the rights and duties of their respective offices.
- F. The Great Officers of State shall present to the Crown, the Crown Prince and Princess, and the Kingdom Seneschal a complete written report of the state of their respective office at each Ansteorran Coronation and an interim written report of the state of their respective office at each Ansteorran Crown Tournament. Omission of this report will be considered malfeasance and, at the pleasure of the Crown, grounds for suspension or removal from office.
- G. The Great Officers of State shall submit regular reports to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal. They shall provide copies of their regular Corporate reports to the Kingdom Seneschal. The Crown may require additional reports from the Great officers at any time. Non-compliance will be grounds for suspension from office. Schedules of reports will be specified by the Crown Prince and Princess prior to their Coronation.
- H. Each Kingdom Officer shall have a warranted deputy who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the office in the event that the Officer shall be unexpected unable to perform the duties of the office. Said deputy shall be warranted by the Crown and the Corporate Superior shall be notified of the appointment where appropriate.
- I. The Great Officers of State may call meetings; request such reports and oversee the activities of their subordinates in such a manner, as they deem necessary for the proper functioning of their respective offices.
- J. The Great Officers of State shall meet, at Coronation, at the Crown's Roundtable event and at such other events as the Crown and/or Great Officers of State feel is needed for the good of the Kingdom.
- K. The Kingdom Financial Committee shall meet at Coronation and at such other time as the Crown and/or the other committee members deem necessary.
- L. All officers are required to establish and maintain such files as are necessary for the proper functioning of their office. All files will be turned over to their successors within 30 days. All official files of all officers in the Kingdom shall be open to inspection. No officer may dispose of anything in their files without the permission of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal.



- M. All persons mentioned in a written complaint received by a Great Officer of State shall be notified in writing within 30 days to allow a rebuttal of any charges.
- N. The Greater and Lesser Officers of State shall perform such other duties, as the Crown may deem appropriate.
- O. All local and regional officers have the same rights and duties as their Kingdom Superiors, but as they relate to region or local branch.
- P. The titles of the regional officers will be:
1. Seneschal
  2. Herald (at a rank bestowed by the College of Heralds)
  3. Knight Marshal
  4. Rapier Marshal
  5. Archery Marshal
  6. Minister of Arts and Sciences
  7. Treasurer
  8. Chronicler
  9. Chirurgeon
  10. Minister of Children
  11. Scribe
  12. Hospitaler
  13. Historian
- Q. The titles of the local officers will be:
1. Seneschal
  2. Herald (at a rank to be bestowed by the College of Heralds)
  3. Knight Marshal
  4. Minister of Arts and Sciences
  5. Treasurer
  6. Chronicler
  7. Chirurgeon
  8. Minister of Children
  9. Rapier Marshal
  10. Archery Marshal
  11. Hospitaler
  12. Historian
- R. Kingdom Officers are authorized to issue and revise handbooks or policy manuals, detailing procedures and policies for their areas of responsibility. In the event that a Kingdom officer's handbook so speci-

fies, and the Kingdom Officer, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Crown countersign it, the provisions of that handbook are hereby incorporated as a part of Kingdom Law. The following handbooks have been signed into law.

1. Seneschals Handbook – issued by Master Richard Fairbourne
2. Fighter Handbook – issued by Sir Kief av Kierstad

S. All officers are required to have a telephone.

## **Section 4 : The Kingdom Seneschal**

- A. The Kingdom Seneschal, as representative of the Corporation, shall exercise full legal authority in all matters pertaining to the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., as it relates to the legally constituted authorities of local, county, state, and federal governments.
- B. The Kingdom Seneschal shall be the Chief Officer of State for the Kingdom. The Kingdom Seneschal shall request such reports and oversee such activities as are necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the Kingdom.
- C. The Kingdom Seneschal shall review changes to Kingdom Law to ensure that such changes do not conflict with Corpora, the Bylaws, or local, county, state or federal law. After this review, the Seneschal shall indicate by his/her signature that the change or modification does not conflict with Corpora, the Bylaws, or local, county, state or federal law.
- D. The Kingdom Seneschal or his assigned deputy shall oversee all official events within the Kingdom and he/she shall keep a Calendar of Events, which shall be submitted monthly, to the Kingdom Chronicler for publication in the Kingdom newsletter.
- E. The Kingdom Seneschal shall have the power to withdraw SCA sanction from any event within the Kingdom, when the activities of said event are in conflict with the Corpora and Bylaws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., the written directives of the Board of directors, or the laws of the city, county, state, and/or federal governments.
- F. The Kingdom Seneschal shall receive and make recommendations on all requests for advancement and/or other change in status of all branches within the Kingdom, ensuring that all requirements established by the Corpora, Corporate Office policies, and Kingdom Law are met.
- G. The Kingdom Seneschal shall supervise the Lord/Lady High Chancellor, a deputy Kingdom Seneschal, whose duty it is to counsel the Crown and Seneschal on matters of Society and Mundane law.

- H. The Kingdom Seneschal shall supervise the Minister of Children, a deputy Kingdom Seneschal, whose duty shall be to establish and oversee the Ansteorran Ministry of Children.
- I. The Kingdom Seneschal shall supervise the Interkingdom Advisory Council member, a deputy Kingdom Seneschal, whose duty is to represent Ansteorra on the SCA Interkingdom Advisory Council.
- J. The Kingdom Seneschal shall be a member of the Kingdom Financial Committee.

## **Section 5 : The Principal Herald**

- A. The Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall be called Lord/Lady Star Principal Herald, and is, when directed by the Crown, the voice of the Crown.
- B. The Star Principal Herald shall have the responsibility and authority to oversee all matters heraldic within the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- C. The Star Principal Herald, or such deputy as he/she may designate, shall have the right and duty to keep a record of all awards given by permission of the Crown at official events.
  - 1. Awards given shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter on a monthly basis.
  - 2. Within two weeks of Coronation the Star Principal Herald or his/her deputy shall provide an alphabetical listing of the Order of Precedence to the Crown of Ansteorra and to the Principal Heralds of the other Kingdoms of the Known World.
  - 3. The Order of Precedence of Ansteorra shall be published at least every other year in such format as the Star Principal Herald and Crown deems suitable.
- D. The Star Principal Herald is the head of the College of Heralds of Ansteorra and is responsible for supervising the Kingdom activities for the College of Arms, the submission of names, devices, arms, and badges, and the court and field heraldry at events.
- E. The Star Principal Herald shall be responsible for the establishment of guidelines for and approval of all insignia of rank applying to all armigerous and non-armigerous titles, ennoblement's, grants, awards, etc., within the Kingdom.
- F. The Star Principal Herald shall supervise the Star Signet, a deputy Kingdom Herald, whose duty shall be to establish and oversee the operation of the Ansteorran College of Scribes and Illumnors.
- G. The Kingdom treasurer, or their designated deputy, shall establish and maintain such bank accounts or equivalentents as may be necessary

to provide an orderly and secure means of transfer of funds for the College of Heraldry of Ansteorra. The financial transactions of the Star Principal Herald shall be reported to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer as directed by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, and shall be handled in such form as are specified in the Kingdom's Chancellor of the Exchequer's Handbook.

## **Section 6 : The Earl Marshal**

- A. The Earl Marshal shall have primary responsibility after the Sovereign for combat upon the field, for ensuring the safety of all Combat and combat related Activities within the Kingdom, and for the correct training and authorization of all Combatants and Combat Related Participants within the Kingdom.
- B. The Earl Marshal, and such deputies as he/she shall designate, shall act as the Crown's representative when on the field to assure adherence to the Rules of the Lists.
- C. The Earl Marshal shall be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of a Kingdom Marshallette Handbook including the Conventions of Combat, Weapons, Armor Standards, and the Rules of the Lists. The Kingdom Marshallette Handbook will become a part of Kingdom Law upon the signature of the Crown, Kingdom Seneschal, and the Earl Marshal.
- D. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Rapier Marshal, a deputy Kingdom Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of all Rapier Combat within the Kingdom.
- E. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Archery Marshal, a deputy Kingdom Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of Archery within the Kingdom.
- F. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Equestrian Marshal, a deputy Kingdom Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of equestrian activities within the Kingdom.
- G. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Youth Combat Marshal, a deputy Kingdom Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of youth combat activities within the kingdom.
- H. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Siege Engine Marshal, a deputy Kingdom Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of siege engine activities within the Kingdom.
- I. No person shall in Ansteorra represent himself as a warranted member of the Marshallette without authorization from the Earl Marshal.
- J. The Earl Marshal, or their designated deputy, shall be responsible for

the maintenance of a list of Authorized Fighters and the preparation and distribution of cards which shall identify the bearer as an Authorized Fighter. These cards shall be consistent with the requirements of the Society Marshal.

## **Section 7 : The Minster of Arts and Sciences**

- A. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall have authority over and coordinate the Arts and sciences activities throughout the Kingdom. This includes:
  - 1. Coordinating the scheduling, organization, and running of the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition.
  - 2. Coordinating the scheduling, organization, and running of the King's College.
  - 3. Coordinating any other Arts and Sciences events for the Kingdom as required by the Crown, including Kingdom participation in Inter-Kingdom activities.
  - 4. Oversight of the activities of any other arts and sciences colleges or guilds that are created within the Kingdom at the discretion of the Crown.
- B. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall be responsible to the Crown for the education of the Crown's subject in the arts and sciences and furthering historical interaction and research.

## **Section 8 : The Chronicler**

- A. The Chronicler shall be responsible for the financing, publication, and distribution/mailing of all the official publications of the Kingdom including:
  - 1. The monthly Kingdom newsletter (The Black Star), containing the Regnum, the Calendar of Events as provided by the Kingdom Seneschal's office, local branch listings, and other information as required.
  - 2. The Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, prepared by the office of the Kingdom Seneschal.
  - 3. A Kingdom Order of Precedence, prepared by the Office of the Star Principal Herald.
  - 4. A Kingdom Marshallette Handbook, prepared by the office of the Earl Marshal.
  - 5. Any other official publications as directed by the Crown.
- B. The Chronicler shall communicate as necessary with the Seneschal and other Kingdom officers to verify, augment and publish dates, events and activities as pertain to the offices involved.
- C. The Chronicler is responsible for accounting for the Corporate Stipend

and other official publication income, and reporting all such income and expenditures to the Corporate Treasurer, the Crown, the Seneschal, and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer in a timely fashion.

- D. The Chronicler shall ensure that all local branch chroniclers publishing a local branch newsletter conform to the corporate publications policy of the SCA, Inc.. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that all publications contain a copyright statement and a disclaimer. The Chronicler will also ensure that the newsletters do not print any copy written material without a written release statement from the author/artist.
- E. The Chronicler shall supervise the Historian, a deputy Kingdom Chronicler, whose duty shall be to collect and maintain documents and records important to the history of the Kingdom.
- F. The Kingdom Historian shall supervise the Kingdom Chamberlain, a deputy Kingdom Chronicler, whose duty shall be to collect and maintain the regalia of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- G. The Chronicler shall supervise the Virtual Scribe, a deputy Kingdom Chronicler, whose duty it is to maintain and monitor the Ansteorran Web Page.

## **Section 9 : Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer**

- A. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall be responsible for the collection, disbursement, and safeguarding of the moneys of the Kingdom.
- B. Kingdom funds may be used to provide advance funding (loans) for some kingdom events, and other uses as directed by the Kingdom Financial Committee.
- C. For events where Kingdom Funds were advanced or reimbursement is being requested, the local group(s) and the Kingdom will be considered as co-sponsors of the event, the amount of the advanced or requested for reimbursement and 60 percent of the profits from the event shall be returned to the Kingdom account. A complete financial report including copies of all income received must be submitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kingdom Seneschal, and Crown within one (1) Calendar month after the event.
- D. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall be responsible for distributing the annual financial report forms and information to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's of the local branches, preparing the yearly financial report for the Kingdom and submitting it to the Corporate Treasurer in a timely fashion.

- E. An annual financial statement summary shall be submitted to the membership within the pages of the Kingdom Newsletter. The complete financial statement shall be available from the Kingdom Stock Clerk.
- F. All local Chancellor's of the Exchequer must submit regular reports to the local seneschal, the Baron and Baroness (where appropriate) and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer or designated deputy as directed by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. All local Chancellor's of the Exchequer must submit an End of Year financial report to the Kingdom as per a format and schedule set by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. Failure to do this may result in a group being put on Financial Suspension and/or a recommendation to the Kingdom Seneschal to dissolve the group.
- G. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall supervise the Kingdom Stock Clerk, a deputy Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose duty shall be to collect and maintain copies of Kingdom and SCA, INC. documents for sale.
- H. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall be a member of the Kingdom Financial Committee.
- I. Each group in Ansteorra shall establish a Financial Committee that will oversee the spending of the group's funds. The Financial Committee will operate according to the rules set down in Kingdom Law and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer's Handbook.
- J. Procedures for handling of all other financial matters for the Kingdom shall be as specified in Kingdom Operational Policies and the Kingdom of Ansteorra's Chancellor of the Exchequer's handbook, which shall be countersigned by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kingdom Seneschal, and the Crown, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated as a part of Kingdom law.
- K. The Chancellor for the Exchequer shall supervise the Kingdom Chamberlain, a deputy Kingdom treasurer, whose duty shall be to collect and maintain the regalia of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.

## **Section 10 : Chirurgion**

- A. The Chirurgion coordinates first aid for the Kingdom, including, but not limited to: Tournament combat and procedures for notifying attendees of health safety concerns at Society event.
- B. No person shall attend to the injuries of any person at any function of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., without that person's express consent. In the event that the injured person is unable to give consent, then such permission may be given by the person's guardian or spouse if present.

- C. No person shall represent themselves as a Chirurgeon without authorization from the Kingdom Chirurgeon.
- D. The Kingdom Chirurgeon shall supervise the Kingdom Waterbearer Coordinator, a deputy Kingdom Chirurgeon, whose duty shall be to establish and oversee the operation of the Waterbearer's Guild of Ansteorra.
- E. The Waterbearer's Guild of Ansteorra shall operate under the rules and procedures as defined under the Waterbearer's Guidelines of Ansteorra. These guidelines shall be the responsibility of the Kingdom Waterbearer Coordinator, and shall be approved by the Kingdom Chirurgeon and the Crown.
- F. Chirurgeons must have a minimum of current basic first aid and CPR certifications before they can be warranted.

### **Section 11 : The Hospitaler**

- A. The Kingdom Hospitaler shall coordinate the welcoming and preliminary education of new members and other interested persons and assist in the development and growth of new groups.
- B. The Kingdom Hospitaler shall be responsible, with the approval of the Kingdom Seneschal, for the advertising and public relations of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., within the Kingdom.
- C. The Kingdom Hospitaler shall report to the Crown, and shall have the right to designate deputies as needed to fulfill the obligations of the office.

### **Section 12 : Regional Officers**

- A. Each region of the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall have a state of officers that duplicates the Kingdom Officers.
- B. Each Regional officer shall be a deputy Kingdom officer with responsibilities for their assigned region.
- C. Each Regional officer shall perform duties as specified by the Kingdom superior.



# **Article III : Rights and Duties of the Nobility and Peers**

- A. The counselors of the Crown are: the Territorial Baron/Baroness, the Great Officers of state, the Peers, and the Nobility of Ansteorra. The Crown should consult with the appropriate councils regarding issues and matters of State.

## **Section 1 : Nobility**

- B. The Nobility, by reason of their rank and experience, shall have the right and duty to counsel the Crown and Kingdom Officers.
- C. Any Duke or Duchess entered in the Crown Lists shall have the right to withdraw from the Crown lists at any time.

## **Section 2 : Peers**

- A. The Peerage of Ansteorra shall consist of the Orders of the Chivalry, the Laurel, and the Pelican. The kingdom of Ansteorra shall recognize foreign Patents of Arms as equal to its own.
- B. Any Peer of the Realm shall have the right and duty to petition the Crown on their own behalf and at the request of the people.
- C. The members of any or all Orders of Peerage may be called into counsel at the pleasure of the Crown.

## **Section 3 : Territorial Barons and Baronesses**

- A. A territorial Baron or Baroness (hereinafter called Baron/ess) shall be defined as a person who is recognized by the Crown of Ansteorra as holding a Barony in fief for the Crown of Ansteorra.
- B. It shall be the duty of a Baron/ess to swear fealty and allegiance to the Crown of Ansteorra.
- C. The responsibilities of the Baron/ess shall be:
  - 1. To reflect the Royal Presence in the Barony when the Crown cannot be in attendance.
  - 2. To ensure, for the Crown, the well being and contentment of the Barony and of their subjects therein, to provide a Baronial court for the training of officers valuable to the Crown, and to encourage historical interaction, research, and creativity within the Barony.
  - 3. To counsel the Crown, and to petition the Crown on matters pertaining to the Barony, and on behalf of the members of the population there of.
  - 4. To counsel the Kingdom and Regional officers in matters concerning

their Barony.

5. To attend the needs, public and private, and comforts of the Crown of Ansteorra, and to extend the hospitality of the Barony to all visiting Royalty and Nobility.
  6. To assist the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal in arranging sites and autocrats for Crown Tournaments and Coronations.
  7. As the Crown's representative, he/she may hold Court as required within the Barony.
- D. Failure to perform the above duties to the satisfaction of the Crown shall be grounds for removal or suspension.
- E. The Crown may remove a territorial Baron/ess for stated written cause. This action will require the solicitation of written opinions of the populace.
- F. The Crown may appoint a Vicar and/or Vicaress to oversee a Barony as the need arises. The fights, responsibilities and prerogatives of the Vicar and/or Vicaress shall be as specified by the Crown. In the absence of a specific declaration by the Crown, a Vicar and/or Vicaress shall be considered to have the powers and duties granted in Section 3(b) and (c), but shall not have the power to create or grant any award without the Crown's express written permission.
- G. A Territorial Baron/ess may bear the Baronial Arms in canton upon their own.
- H. The Baron/ess at the time of the creation of a barony is the Founding Baron/ess. The founding Baron/ess shall have the perpetual right to bear the Baronial Arms in canton upon their own arms and maintain the perpetual title "Baron/ess (fief)".
- I. In recognition of their service to the Realm, a retiring Baron/ess may at the pleasure of the Crown, be granted the title of Court Baron/ess with precedence dating from the date of their investiture as Territorial Baron/ess. Additionally they may bear an Ansteorran Star on their baronial Coronet.
- J. Appointment to the position of Territorial Baron/ess shall carry with it a Grant of Arms at the pleasure of the Crown.
- K. Territorial Baron/ess must maintain a good understanding of the function and rules of the Offices of Seneschal and Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- L. Territorial Baron/ess are required to have a telephone, in cases of separate Baron and Baroness both must have a telephone.
- M. Territorial Baron/ess must be paid members in the Society for Crea-

tive Anachronism, Inc., with access to the Kingdom newsletter while in office.

- N. Territorial Baron/ess must live within the territories of their Barony or in an adjacent area.
- O. A Territorial Baron/ess shall not serve as a regional seneschal or regional treasurer while acting as the Crowns representatives in there local branch.
- P. A Territorial Baron/ess shall have the right to veto one candidate that applies for a local branch officer position.

#### **Section 4 : Court Barons and Court Baronesses**

- A. Court Baron/ess shall be defined as those persons who have been granted the title of Baron or Baroness of the Court without the inclusion of lands to be held in fief.
- B. The title of Court Baron/ess shall carry with it a Grant of Arms.
- C. The position of Court Baron/ess shall carry such duties and privileges as the Crown shall deem fit.

# **Article IV : Rights and Duties of the Populace**

## **Section 1 : Primary Rights and Duties**

- A. The primary right and duty of each Subject of Ansteorra is, by their presence, participation, research, and interaction, to assist the Kingdom in recreating the environment of pre-Seventeenth Century culture at activities and events such as, but not limited to, tournaments, fairs, parties, dances, classes, et cetera.

## **Section 2 : Religion**

- A. The Kingdom of Ansteorra will show respect to all religions at all times.
- B. No person shall infringe upon the religious freedom of the Kingdom by performing any rite in such a manner or location so as to force any subject of the Realm to participate, observe, or be affected by the rite who does not wish to be involved.
- C. No person shall perform any rite at any event in such a manner so as to suggest that the rite is sponsored by the Kingdom or the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
- D. No policy or ruling in Ansteorra shall be made or set on the basis of creed or religion.

## **Section 3 : Channels of Communication**

- A. Should a problem arise between subjects of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, proper channels for complaint and appeal should be followed at all times. The appropriate channels for complaint shall be as specified in Kingdom Law and the Kingdom of Ansteorra Seneschal's Handbook.
- B. Any person or persons shall have the right to petition the Crown for any redress for the actions of any officer or representative of the Crown, if all other channels have been tried and failed.
- C. While the Crown shall consider such petitions, the Petitioner(s) shall have the personal protection of the Crown.
- D. All subjects of the Realm shall have the right to appeal grievances to the Corporate level. This should only happen after all other proper channels for complaint and appeal have been followed.

## **Section 4 : Weaponry**

- A. The privileges of all subjects of the Crown to bear period weapons at events within the Realm shall not be infringed upon unless deemed

unsafe by the ruling noble, knight marshal, a representative of the Crown, or the Crown.

- B. Weapons shall not be drawn save that a good and sufficient reason exists.
- C. Stage Weapons designed for theater use are allowed in theatrical presentations only if approved in advance by the Crown. This authority can not be transferred.
- D. Final determination of good and sufficient reason rests solely with the Crown.

## **Section 5 : Maintenance of Period Ambiance**

- A. No object, conduct, or manner of dress which is blatantly modern shall be publicly displayed at SCA events unless permission has been obtained from the autocrat or the Crown.
- B. Any person who displays a blatantly modern appearance shall be open to public censure by the Crown or its representative.
- C. Modern equipment such as recorders, vehicles, phones, and cameras must be hidden whenever possible.

## **Section 6 : Combat Participation**

- A. No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to participate in Adult combat activities at official SCA functions in the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- B. Any Citizen of Ansteorra who wishes to participate in combat at an Event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. must have been authorized by the Earl Marshal of Ansteorra or one of his designated subordinates.
- C. Any authorized person in Ansteorra shall have the right to participate in the appropriate combat on the field. No authorized Ansteorran shall be prohibited from fighting except for just and reasonable cause.
- D. Final determination of just and reasonable cause rests solely with the Crown.
- E. Youth Combat activities will be regulated by the Youth Chivalric Combat Rules and Youth Rapier Combat Rules of Ansteorra.

## **Section 7 : Rights of Appeal**

- A. Every member of the populace shall have the right to appeal any decision to the appropriate superior officer and/or the Crown.

- B. The chain of appeal shall be from the local officer, to the regional officer (if any) to the Kingdom Officer, to the Crown, to the corporate officer, and to the board of Directors. The Appellant should direct their appeal to the level above the level issuing the decision being appealed. Copies of the appeal must be sent to each of the intervening levels.
- C. Appeals must be in writing and delivered by registered mail or in person.
- D. Upon receipt by the appropriate officer or the Crown, the effective date of the appeal shall be the date mailed or date of personal hand delivery.
- E. Within the Kingdom, the officer receiving the appeal has 30 days from the effective date of the appeal to act on the appeal. Any officer that does not act on an appeal within 30 days will be guilty of a violation of Kingdom Law, which will be grounds for suspension from office.
- F. Responses to appeals must be in writing and delivered in person or by registered mail. Copies of any appeal and any response must be kept in the Kingdom files.
- G. If the Appellant does not receive a response to their appeal or receives a response upholding the appealed decision, they may appeal to the next higher level. This process may be followed until all avenues of appeal are exhausted.
- H. No appeal should be made outside of the Kingdom until all appeals within the Kingdom have been exhausted in accordance with Kingdom Law, unless approved in writing by the Crown or the Kingdom Seneschal.
- I. Appeals made beyond the Kingdom level shall follow the procedures dictated by the Organizational Handbook of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and by the dictates of the Corporate Officers and the Board of Directors.

# Article IX : Kingdom Operational Policies

## Section 1 : The Treasury

### A. Bank Accounts

1. All bank accounts within the Kingdom of Ansteorra must be two (2) signature accounts and have a minimum of two branch officers as signatories, it is required that the local seneschal and local treasurer be two of the signatories. The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer of Ansteorra must be the final signatory on all local branch bank accounts. The Chancellor of the Exchequer or that officer's official designate must be the final signatory on all Kingdom accounts.
2. All signatories on accounts must be paid members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.. while they are listed as signatories.
3. All signatories on SCA, Inc.. accounts shall provide, to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, a copy of their SCA, Inc.. membership card and a copy of a valid legal photo ID (with their address shown) when they are added to the account.
4. All bank accounts shall be opened in the name of "SCA, Inc. – [branch type] of [branch name]" using the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.'s Federal; Tax Number 94-1698556.
5. No two signatories on the same bank account can live at the same physical address or be members of each other's immediate family.
6. The seneschal at any level can not hold the treasurer's office of the same level at any time. In the event that a branch is without a Chancellor of the Exchequer and has no person able to fill the position the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the next highest level will temporarily take over the position.
7. All moneys must be deposited into a SCA, Inc.. account before they can be spent. Deposits should happen within a reasonable time period after collection, according to time schedules set by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
8. No petty cash funds are allowed for any reason.
9. Variances for the same address rule and the members immediate family rule can be issued by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer on a case by case basis. Variance must be in writing and can run for no longer than one year at a time.

### B. Withdrawals from SCA, Inc.. bank accounts

1. All withdrawals of funds from the Kingdom accounts must be authorized by the Kingdom Financial Committee and have a completed financial disbursement form in advance.
2. Kingdom Financial Committee, shall consist of the Crown (one vote), Kingdom Seneschal, and the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
3. All withdrawals of funds from the Local Branch accounts must be

granted official recognition by the Crown which meets the requirements listed below:

1. At least three (3) subscribing members of the SCA, Inc.
  2. A warrantable seneschal, herald, treasurer, and knight marshal. If there are no fighters in the group, a minister of arts and sciences may replace the knight marshal.
  3. A New Branch Application approved by the Kingdom Seneschal
- B. Anyone wishing to start a new branch should write to the Kingdom Seneschal to obtain a new group packet which contains the New Branch Application.
- C. Incipient Branches will remain unofficial for such period of time as may be required for their specific types of branches, or longer if necessary, while the Kingdom observes them. Incipient groups will be assigned to work with an established group for guidance. Incipient Groups will be allowed an observation period of no longer than two years. After such time, if the group has proven itself to be active and stable, and if it meets the requirements for its specific type of branch (shire, canton or institutional branch), then it may petition the Crown to be granted official recognition, following the guidelines established by the Kingdom Seneschal's office otherwise it will be dissolved. A branch can petition the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to extend its incipency period for one additional year. This extension can be granted only one time and may not exceed a total incipency of three years.



- A. A Canton is a branch recognized by the Crown, formed under the protection of a Barony, which fulfills the requirements listed below:
1. At least four (4) subscribing members of the SCA, Inc.
  2. A warrantable seneschal, chancellor of the exchequer, and at least two of the following, knight marshal, herald, or minister of arts and sciences.
  3. A name which has been registered with the College of Arms.
  4. A record of at least six (6) months of regular activity.

#### **Section 4 : Shires**

- A. A Shire is a branch recognized by the Crown, formed independently of any other local branch, which fulfills the requirements listed below:
1. At least Five (5) subscribing members of the SCA, Inc.
  2. A full slate of warrantable officers, including a seneschal, a chancellor of the exchequer, chronicler and at least three of the following, knight marshal, herald, hospitaler, or minister of arts and sciences.
  3. A name which has been approved by the College of arms, and arms which have been submitted to the Ansteorran College of Heraldry.
  4. A record of at least one (1) year of regular activity, including hosting events.

#### **Section 5 : Institutional Branches**

- A. The Crown may recognize an institutional branch which will be, usually, centered around a university or military base, whose membership may fluctuate considerably from time to time, formed under the protection of a Barony or Province. Institutional Branches associated with colleges or universities shall be styled as a college. Institutional Branches associated with a Military installation may be styled as a Stronghold or Port.
- B. An Institutional Branch must meet the requirements listed below:
1. At least five (5) subscribing members of the SCA, Inc. An Institutional Branch may be declared temporarily inactive due to reduced membership from time to time and then restored to active status again when its membership increases.
  2. A warrantable seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and at least two of the following, knight marshal, herald, or minister of arts and sciences.
  3. A name which has been registered with the College of Arms.

#### **Section 6 : Incipient Branches**

- A. An incipient branch is a local group (shire, canton, or institutional branch) which is just forming and/or is not yet stable enough to be

## **Article VIII : Local Branches**

### **Section 1 : General**

- A. A local branch is a clearly defined geographical area which has sufficient paid members of the SCA, INC. resident within its boundaries and otherwise meets the requirements for that specific type of local branch.
- B. All requests for any type of change in or advancement of status for a local branch should be submitted to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal and should follow the guidelines established by the Kingdom Seneschal's office.
- C. Branches under the protection of a Barony or Province shall report both to the designated Kingdom level superior and to the protecting branches officers.
- D. In addition to the requirements listed here, all branches are required to submit those regular reports that are required of them by the Crown and/or Kingdom officers.
- E. Local branches in the Kingdom of Ansteorra that fail to meet the continuing requirements for a branch of their level or are found to be in violation of Kingdom Law or Corporate Policy can be placed on probation by the joint action of the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown. Probation can include, but is not limited to, the reduction in the number of events the group may hold, restrictions on what the groups funds can be used for and possible placement of the group under the administrative supervision of another group. The specific procedures are outlined in the Ansteorra Seneschals Handbook.

### **Section 2 : Baronies and Provinces**

- A. A Barony or Province is a branch recognized by the Crown and the Board of Directors which fulfills the requirements listed below:
  - 1. At least Twenty five (25) subscribing members of the SCA, Inc.
  - 2. A full slate of warrantable officers, including a seneschal, herald, knight marshal, minister of arts and sciences, chancellor of the exchequer, chronicler and hospitaler.
  - 3. A name and arms which have been registered with the College of Arms.
  - 4. A record of at least two (2) years of regular activity including hosting events in all fields of Society endeavor.
  - 5. In the case of a Barony, a candidate for Baron and/or Baroness acceptable to the Crown.

### **Section 3 : Cantons**

1. The Court of Chivalry shall be called at the Crown's discretion.
2. Any member of the populace can petition the Crown to call a Court of Chivalry.
3. The Court shall consist of an odd number of justices numbering no less than three, to be appointed by the Crown.
4. The Kingdom Seneschal shall preside as chief administrator over the Court unless the charges disqualify him. In such cases the Crown will appoint another Kingdom Officer to act in his place.
5. The Court of Chivalry shall be empowered, if the matters before it are sufficiently grave, to request the intervention of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. concerning these matters.
6. The Court of Chivalry shall be the only court that can recommend the degradation of any award or title.
7. Those members of the Peerage who are not involved in the proceedings shall act as the advisors to the Court.
8. All persons involved in a Court of Chivalry shall be given a chance to present their case, with witnesses and supporting documentation.
9. The Court of Chivalry shall be held only at Kingdom or Regional Calendar SCA events. It shall be conducted in an open public forum.
10. The Court of Chivalry shall make any recommendations to the Crown in writing no more than 15 days following the close of the inquiry.
11. Any recommendations of the Court of Chivalry shall be published in the next available Black Star.
12. The Court of Chivalry shall send copies of all documentation and any final report to the Kingdom Seneschal to be placed in the permanent Kingdom record.

## **Section 4 : Court Events**

- A. A Court is that portion of an Event wherein the formal business of the Crown and Kingdom is transacted.
- B. The Crown of Ansteorra may delegate the conduct of a Court as they see fit that they may better provide for the well being of Their Kingdom.
- C. Barons and Baronesses in fief may conduct Court in the lands that they hold on behalf of the Crown.

## **Article VII : Courts**

### **Section 1 : Royal Audience**

- A. Royal Audience is defined as the granting of the Crown's official attention to a subject.
- B. Petitions to the Crown for audience shall be presented via the herald in charge to the Royal Herald.
- C. Audience shall be granted solely at the convenience of the Crown.

### **Section 2 : Royal Court**

- A. The Royal Court shall be in session, at the pleasure and convenience of the Crown, at any event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
- B. Any person with business before the Royal Court shall petition the Crown prior to the beginning of Court.
- C. Courts held at events, within Ansteorra, at which Awards conferring Rank or Precedence are bestowed, Officers Invested, or other matters of long term significance occur, as defined in Corpora II. B., must be conducted only at Kingdom or Regional Calendar Events. Courts held at events outside of Ansteorra must meet the requirements of the laws of the governing Kingdom.

### **Section 3 : Courts of the Realm**

- A. There shall exist two levels of formal investigative courts within the realm of Ansteorra. They shall be the Court of Inquiry and the Court of Chivalry. Such courts are to investigate matters pertaining to the operation of the Kingdom and matters of Kingdom Law in the Medieval context. At no time shall these courts consider matters of mundane law.
  - 1. The Court of Inquiry shall be called at the Crown's discretion to consider such topics as the Crown may deem appropriate.
  - 2. The makeup of the Court of Inquiry is solely at the Crown's discretion.
  - 3. The Court of Inquiry shall make any recommendations to the Crown in writing no more than 15 days following the close of the inquiry.
  - 4. The Court of Inquiry shall send copies of all documentation and any final report to the Kingdom Seneschal to be placed in the permanent Kingdom record.
- B. The Court of Chivalry shall be the highest level of formal investigative court in the Kingdom of Ansteorra. It shall consider matters judged to be of significant interest to the Kingdom and the Society.

# **Article VI : Right of Succession**

## **Section 1 : Forfeiture of the Coronet**

- A. If it is found that the Crown Prince or Crown Princess did not meet the entry requirements of the Crown lists, their Coronets are forfeit to the Crown.
- B. In the event that the Coronets are forfeit, the Crown lists shall be re-fought as soon as possible. Every action will be taken to ensure that all those who fought in the original Tournament are contacted and are allowed to enter the Lists, save the person whose coronet is forfeit.
- C. In the event that the Crown Prince or Princess cannot fulfill the duties of the Coronet's. The remaining heir will continue, if they so choose, to serve until Coronation. At this time they shall be crowned as Sovereign if not a fighter, the Earl Marshal shall assume primary responsibility for the field.

## **Section 2 : Order of Succession**

- A. In the event that one member of the Crown is unwilling or unable to complete the Reign, the remaining member of the Crown shall assume all powers and duties of the Crown for the remainder of the Reign.
- B. Should the Crown be unable to complete their Reign, the Crown prince and Princess shall assume the Crown forthwith.
- C. In the event that no Crown Prince and Princess have been determined, the next previous Sovereign who is available shall serve as Regent, with all powers and duties of the Crown, save the right to make awards, and the right to make changes to statute.
- D. The Regent shall take such steps as are necessary to hold a Crown Lists, with the victor of the tournament to assume the Crown within twenty four (24) hours of his/her victory.

3. A dependable means of transportation;
  4. Sufficient assurance that he/she shall remain within the Kingdom for the next nine (9) months.
- F. In addition, any person entering the Crown lists as a combatant:
1. Must have at least one (1) year's fighting experience.
  2. Must have a member of the Chivalry speak for him/her prior to the Crown lists.
  3. Must have current fighter authorization and not be on probation or suspension within the Marshallette.
- G. Any fighter entering the Crown Lists shall swear the following oath in the presence of the Crown of Ansteorra:
- "I do declare my intent to compete in the Crown Lists of Ansteorra. I do swear that a gentle person has granted me favor and agreed to rule with me should I win. We do meet all requirements for assuming the Crown, as set forth in the Laws of Ansteorra. I swear, for myself and my consort, that should I win the Crown lists of Ansteorra, we will rule justly and to the utmost of our abilities, sparing no effort to fulfill our duties as King and Queen of Ansteorra. All these things I do swear by my honor."
1. Any person entering the Crown lists who willfully and deliberately falsifies their qualifications under these Laws shall forfeit their right to participate in that Crown Lists.

- C. The Baron/ess together with the baronial seneschal may petition the Crown to waive a perpetual event for one year.
- D. The Baron/ess together with the baronial seneschal may petition the crown to change the date of a perpetual event.
- E. In the event that Crown Tournament is scheduled on a weekend designated as an perpetual event weekend, that Barony or Province will be given the option of either moving its perpetual event to a different calendar date for that year.

## **Section 5 : Requirements for Entry into the Crown Lists**

- A. Members of the Crown may not enter the Crown Lists during their Reign.
- B. Formal proof of membership shall be verified by the Kingdom Seneschal or his representative at the site of the Crown Lists by means of a roster of paid members of the Society, for every fighter and consort entering the Crown Lists. Both shall be members of the Society with immediate access to the Black Star.
- C. Any competitor in the Crown Lists must make known to the Crown the identity of his/her prospective consort.
- D. Any person entering the Crown Lists as a fighter and/or potential consort must be acceptable to the crown, must be of legal age in the state which he/she will reside and must, at the pleasure of the Crown, meet the following requirements.
  - 1. He/she must have lived within the boundaries of the Kingdom for the previous calendar year.
  - 2. He/she must have served in an administrative office(s) of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or its equivalent, for at least a total of one (1) year.
  - 3. He/she must be able to exhibit a good working knowledge of SCA structure, Kingdom structure, the powers and responsibilities of the Crown, and other major Kingdom offices as defined in the Corpora and Kingdom Law.
  - 4. He/she shall display a demeanor and appearance suitable to being a Sovereign or Consort.
  - 5. Each entrant into the Crown Lists must bear the favor of a person of the opposite gender as potential consort. Each prospective consort may bestow his/her favor unto a single entrant into the Crown lists.
- E. In addition, any person entering the Crown lists and his/her prospective consort must assure the following capabilities to the Crown:
  - 1. Sufficient income to support the office of the Crown;
  - 2. A means of rapid and regular communication;

profits to the Kingdom. The Kingdom will cover 40 percent of any net loss when a branch hosts Crown Tournament, Coronation, or Queens Champion..A branch which hosts one of the other reoccurring Kingdom events will be asked to contribute 30 percent of the event's net profits to the Kingdom. Any branch hosting Crown Tournament, Coronation, Queen's Champion or reoccurring Kingdom event may petition the Kingdom for financial support to aid in preparation for the event. Branches in the Kingdom of Ansteorra are entitled to their perpetual event in addition to their two Kingdom Calendar events. Regional Calendar Events and Reoccurring kingdom events do not count against a branches limit.

## **Section 4 : Perpetual Events**

- A. These are Baronial or Provincial events, which have definite dates, reserved on the Calendar of Events for them each year.
  - 1. The Steppes Warlord Tournament shall be held annually on Memorial Day weekend in May.
  - 2. The Namron Protectorate Tournament shall be held the second weekend of October.
  - 3. The Stargate Baronial Championship Tourney shall be held the second weekend in September.
  - 4. Bjornsborg Fall Court shall be held in Bjornsborg the third weekend of October.
  - 5. The Autumn Melees shall be held in Bordermarch the third weekend in November.
  - 6. The Candelmas Feast shall be held in Bryn Gwlad the first weekend in February.
  - 7. The Samhain Celebration shall be held in Eldern Hills the last weekend in October.
  - 8. The Defender of the Fort Tourney shall be held in Raven's Fort on the third weekend in September.
  - 9. The Elfsea Defender Tourney shall be held in Elfsea on the fourth weekend in September.
  - 10. The Wiesenfeuer Baronial Championship shall be held in Wiesenfeuer annually on Labor Day weekend.
  - 11. The Loch Soillier Baronial Championship shall be held in Loch Soilleir the third weekend in May.
  - 12. The Octavian Tournament shall be held in Bonwicke the last weekend in April.
  - 13. The Castellan shall be held in Northkeep the first weekend in June.
- B. These events are specifically not protected and may have other events scheduled on the same date.



## **Section 2 : Crown Tournaments and Coronations**

- A. Crown Tournaments and Coronations shall be the only events protected from coinciding with any other events within the boundaries of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
- B. Crown Tournaments shall be conducted on dates acceptable to the Crown as provided below.
  - 1. The Spring Crown Tournament shall be conducted in the month of March.
  - 2. The Fall Crown Tournament shall be conducted in the month of October.
- C. Coronations shall be conducted in the months of July and January.

## **Section 3 : Other Kingdom Events**

- A. Reoccurring Kingdom events are those major official events, which occur within the Kingdom, hosted by various branches within the Kingdom, or by such persons as the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal shall designate. The Kingdom Seneschal shall be responsible for requesting bids for these events, unless delegated. These events include:
  - 1. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition
  - 2. The Kingdom Eisteddfod
  - 3. The King's College
  - 4. The Kingdom Warlord Tournament
  - 5. The Queen's Championship Tournament, which is held once each reign on a date not later than six weeks after Coronation.
  - 6. The Queens Children's College
  - 7. Academy of the Rapier
  - 8. Academy of the Bow
  - 9. Kings Lancer
  - 10. The Redtape Event, which is held once, each, reign no later that 90 days after Coronation.
  - 11. Academy of the Sword
- B. These reoccurring Kingdom events are specifically not protected and may have other events scheduled on the same date.
- C. Any local branch wishing to host a Kingdom event should submit a bid proposal to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, and other Kingdom Officers as appropriate.
- D. A branch, which hosts a Crown Tournament, Coronation, or Queens Championship, will be asked to contribute 60 percent of that events net

# Article V : Kingdom Events

## Section 1 : Events

- A. All events shall meet at least the minimum requirements specified in Corpora II.A.
- B. Every event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. shall have an autocrat "steward" or coordinating autocrat "Coordinating steward" whose name, address, and telephone number will be advertised with the event announcement, or shall be the responsibility of an officer of the sponsoring group, whose name, address, and telephone number are printed in the same newsletter in which the event announcement appears. The autocrat shall be acceptable to the Crown and the seneschal, and shall be warranted as a deputy seneschal for a period needed to exercise the duties of autocrat. An autocrat "steward" must meet membership requirements for the office of seneschal.
- C. There shall be three classes of "Society Events" in the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
  1. A Kingdom Calendar Event shall be defined as a gathering sponsored by an officially recognized branch of the Kingdom which is listed in advance on the Official Kingdom Calendar of Events in the Kingdom newsletter, and for which the date, time, and place have been published, in advance in the Kingdom newsletter, and which has one or more duly warranted officers present and responsible for the conduct of the event.
  2. A Multi Group Calendar Event shall be defined as a gathering sponsored by one or more officially recognized branches of the Kingdom which is listed in advance on the Official Kingdom Calendar of Events on the Kingdom newsletter, and for which the date, time, and place have been published, in advance in the Kingdom newsletter, and which has one or more duly warranted officers present and responsible for the conduct of the event. Awarding an event Multi Group status rests with the Kingdom Seneschal.
  3. A Local Calendar Event shall be defined as a gathering sponsored by an officially recognized branch of the Kingdom which is not listed on the Official Kingdom Calendar of Events in the Kingdom newsletter but which has been listed in advance in a newsletter of an officially recognized branch, in which the date, time, and place have been published, and which has one or more duly warranted officers of the sponsoring branch present and responsible for the conduct of the event.
  4. All children under the age of eighteen attending an event must be accompanied by a parent, or a responsible adult bearing a permission form published by the Kingdom, notarized, and signed by the parent/s or legal guardian.

authorized by the Local Branch Financial Committee and have a completed financial disbursement form in advance.

4. Local Branch Financial Committees shall consist of the branch senechal, branch chancellor of the exchequer, and at least one other branch officer. In Baronies the Baron/ess shall be members of the financial committee but with only one vote.
5. Kingdom funds may be used to reimburse Kingdom Officers and the Crown for such expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as the Kingdom Financial Committee shall approve.
6. Funds from SCA, Inc. account may be used to purchase human consumable alcohol only for use as an incidental ingredient in prepared food at a calendar event. No other purchase of human consumable alcohol, nor the supplies and/or equipment to make it is permitted.
7. No funds from any SCA, Inc.. account may be spent for personal use or for personal gain (i.e. flowers, pizza, etc.).
8. No funds can be dispersed from the gate receipts (i.e. cash box) of an event until they are deposited into a SCA, Inc.. account.
9. Households are not recognized branches within the SCA, Inc.. and there for cannot hold events or retain any portion of the profits from any SCA, Inc... event. Households may host meals and feasts, as long as they enter into a written legal catering contract with the SCA, Inc.. branch sponsoring the event, if using any site property to prepare or store the food.

# **Article X : Coronet Sumptuary Laws**

## **Section 1 : Royal Crowns**

- A. Crowns or Coronets bearing an Ansteorran Star ( a mullet of 5 lesser and 5 greater points) shall be restricted for use only by the King, Queen, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and former Baron/esses in Fief (landed) of Ansteorra. The use of the Queen's Rosé (a rose Sable charged with a rose Or, thereon a mullet of five greater and five lesser points Sable) shall be restricted to the Queen. Laurel wreaths surrounding the Ansteorran Star will be taken to indicate territory, not membership in the Order of the Laurel.

## **Section 2 : Ducal Coronets**

- A. Dukes and Duchesses shall have the exclusive right to wear coronets with strawberry leaves (three strawberry leaves, one palewise and two fesswise, stems to center) and by extension, and triple-lobed motif that extends above the line of the top of the coronet. These may be free-standing or place upon the embattlements of a Count Coronet.
- B. Those of ducal rank may, if they choose, wear a flat-topped coronet. Those choosing to do so should remember that they will be mistaken by some members of the populace for Barons and Baronesses.

## **Section 3 : County Coronets**

- A. Counts and Countesses shall have the exclusive right to wear coronets embattled or dovetailed on the top. Almost any continuous set of angular projection falls in this category. A coronet is deemed embattled if the projections continue around the sides; a single heraldic or decorative motif in front is not in violation. Small pearls alone, or with no more than six engrailed projections, are not prohibited by this clause; see (5) below.
- B. Those of county rank may, if they choose, wear a flat-topped coronet. Those choosing to do so should remember that they will be mistaken by some members of the populace for Barons and Baronesses.

## **Section 4 : Viscounty Coronets**

- A. Viscounts and Viscountesses shall have the exclusive right to wear coronets with one, four, or six semi-circular projections.
- B. Those of viscounty rank may, if they choose, wear a flat-topped coronet. Those choosing to do so should remember that they will be mistaken by some members of the populace for Barons and Baronesses.

## **Section 5 : Baronial Coronets**

- A. All Barons and Baronesses have the right to wear as a sign of their rank either:
1. Flat-topped coronets. They may have from 6 to 12 spherical projections of no more than ½ inch diameter extending from the top of their coronet. (it is recommended that Baronial coronets be made clearly wider than fillets) Or
  2. Engrailed Coronets. They may have no more than six "points" or projections, which may be surmounted by spherical projections of no more than ½ inch diameter, and must have a smoothly concave outline between each "point", so as to clearly distinguish them from County coronets.
- B. Barony in Fief
1. Landed Barons and Baronesses shall have the exclusive right to wear flat-topped or engrailed coronets decorated with the Arms, ensign, or badge of the Barony. A laurel wreath may only be included as part of the arms of the Barony. A Baronial coronet should not have the personal insignia of the Baron or Baroness; this is not a personal coronet, but one which represents the Barony. Former Landed Barons and Baronesses may display an Ansteorran Star upon their Baronial coronets.
- C. Barony of the Court
1. Court Barons and Baronesses have the right to wear the standard Baronial Coronet, decorated or not, as long as the decorations do not violate existing sumptuary laws.

## **Section 6 : Other Kingdoms**

- A. Nobles who receive their nobility on other SCA kingdoms may wear coronets which follow that kingdom's sumptuary laws, unless it is a striking violation of normally accepted SCA practice. Burden of proof may be on the noble.

## **Section 7 : Alternatives**

- A. Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Alternatives accompanied by documentation of period style will be given extra consideration. Coronets made before consulting the Star Principal Herald or a designated sumptuary deputy will receive no extra consideration. Money, time, and/or materials already invested on a coronet are not arguments in its favor.

## **Section 8 : Fillets**

- A. Any member of the populace may wear a metal fillet not to exceed ½ inch in width.
- B. Definition: a band of metal-looking band across the front of the head is

a coronet, if it exceeds the stated dimension or is decorated in any of the above noted ways.

## **Section 9 : Laurel Wreaths**

- A. Master and Mistresses of the Laurel may wear any non-metallic wreath on their heads. Metallic laurel wreaths may be worn only if:
  - 1. The top does not follow any specific form listed above for coronets (i.e., triple lobes, embattlements, semi-circles, engrailments, flat tops.
  - 2. Only the wreath itself is metallic (no metal background or framework)
  - 3. It is open at least two inches in the front.
  - 4. The leaves are green, or decorated with significant amounts of green detail.

## **Section 10 : Grandfather Clause**

- A. Any coronet or wreath that currently exists but violates one or more of these standards may be referred to the Star Principal Herald for "grandfathering". The college of Heralds will be as fair as possible to those who have built coronets in good faith. If the Star Principal Herald's office does not receive notice of such a coronet within six months of the publication of these sumptuary standards in the Black star, the Grandfather Clause will expire.
- B. The current list of "grandfathered coronets is:
  - 1. Aulus Allemanius Draconis - Baronial
  - 2. Alys Carvelsdatter - Baronial
  - 3. Drusilla of Northumbria - County
  - 4. Karlana of Applecross Woods - "Spearhead" County
  - 5. Kaylitha Rhiannon of Southhaven - "Pheons and Hearts" Viscounty
  - 6. Megan Andoniel of Glengalen - Viscounty
  - 7. Seamus of the Cats - "Spearhead" County

# **Article XI : Kingdom Awards**

## **Section 1 : The Awards and Precedence**

- A. All Awards and /or Honors affecting precedence or rank in the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall be given only at Kingdom Calendar events, Or if given outside the boundaries of Ansteorra in accordance to the Laws of the Governing Kingdom
1. Holders of Ansteorran awards and Honors and/or Members of Ansteorran Orders May Display the Armory and insignia of those awards, honors and/or Orders
- B. Awards Bearing no right or grant of Arms (non-armigerous) in the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall be enumerated as the following
1. The Award of the Sable Falcon of Ansteorra
  2. The Award of the Golden Bridle of Ansteorra
  3. The Award of the Queens Rapier of Ansteorra
  4. The Award of the Kings Archer of Ansteorra
  5. The Award of the Crowns Favor Of Ansteorra
  6. The Award of the Rising Star of Ansteorra
  7. The Order of the Motley Sash of Ansteorra
  8. The Order of the Queens Ring of Ansteorra
  9. The Order of the Vine Staff
  10. The Order of the Lions of Ansteorra, Defenders of the Dream
  11. The Order of the Rose
- C. Awards Bearing the right to bear Arms in the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall be enumerated as the following
1. The Award of Arms
  2. The Award of the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra
  3. The Award of the Sable Crane of Ansteorra
  4. The Award of the Sable Comet of Ansteorra
  5. The Award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra
  6. The Award of the Queens Glove of Ansteorra
  7. The Award of the Kings Gauntlet of Ansteorra
  8. The Order of the Sodality of the Sentinels of the Stargate
  9. The Order of the Oak of the Steppes
  10. The Order of the Fire Brand of Bjornsborg
  11. The Order of the Silent Trumpet of Bordermarch
  12. The Order of the Dragieu Brynof Bryn Gwlad
  13. The Order of the Heart of the Sable Storm of Namron

14. The Orden des Côtes Anciennes of Eldern Hills
  15. The Order of the Raven's Heart of Raven's Fort
  16. The Order of the Azure Keystone of Elfsea
  17. The Order of the Lanternarius of Wiesenfeuer
  18. The Order of the Serpant's Toils of Loch Soillier
  19. The Order of the Keepers of the Cross of Bonwicke
  20. The Order of the Lion's Paw of Kenmare of Northkeep
- D. Awards Bearing a Grant of Arms shall be enumerated as the following:
1. A Grant of Arms
  2. The Order of the White Scarf of Ansteorra
  3. The Order of the Iris of Merit of Ansteorra
  4. The Order of the Star of Merit of Ansteorra
  5. The Order of the Centurions of the Sable Star of Ansteorra
- E. Baron/ess of the Court of Ansteorra shall carry a Grant of Arms
- F. All other Nobles and Peers shall be accorded a Rank and Precedence as befits their Rank and Station

## **Section 2 : Creation and Revision of Ansteorran Awards, Honors, and Orders**

- A. The Crown reserves unto itself the Right to create and/or revise any and all Ansteorran Awards, Honors and Orders. Including the approval of the Baronial Service orders.
- B. The Crown will consult with the College of Herald's to ensure such Names and Armory for new awards and/or revisions may be registered with the College of Arms under SCA Guidelines
- C. The Constitutions of new awards and/or revisions will be published in the Black Star
- D. Star Principal Herald or a designated deputy will maintain copies of the constitutions and scroll text for all Ansteorran awards, honors, and orders.

## **Section 3 : Publication**

- A. The Constitutions of all Ansteorran awards, honors, and orders not governed directly by Corpora (i.e. County, Duchy, Peerage, Order of the Rose, AoA), will be published as part of Kingdom law and made accessible to the populace, With the exception of the Baro-



Baronial Service orders

- B. The constitutions of the Baronial Service orders shall be maintained on record with Star Principal Herald and made accessible to the populace of the relevant Barony.

## **Section 4 : The Constitutions**

### **A. Award of the Sable Falcon of Ansteorra**

#### **1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist within the Kingdom of Ansteorra an Award which shall be given at the discretion of the Sovereign unto such persons who have striven greatly to further their skill level and capabilities in heavy weapons combat. The candidate should be involved in the skills of the Arts and basic Heraldry, and should display courtly graces and manners. Conduct on and off the field should be noticeably chivalrous.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in court as "Holder of the Sable Falcon of Ansteorra."

#### **2. Bestowal of the Award**

- i. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the King. The Queen may bestow the Award with prior approval from the King.
- ii. The number of persons to receive the Award shall not be limited.
- iii. The recipient must be present in open court.

#### **3. Holders of the Award**

- i. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence.

#### **4. Insignia**

- i. The holder of this Award shall receive a 12" length of silken cord, intertwined black and gold, connected to a brass ring so that it may be worn on a belt.

5. Created by Charles Inman MacMoore, September 14, 1982

6. Revised by Hector Philip Martel, June 1, 1987

7. Revised By Duncan Arthur Ross, and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine Sept, 2001

## **B. The Award of the Rising Star of Ansteorra**

### **1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award which the Crown shall give to the children of the Kingdom (being those under the age of 18) to be called the Award of the Rising Star of Ansteorra, hereinafter referred to as the 'Award'.
- ii. This Award shall be a recognition of the young people who, despite their years, have made contributions of worth by works, service, or example to the Kingdom, but whose age precludes or makes it inadvisable that they receive an Award of Arms.
- iii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in procession as "Holder of the Rising Star of Ansteorra."

### **2. Arms and Precedence**

- i. The Award shall carry neither rank nor precedence beyond any other award or honor in Ansteorra
- ii. If the Award is given to a person who is already in precedence, then his/her precedence is unchanged.

### **3. Bestowal of the Award**

- i. The selection of the holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the crown or it's representative in open court
- ii. Persons being given the Award must be present to receive the Award.

### **4. Holders of the Award**

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence or age.

### **5. Insignia**

- i. The badge of the Award shall be, "Or a mullet of mullet of five greater and five lesser points Sable, over all a point issuant from base Gules.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to wear a pin or medal-

lion depicting the badge of the

6. Created by Michael and Rebecca in their first Ansteorran Reign, 1988.
  7. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001
- C. The Award of the Queen's Rapier
1. Establishment of the Award
    - i. There shall exist within the Kingdom of Ansteorra an Award which shall be given at the discretion of the Queen unto such persons who have striven greatly to further their skill level and capabilities in Rapier control, the Arts, and basic Heraldry. They shall be exemplars of Courty Graces, Manners, and Chivalry.
    - ii. Holders of the Award of the Queen's Rapier of Ansteorra shall be entitled to be styled and announced in court as "Holder of the Queen's Rapier of Ansteorra,"
  2. Arms and Precedence of the Award
    - i. The Award shall be non-armigerous and carry no precedence beyond any other Ansteorran Award or Honor.
  3. Bestowal of the Award
    - i. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the Queen, however, with the Queen's prior approval, it may be bestowed by the King in the Queen's absence.
    - ii. The number of persons to receive the Award shall not be limited.
    - iii. The recipient must be present in open court.
  4. Insignia
    - i. The recipient of this Award shall receive a silken cord, intertwined argent and gules, to be worn suspended from the belt, or as appropriate to the recipient's persona.
  5. Created by Julia de la Montoya and Patrick Michael Gordonne September, 1989
  6. Revised by Rebekka die Blonde and Mikael of Monmouthshire February, 1990
  7. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

## **D. The Award of the Motley Shash of Ansteorra**

### **1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an award that shall be given at the discretion of the crown to such gentles who demonstrate ability and skill in entertainment's as fitting for a civilized court, as well as the arts and basic Heraldry. They shall be exemplars of courtly graces, Manners and Chivalry**
- ii. The holders of this award shall be entitled to be styled and announce in court as "holders of the Motley Shash of Ansteorra"**

### **2. Arms and Precedence of the Award**

- i. The award shall be non armigerous and carry no arms or precedence beyond any other Ansteorran award or Honor**

### **3. Bestowal of the Award**

- i. The selection of the holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the crown or it's representative in open court**
- ii. Persons being given the Award must be present to receive the Award.**

### **4. Holders of the Award**

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited.**
- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence**

### **5. V. Insignia**

- i. The insignia of the award shall be a Sash. Lozengy Or, Vert, Argent and Purpure worn as a baldric or sash**

### **6. Created by William Miesko and Catherine Blackrose 1992**

### **7. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001**

## **E. The Order of the Queens Ring of Ansteorra**

### **1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an award that shall be given at the discretion of, and by the hand of Her Majesty in the recognition of the given courtly virtues displayed in and for the betterment of our realm**

- ii. The holders of this award shall be entitled to be styled and announce in court as "holders of the Queens Ring of Ansteorra"
2. II Arms and Precedence of the Award
    - i. the award shall be non armigerous and carry no arms or precedence beyond any other Ansteorran award or Honor

3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The selection of the holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Queen, or the King with the Queens prior consent, in open court
- ii. Persons being given the Award must be present to receive the Award.

4. Holders of the Award

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence

5. Insignia

- i. The insignia of the award shall be a medallion or pin depicting the badge of the order
- ii. The badge of the award shall be (pending approval by Laurel Sovereign of Arms) "Sable a Rose Or within a Bordure Argent."

6. Created by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, July 2001

- F. The Order of the Vine Staff

1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an award that shall be given at the discretion of, and by the hand of the King or those gentles found worthy for long-standing service to the Crown of Ansteorra as a general or warlord on the field of martial combat; as well as the understanding of the use of Arms, Weaponry, and Tactics as befits a leader of the Ansteorran Host. Like wise they shall have shown the grace and comportment of genteel birth upon the field
- ii. The holders of this award shall be entitled to be styled and an-

nounce in court as “holders of the Vine Staff of Ansteorra”

**2. Arms and Precedence of the Award**

- i. the award shall be non armigerous and carry no arms or precedence beyond any other Ansteorran award or Honor

**3. Bestowal of the Award**

- i. The selection of the holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the King, or the Queen with the Kings prior consent, in open court
- ii. Persons being given the Award must be present to receive the Award.

**4. Holders of the Award**

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence

**5. Insignia**

- i. The insignia of the award shall be a medallion or pin depicting the badge of the order
- ii. The badge of the award shall be (pending approval by Laurel Sovereign of Arms) “Or a club Sable a sinister tierce embattled Gules”

**6. Created by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissá Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September, 2001**

**G. The Award of the King’s Archer of Ansteorra**

**1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist within the Kingdom of Ansteorra an Award which shall be given at the discretion of the Crown unto such persons who have striven greatly to further their skill level and capabilities in Combat and Target Archery, the Arts, and basic Heraldry. They shall be exemplars of Courty Graces, Manners, and Chivalry.
- ii. Holders of the Award of Ansteorra shall be entitled to be styled and announced in court as “Holder of the Award of the King’s Archer of Ansteorra.”

## 2. Arms and Precedence of the Award

- i. The Award shall be non-armigerous and carry no precedence beyond any other Ansteorran Award or Honor.

## 3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the Crown.
- ii. The number of persons to receive the Award shall not be limited.
- iii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any future changes in residence.
- iv. Those Receiving the award must be Present in open court

## 4. Insignia of the Award

- i. The badge of the Award shall be submitted by the Star Principal Herald to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms after due consideration with the Crown of Ansteorra.
- ii. The recipient of the Award shall receive a silken cord, intertwined vert and sable, hung from a brass ring, to be worn suspended from the belt, or as appropriate to the recipient's persona.

5. Created by 'Abd al-Mahdi Jamal ibn Hakim and Valeria Richila Navarro July, 1997

6. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwyn Clarewood of Aquitaine, September 2001

## H. The Award of the Crown's Favor of Ansteorra

### 1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist within the Kingdom of Ansteorra an Award, which shall be given at the discretion of the Crown unto such persons who have performed in an exceptional manner in the Arts and Sciences. They shall be exemplars of Courty Graces, Manners, and Chivalry.
- ii. Holders of the Award of Ansteorra shall be entitled to be styled and announced in court as "Holder of the Award of the Crown's Favor of Ansteorra."

### 2. Arms and Precedence of the Award

- i. The Award shall be non-armigerous and carry no precedence or rank beyond any other ansteorran award or Honor.

### 3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the Crown.
- ii. The number of persons to receive the Award shall not be limited.
- iii. The Recipient of the award must be present in open court
- iv. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any future changes in residence.

### 4. Insignia

- i. The recipient of the Award shall receive a miniature rendering of the cipher of the Crown presenting the Award, attached to a silken cord, intertwined vert and Or, hung from a brass ring, to be worn suspended from the belt, or as appropriate to the recipient's persona.

5. Created by Kein MacEwan and Alisha MacLeod November, 1997

6. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

## I. Award of the Golden Bridle of Ansteorra

### 1. I. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist within the Kingdom of Ansteorra an Award, which shall be given at the discretion of the Crown unto such persons who have striven greatly to further their skill level and capabilities on the Equestrian field and have given of themselves to the furthering of Equestrian Arts. They shall be exemplars of Courtly Graces, Manners and Chivalry.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in Court as "Holder of the Award of the Golden Bridle", pending approval of this title by the Laurel Sovereign of Arms.

### 2. Arms and Precedence of the Award

- i. The Award shall be non-armigerous and carry no precedence beyond any other award or honor in Ansteorra.

### 3. Bestowal of the Award



- i. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the Crown.
  - ii. The number of persons to receive the Award shall not be limited.
  - iii. The recipient of the award must be present in open court.
  - iv. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any future changes in residence.
4. Insignia of the Award

- i. The badge of the Award shall be submitted by the Star Principal Herald after due consultation with the Crown of Ansteorra.
  - ii. The recipient of the Award shall receive a silken cord, entwined Argent, Or and Vert, hung from a brass ring, to be worn suspended from the belt, or as appropriate to the recipient's persona.
5. Created by 'Abd al-Mahdi Jamal ibn Hakim and Valeria Richila Navarro 1997
6. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

**J. The Order of the Lions of Ansteorra, Defenders of the Dream**

**1. Establishment of the Order**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra a non-armigerous order given only once per reign to that person whom the Crown of Ansteorra consider to contribute most to the ideals and milieu of the Society as a whole and who serves as an inspiration to others.

This Order shall be known as the Order of the Lions of Ansteorra, Defenders of the Dream, And shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Order'

- ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to place after their names the suffix title, "Lion of Ansteorra," and to be so styled and announced in procession.

- iii. The Order shall carry no Rank or Precedence beyond any other Award or Honor Given In Ansteorra

**2. Investiture of the Order**

- i. The selection of a Companion of the Order shall be publicly

proclaimed by the Crown in Court

- ii. Persons being selected must be present to receive membership in the Order.

3. III. Membership of the Order

- i. The number of the members of the Order shall not be limited; however, only one companion may be proclaimed each reign.
- ii. Companions of the Order shall retain their membership in the Order despite any changes in residence.
- iii. Companions of the Order shall have the right to enter an Ansteorran court unbidden by the Crown.

4. IV. Insignia

- i. The badge of the Order shall be, "Or, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable, overall a lion rampant argent."
- ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear the badge of the Order, and (if noble) to include in their armorial achievement a lion argent or a Lion Ermine as one supporter

5. Created by John DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979
6. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Allyne Reynard 1979
7. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988
8. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

K. The Award of the Sable Comet

1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award which the Crown shall give to persons who:
  - (a) Who have served a Shire or other official branch of the SCA other than a Barony, well and faithfully, above and beyond what is expected of them
  - (b) Have consistently displayed an understanding and respect for the traditions, laws, and customs of Ansteorra and the SCA.
- ii. This Award shall be known as the Award of the Sable Comet of

Ansteorra, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Award'

- iii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the Sable Comet of Ansteorra for service in [Shire or branch name]."

## 2. Arms and Precedence

- i. The Award shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, an Award of Arms. Holders of the Award shall take precedence after the Companions of the various baronial Orders, but before simple Award of Arms.
- ii. If the Award is given to a person who is already higher in precedence that stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If the Award is given to a person who does not hold an Award of Arms or higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her acceptance of the Award.

## 3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The selection of a holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Crown in Open Court
- ii. Persons being given this Award must be present to receive the Award.

## 4. Holders of the Award

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited either in number of holders of the Award, or in the number of Awards given to a single individual. A previous recipient of the Award may be eligible to receive it again for service in a different branch.
- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any change in residence.

## 5. Insignia

- i. The badge of the Award shall be, "[Fieldless] A comet headed of a mullet of five greater and five lesser points fesswise reversed sable."
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to wear a medallion or pin depicting the badge of the Award

6. Created by Sigmund the Wingfooted and Siglinda-Syr 1983
7. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988
8. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

**L. The Award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra**

**1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award, known as the Award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra, which shall be given at the discretion of the Crown unto persons who have striven to greatly further the future of Ansteorra through their exceptional work with the children of Ansteorra, and/or the Ministry of Children.
- ii. Holders of the Award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra shall be entitled to place the initials "CRA" after their names to designate their Award, and shall be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra,"

**2. Arms and Precedence of the Award**

- i. The Award shall carry an Award of Arms. The Award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra and the Sable crane of Ansteorra are held to be equal and shall be considered as one group.
- ii. If the Award is given to a person who is already higher in precedence than stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If a person selected for the Award does not hold an Award of Arms or higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her acceptance of the Award.

**3. Bestowal of the Award**

- i. The selection of a holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Crown or its representative in open court.
- ii. Persons being given this Award must be present to receive the Award.

**4. Membership of the Award**

- i. The number of holders of the Award shall not be limited.

- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence.
5. Insignia
- i. The recipient of the Award shall receive a medallion, or pin as insignia. The insignia shall bear the badge of the Award, "Per chevron, Or and gules, a Compass Rose sable."
6. Created by Mikael and Rebecca, 1988
7. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001
- M. Baronial Service Orders on file with Star Principal Herald
- 1. Approved and/or re-approved by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001. Original approving Crowns noted in the individual constitutions.
    - i. The Sodality of the Sentinals of the Stargate
      - (a) Barony of the Stargate
    - ii. The Order of the Oak of the Steppes
      - (a) Barony of the Steppes
    - iii. The Order of the Fire Brand of Bjornsborg
      - (a) Barony of Bjornsborg
    - iv. The Order of the Silent Trumpet of Bordermarch
      - (a) Barony of Bordermarch
    - v. The Order of the Dreigiau Bryn of Bryn Gwlad
      - (a) Barony of Bryn Gwlad
    - vi. The Order of the Heart of the Sable Storm
      - (a) Barony of Namron
    - vii. Orden Des Côtes Anciennes of Eldern Hills

(a) Barony of the Eldern Hills

viii. Order of the Ravens Heart

(a) Barony of Raven's Fort

ix. Order of the Azure Keystone of Elfsea

(a) Barony of Elfsea

x. Order of the Lanternarius of Weisenfeuer

(a) Barony of Wiesenfeuer

xi. Order of the Serpents Toils of Loch Soilleir

(a) Barony of Loch Soilleir

xii. Order of the Keepers of the Cross of Bonwicke

(a) Barony of Bonwicke

xiii. The Order of the Lion's Paw of Kenmare

(a) Barony of Northkeep

**N. The Award of the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra**

**1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award which the Crown, or various Barons and/or Baronesses-in-fief at the pleasure of the Crown, shall give to persons who have shown outstanding work in any field of the Arts and Sciences. This Award shall be known as the Award of the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Award.'
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the Sable Thistle for X", where 'X' is the field or fields for which they received the Award. The Award may be given to an individual more than once, but only once for a particular field.

**2. Arms and Precedence**

- i. The Award shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, an Award of Arms. The Awards of the Sable Thistle and the Sable Crane of Ansteorra are held to be of equal precedence and shall be considered as one group. Holders of the Award shall take precedence after Holders of the King's Gauntlet and the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra, but before the Companions of the various Baronial Orders.
  - ii. If the Award is given to a person who is already higher in precedence than stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
  - iii. If a person selected for the Award does not hold an Award of Arms or higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her acceptance of the Award.
3. Bestowal of the Award
  - i. The selection of a holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Crown or their representative in Open Court
  - ii. Persons being given this Award must be present to receive the Award.
4. Holders of the Award
  - i. The number of Awards shall not be limited, either in number of holders of the Award or in number of Awards given to a single individual. However, a holder of an Award may not be given a second Award in the same field of the Arts and Sciences.
  - ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award(s) despite any changes in residence.
5. Insignia
  - i. The badge of the Award shall be, "(Fieldless) A blue thistle sable, slipped and leafed Or."
  - ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to wear a medallion depicting the badge of the Award dependant from a ribbon about the neck.
6. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979
7. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Alleyne Reynard 1979.
8. Revised by Sigmund the Wingfooted and Siglinda Syr 1983.

9. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988.
10. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

## O. The Award of the Sable Crane of Ansteorra

### 1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award which the crown shall give to persons who have displayed outstanding service to Ansteorra. This Award shall be known as the Award of the Sable Crane of Ansteorra and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Award.'
- ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the Sable Crane of Ansteorra."

### 2. Arms and Precedence

- i. The Award shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, an Award of Arms. The Awards of the Sable Thistle and the Sable Crane of Ansteorra are held to be of equal precedence and shall be considered as one group. Holders of the Award shall take precedence after Holders of the King's Gauntlet and the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra, but before the Companions of the various Baronial Orders.
- ii. If the Award is given to a person who is already higher in precedence than stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If the Award is given to a person who does not hold an Award of Arms or higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her acceptance of the Award.

### 3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The selection of a holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Crown or it's representative in Open Court
- ii. Persons being given this Award must be present to receive the Award.

### 4. Holders of the Award

- i. The number of Awards shall not be limited.



- ii. Holders of the Award shall retain their Award despite any changes in residence.

## 5. Insignia

- i. The badge of the Award shall be, "Or, a crane in it's vigilance sable, armed orbéd, membered, crested, and throated Or, fimbriated sable, bearing in it's dexter claw a millet of five greater and five lesser points sable."
  - ii. Holders of the Award shall be entitled to wear a Pin or medalion depicting the Badge of the Award
6. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979
  7. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Alleyne Reynard 1979.
  8. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988
  9. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

## P. The Award of the King's Gauntlet and the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra

### 1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Award known as the King's Gauntlet of Ansteorra, which only the King shall give to persons found to have server him well and faithfully, above and beyond what is normally expected of a citizen of Ansteorra. There shall also exist in Ansteorra an Award known as the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra, which only the Queen shall give to persons found to have server her well and faithfully, above and beyond what is normally expected of a citizen of Ansteorra.
- ii. Holders of the Award of the King's Gauntlet shall be entitled to place the initials "KGA" after their names to designate their Award, and shall be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the King's Gauntlet of Ansteorra."
- iii. Holders of the Award of the Queen's Gauntlet shall be entitled to place the initials "QGA" after their names to designate their Award, and shall be styled and announced in procession as, "Holder of the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra."

### 2. Arms and Precedence

- i. The Award shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, an Award of Arms. The King's Gauntlet and Queen's Glove of Ansteorra are held to be of equal precedence and shall be consid-

ered as one group. The Awards shall take precedence after Simple Grants of Arms and before the Awards of the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra and the Sable Crane of Ansteorra.

- ii. If either Award is given to a person who is already higher in precedence than stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If a person selected for either Award does not hold an Award of Arms or higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her acceptance of the Award.

### 3. Bestowal of the Award

- i. The selection of a holder of the Award shall be announced publicly by the Crown in Open Court
- ii. Persons being given this Award must be present to receive the Award.

### 4. Holders of the Award

- i. The number of Awards given shall not be limited, either in number of holders of the Award or in number of Monarchs choosing to honor one individual.
- ii. Holders of either Award shall retain their Award(s) despite any changes in residence.

### 5. Insignia

- i. Holders of the King's Gauntlet of Ansteorra shall be entitled to carry a leather or cloth gauntlet bearing a sable Ansteorran Star and the granting kings cipher
- ii. Holders of the Queen's Glove of Ansteorra shall be entitled to carry a cloth or leather glove bearing the queens rose and the granting queen's cipher. The Queen's Rose badge is blazoned, "A rose sable charged with a rose Or, thereon a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable."

6. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979

7. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Alleyne Reynard 1979.

8. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January 1988

9. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

## **Q. The Order of the White Scarf of Ansteorra**

### **1. Establishment of the Award**

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Order unto which the Crown shall select persons who have demonstrated all the following qualities:**
  - (a) Exceptional skill and chivalry in combat with weapons of the duello;**
  - (b) Service to Ansteorra and it's people;**
  - (c) Knowledge of the Courtly Graces; and**
  - (d) Obedience to the laws and ideals of Ansteorra and of the Society for Creative anachronism**
  - (e) This Order shall be known as the Order of the White Scarf of Ansteorra, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Order'**
- ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to place after their names the letters "WSA" to designate their membership the Order, and shall be styled and announced in procession as "Companion of the White Scarf of Ansteorra."**
- iii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to use the prefix title, 'Don' or 'Doña', and within Ansteorra, these titles shall be reserved to Companions of the Order.**

### **2. Arms and Precedence**

- i. The Order shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, a Grant of Arms. Companions of the Order shall take precedence after all Nobility and Peerage, but before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the White Scarf shall be combined with that of the Orders of the Star of Merit, Iris of Merit, and the Centurion of the Sable Star of Ansteorra.**
- ii. If the Order is given to a person who is already higher in precedence that stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.**
- iii. If the Order is given to a person who does not hold higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her**

elevation to the Order.

3. Investiture of the Order

- i. The selection of a member of the Order shall be publicly proclaimed by the Crown in open court.
- ii. Persons being selected must be present to receive the Order.

4. Membership in the Order

- i. The number of members in the Order shall not be limited.
- ii. Companions of the Order shall retain their membership in the Order despite any later changes in residence.
- iii. The Crown may consult with the order concerning the qualifications and suitability of a candidate. Recognition and elevation remains the sole providence of the Crown.

5. Principals of the Order

- i. The Queen and King of Ansteorra shall be the Principals of the Order.
- ii. Principals of the Order shall share all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership in the Order.

6. Insignia of the Order

- i. The badge of the Order shall be, "Sable, on a pale argent between two rapiers, guards to center, proper, in chief a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable."
- ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear a white scarf about the left shoulder or tied above the left elbow.

7. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979

8. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Allyne Reynard 1979

9. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988

10. Revised by Inman and Athena June, 1984.

11. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

R. The Order of the Star of Merit of Ansteorra

1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Order unto which the Crown shall select persons who have served their Kingdom well and faithfully, above that which is normally expected of the citizens of Ansteorra, and who have shown a consistent respect for the laws of Ansteorra.
- ii. This Order shall be known as the Order of the Star of Merit of Ansteorra, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Order'
- iii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to place after their names the letters "CSM" to designate their membership in the Order, and shall be styled and announced in procession as "Companion of the Star of Merit of Ansteorra."

## 2. Arms and Precedence

- i. The Order shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, a Grant of Arms. Companions of the Order shall take precedence after all Nobility and Peerage, but before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the Star of Merit shall be combined with that of the Orders of the Iris of Merit, the White Scarf, and the Centurion of the Sable Star of Ansteorra.
- ii. If the Order is given to a person who is already higher in precedence than that stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If the Order is given to a person who does not hold higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her elevation to the Order.

## 3. Investiture of the Order

- i. The selection of a member of the Order shall be publicly proclaimed by the Crown in open court
- ii. Persons being selected must be present to receive membership in the Order.

## 4. Membership in the Order

- i. The number of members in the Order shall not be limited.
- ii. Companions of the Order shall retain their membership in the Order despite any later changes in residence.

## 5. Principals of the Order

- i. The King and Queen of Ansteorra shall be the Principals of the Order.
  - ii. Principals of the Order shall share all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership in the Order.
6. Insignia of the Order
- i. The badge of the Order shall be, "Argent, on a fess Or fimbriated a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable." (registered May 15, 1980)
  - ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear a gold or yellow garter edged with black and charged with the Star of Ansteorra, below the right knee or above the left elbow.
7. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979.
8. Revised by Duke Lloyd von Eaker and Duchess Joselyn Allyne Reynard 1979
9. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988
10. Revised by Duncan Arthur Ross the Black and Larissa Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001
- S. The Order of the Iris of Merit of Ansteorra
1. Establishment of the Award
    - i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Order unto which the Crown shall select persons who have consistently shown outstanding work in the Arts and Sciences, well above that which is expected of the citizens of Ansteorra, and who have displayed a consistent respect for the laws of Ansteorra. These persons should have displayed exceptional skill and expertise in their field(s) of artistic and/or scientific endeavor.
    - ii. This Order shall be known as the Order of the Iris of Merit of Ansteorra, hereinafter referred to as the 'Order'
    - iii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to place after their names the letters "CIM" to designate their membership the Order, and shall be styled and announced in procession as "Companion of the Iris of Merit of Ansteorra."
  2. Arms and Precedence
    - i. The Order shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, a Grant of Arms. Companions of the Order shall take precedence

after all Nobility and Peerage, but before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the Iris of Merit shall be combined with that of the Orders of the Star of Merit, the White Scarf, and the Centurions of the Sable Star of Ansteorra.

- ii. If the Order is given to a person who is already higher in precedence that stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
    - iii. If the Order is given to a person who does not hold higher precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her elevation to the Order.
3. Investiture of the Order
  - i. The selection of a member of the Order shall be publicly proclaimed by the Crown in open court
  - ii. Persons being selected must be present to receive the Order.
4. Membership in the Order
  - i. The number of members in the Order shall not be limited.
  - ii. Companions of the Order shall retain their membership in the Order despite any later changes in residence.
5. Principals of the Order
  - i. The King and Queen of Ansteorra shall be the Principals of the Order.
  - ii. Principals of the Order shall share all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership in the Order.
6. Insignia of the Order
  - i. The badge of the Order shall be, "Or, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable surmounted by a natural rainbow proper."
  - ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear a ribbon tintured as a rainbow in spectrum about the shoulder.
7. Created by Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp 1979.
8. Revised by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Allyne Reynard 1979
9. Revised by Seamus and Karlanna January, 1988

T. The Order of the Centurions of the Sable Star of Ansteorra

1. Establishment of the Award

- i. There shall exist in Ansteorra an Order unto which the Crown shall select persons who have demonstrated all of the following qualities:
  - (a) Exceptional Leadership, skill and Honor in chivalric combat;
  - (b) Service to Ansteorra and it's people;
  - (c) Knowledge of the Courtly Graces; and
  - (d) Obedience to the laws and ideals of Ansteorra and of the Society for Creative Anachronism.
- ii. This Order shall be known as the Order of the Centurion of the Sable Star, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Order'
- iii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to place after their names the letters "Centurion" to designate their membership the Order, and shall be styled and announced in procession as "Companion of the Centurion of the Sable Star."
- iv. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to use the prefix title, "Centurion", and within Ansteorra, these titles shall be reserved to the Companions of the Order.

2. Arms and Precedence

- i. The Order shall carry with it, at the pleasure of the Crown, a Grant of Arms. Companions of the Order shall take precedence after all Nobility and Peerage, but before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the Centurion shall be combined with that of the Orders of the Star of Merit, the Iris of Merit and the White Scarf of Ansteorra.
- ii. If the Order is given to a person who is already higher in precedence that stated above, then his/her precedence shall remain unchanged.
- iii. If the Order is given to a person who does not hold higher



precedence, then his/her precedence shall date from his/her elevation to the Order.

3. Investiture of the Order

- i. The selection of a member of the Order shall be publicly proclaimed by the Crown in open court
- ii. Persons being selected must be present to receive the Order.

4. Membership in the Order

- i. The number of members in the Order shall not be limited.
- ii. Companions of the Order shall retain their membership in the Order despite any later changes in residence.
- iii. The Crown may consult with the order concerning the qualifications and suitability of a candidate. Recognition and elevation remains the sole providence of the Crown

5. Principals of the Order

- i. The King and Queen of Ansteorra shall be the Principals of the Order.
- ii. Principals of the Order shall share all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership in the Order.

6. Insignia of the Order

- i. The badge of the Order shall be "(fieldless) on an eagle displayed Or a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable"
- ii. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear a ribbon sable edged Or charged with an Or Ansteorran Star worn on either shoulder or above the elbow.

7. Created by Inman and Athena June, 1984.

8. Revised by Timotheus and Allyson, January, 1996

9. Revised by Alwynn Clarewoode of Aquitaine, September 2001

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