

Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra



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These are the Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra. All prior editions of Kingdom Law are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE I: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CROWN

Section 1: Laws and 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 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 effects.
- 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, ennoblements, 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.

ARTICLE II: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1: Offices of the Kingdom

- 2** a. All officers of the Kingdom are required to be members of the SCA, Inc., with

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immediate access to the official Kingdom newsletter and to maintain such membership while in office.

b. The Great offices of State shall be:

- i. Seneschal
- ii. Principal Herald
- iii. Earl Marshal
- iv. Minister of Arts and Sciences
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Chronicler
- vii. Chirurgeon
- viii. Hospitaler

c. The Lesser Offices of State shall be:

- i. Minister of Children
- ii. Lord/Lady High Chancellor
- iii. Historian
- iv. Rapier Marshal
- v. Constable
- vi. All warranted deputy Kingdom officers, including Regional Officers
- vii. All officers of the 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, if 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 a warrant or roster signed and dated by the Crown and the appropriate superior officers (where such exist).

e. The Crown may expressly delegate its permission to its officers to issue warrants without its counter-signature, for the duration of that Crown's reign.

f. 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. No warrant shall be renewed beyond 2 years except for extenuating circumstances to be determined by the Crown.

g. Resignation of office in writing constitutes termination of warrant, and is



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effective on the date mailed or delivered.

- h. Great Officers of State may be removed from office for just and stated cause by the joint action of the Crown and the officer's Corporate superior, where such exists. If a warranted deputy exists for the office, then he/she 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 cause by the Crown or the appropriate Kingdom-level or Regional-level superior officer (where such exist).

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 Crown Princess, and the Kingdom Seneschal a complete 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. The Crown may require additional reports from the Great Officers at any time. Noncompliance 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 event that the Officer shall be unexpectedly unable to perform the duties of the office.
- i. The Great Officers 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 the pleasure of the Crown, at Crown Tournament, Coronation, and at such other events as the Great Officers of State feel is needed for the good of the Kingdom.
- k. 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.
- l. All persons mentioned in a complaint received by a Great Officer of State shall be notified to allow a rebuttal of any charges.
- m. The Officers of State shall perform such other duties as the Crown may deem appropriate.
- n. All local officers have the same rights and duties as their Kingdom superiors, but as they relate to the local branch.
- o. The titles of the local officers will be:
 - i. Seneschal
 - ii. Herald (at a rank to be bestowed by the College of Arms)
 - iii. Knight Marshal
 - iv. Minister of Arts and Sciences
 - v. Treasurer
 - vi. Chronicler
 - vii. Chirurgeon
 - viii. Minister of Children
 - ix. Rapier Marshal
 - x. Hospitaler
- p. Kingdom Officers are authorized to issue handbooks or policy manuals, detailing procedures and policies for their areas of responsibility. In the event that a Kingdom officer's handbook so specifies, and it is countersigned by the Kingdom Officer, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Crown, the provisions of that handbook are hereby incorporated as a part of kingdom law.

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



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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 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 Seneschal of the Kingdom 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 the requirements established by the Corpora, Corporate Office policies, and Kingdom Law are met.
- g. The Kingdom Seneschal shall supervise the Lord/Lady High Chancellor, 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, whose duty shall be to coordinate those activities organized for children within the Kingdom. Such activities shall include, but are not limited to: classes and hands-on training designed to teach and illustrate skills and activities practiced by children in the SCA period, as well as instruction in the courtly graces and ideals of our Society.
- i. The Kingdom Seneschal shall supervise the Constable, whose duty it shall be to establish a Watch in order to maintain the security of the property and persons at events.

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.
 - i. Awards given shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter on a monthly basis.
 - ii. 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.



- iii. The Order of Precedence of Ansteorra shall be published at least every other year in such format as the Star Principal Herald 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 submissions 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, ennoblements, grants, awards, etc., within the Kingdom.
- f. The Star Principal Herald shall be knowledgeable in Kingdom customs and protocol and shall advise the Crown and the populace accordingly.
- g. The Kingdom Treasurer, or their designated deputy, shall establish and maintain such bank accounts or equivalents as may be necessary to provide an orderly and secure means of transfer of funds for the College of Heralds of Ansteorra. The financial transactions of the Star Principal Herald shall be reported to the Kingdom Treasurer as directed by the Kingdom Treasurer, and shall be handled in such form as are specified in the Kingdom's Treasurer'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 within the Kingdom, and for the correct training of all fighters.
- 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 Marshallate Handbook including the Conventions of Combat, Weapons, Armor Standards, and the Rules of the Lists.
- d. The Earl Marshal shall supervise the Rapier Marshal, who shall be responsible for the conduct and safety of Rapier Combat within the Kingdom.
- e. No person shall in Ansteorra represent himself as a warranted member of the Marshallate without authorization from the Earl Marshal.
- f. 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 Minister 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:



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- i. Coordinating the scheduling, organization, and running of the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition.
 - ii. Coordinating the scheduling, organization, and running of the King's College.
 - iii. Coordinating any other Arts and Sciences events for the Kingdom as required by the Crown, including Kingdom participation in Inter-Kingdom activities.
 - iv. Oversight of the activities of the Queen's College of Bards.
 - v. 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 & Sciences shall be responsible to the Crown for the education of the Crown's subjects 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:
 - i. The monthly Kingdom newsletter (The Black Star), containing the Regnum, the Calendar of Events, local branch listings, and other information as required.
 - ii. The Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra.
 - iii. A Kingdom Order of Precedence, prepared by the office of the Principal Herald.
 - iv. A Kingdom Marshallate Handbook, prepared by the office of the Earl Marshal.
 - v. 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 Treasurer of Ansteorra in a timely fashion.
- d. The Chronicler shall ensure that all local branch chroniclers publishing a local branch newsletter include in that newsletter a disclaimer statement for not- official publications.
- e. The Chronicler shall supervise the Historian, whose duty shall be to collect and maintain documents and records important to the history of the Kingdom.

Section 9: The Treasurer

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- a. The Treasurer of Ansteorra shall be responsible for the collection, disbursement, and safeguarding of the monies of the Kingdom.
- b. All withdrawals of monies from the Kingdom accounts must be authorized by the Crown and the Seneschal in advance.
- c. Kingdom funds may be used to reimburse Kingdom Officers and the Crown for such expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal shall approve. Kingdom funds may be used to provide advance funding (loans) for some kingdom events, and other uses as directed by the Crown.
- d. For events where Kingdom funds were advanced or reimbursement is being requested, the amount advanced or reimbursed and a minimum of 30% 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 Treasurer of Ansteorra, Kingdom Seneschal, and Crown within one (1) calendar month after the event.
- e. The Treasurer of Ansteorra shall be responsible for distributing the annual financial report forms and information to the treasurers of the local branches, preparing the yearly financial report for the Kingdom and submitting it to the Corporate Treasurer in a timely fashion.
- f. An annual financial statement shall be submitted to the membership within the pages of the Kingdom newsletter.
- g. Each local branch must establish a bank account for their funds in the name of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc., (Branch type) of (Branch name). The Treasurer of Ansteorra must be a signatory on these bank accounts along with the local seneschal and local treasurer. All withdrawals of funds by the local treasurer must be approved by the local seneschal in advance.
- h. All local treasurers must submit regular reports to the local seneschal and the Treasurer of Ansteorra as directed by the Treasurer of Ansteorra.
- i. Procedures for handling of all other financial matters for the Kingdom shall be as specified in a Kingdom Reeve's handbook, which shall be countersigned by the Kingdom Treasurer and the Crown, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated as a part of kingdom law.

Section 10: The Chirurgeon

- a. The Chirurgeon coordinates first-aid for the Kingdom, including, but not limited to: tournament combat and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events.
- 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.



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- c. No person shall represent themselves as a Chirurgeon without authorization from the Kingdom Chirurgeon.
- d. The Kingdom Waterbearer Coordinator shall be a Deputy Kingdom Chirurgeon and will report directly to the Kingdom Chirurgeon.
- e. The Waterbearers Guild of Ansteorra shall operate under the rules and procedures as defined under the Waterbearers 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.

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 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.

ARTICLE III: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE NOBILITY AND PEERS

The counselors of the Crown are: the Territorial Barons, 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

- a. The Nobility, by reason of their rank and experience, shall have the right and duty to counsel the Crown and Kingdom Officers.
- b. 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

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- 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:
 - i. To reflect the Royal Presence in the Barony when the Crown cannot be in attendance.
 - ii. 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, to encourage historical interaction, research, and creativity within the Barony.
 - iii. To counsel the Crown, and to petition the Crown on matters pertaining to the Barony, and on behalf of the members of the population thereof.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. To assist the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal in arranging sites and autocrats for Crown Tournaments and Coronations.
 - vi. 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. Removal of a Territorial Baron/ess for cause shall be a matter for a Court of the Realm at which the written opinions of the populace shall be solicited.
- f. The Crown may appoint a Vicar and/or Vicaress to oversee a Barony as the need arises. The rights, 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



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dating from the date of their investiture as Territorial Baron/ess.

- j. Appointment to the position of Territorial Baron/ess shall carry with it a Grant of Arms at the pleasure of the Crown.

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

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 the 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

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Corporate level only 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. Final determination of good and sufficient reason rests solely with the Crown.

Section 5: Maintenance of Period Ambience

- 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.

Section 6: Combat Participation

- a. No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to participate in the fighting activities at SCA events 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 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.

ARTICLE V: KINGDOM EVENTS

Section 1: Events

- a. A Calendar Event shall be defined as a gathering sponsored by an officially recognized branch of the Kingdom which is listed in advance on the 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.
- b. A Society Event shall be defined as a gathering sponsored by an officially recognized branch of the Kingdom which is listed in advance in the Kingdom newsletter or 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 present and responsible for the conduct of the event.



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c. Every Event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. shall have an autocrat 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 must meet the membership requirements for the office of seneschal.

d. 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.

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:

i. The Spring Crown Tournament shall be conducted in the month of April.

ii. 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. 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:

i. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition

ii. The Kingdom Eisteddfod

iii. The King's College

iv. The Kingdom Warlord Tournament

v. The Queen's Championship Tournament which is held once each reign on a date not later than six weeks after Coronation.

vi. The Queen's Children's College

vii. Academy of the Rapier

viii. Academy of the Bow



- b. These 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. Any branch hosting a Kingdom event may petition the Kingdom for financial support to aid in preparation for the Event. A branch which hosts a Kingdom event may, at the discretion of the Crown, be asked to contribute a portion of that event's net profits to the Kingdom.

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.
 - i. The Steppes Warlord Tournament shall be held annually on Memorial Day weekend in May.
 - ii. The Namron Protectorate Tournament shall be held annually on Columbus Day weekend in October.
 - iii. The Stargate Baronial Championship Tourney shall be held the second weekend in September.
 - iv. The Baronial Court shall be held in Bjornsborg the third weekend in October.
 - v. The Autumn Melees shall be held in Bordermarch the third weekend in November.
 - vi. The Candlemas Feast shall be held in Bryn Gwlad the first weekend in February.
 - vii. The Samhain Celebration shall be held in Eldern Hills the last weekend in October.
 - viii. The Defender of the Fort Tourney shall be held in Raven's Fort on the third weekend in September.
 - ix. The Elfsea Defender Tourney shall be held in Elfsea on the fourth weekend in September.
 - x. The Wiesenfeuer Baronial Championship shall be held in Wiesenfeuer the first weekend in September.
 - xi. The Loch Soilleir Baronial Court shall be held in Loch Soilleir the third weekend in May.
 - xii. The Octavian Tournament shall be held in Bonwicke the last weekend in April.



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- b. These events are specifically not protected and may have other events scheduled on the same date.
 - 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, or waiving it as per subsection (c).

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 in which he/she will reside and must, at the pleasure of the Crown, meet the following requirements:
 - i. He/she must have lived within the boundaries of the Kingdom for the previous calendar year;
 - ii. He/she must have served in an administrative office of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., or its equivalent, for at least six (6) months;
 - iii. 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;
 - iv. He/she shall display a demeanor and appearance suitable to being a Sovereign or Consort.
 - v. 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:
 - i. Sufficient income to support the office of the Crown;



- ii. A means of rapid and regular communication;
 - iii. A dependable means of transportation;
 - iv. Sufficient assurance that he/she shall remain within the Kingdom for the next eight (8) months.
- f. In addition, any person entering the Crown Lists as a combatant:
- i. Must have at least one (1) year's fighting experience.
 - ii. Must have a member of the Chivalry speak for him/her prior to the Crown Lists.
 - iii. Must have current fighter authorization and not be on probation/suspension within the Marshallate.
- 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 the 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."
- h. 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.

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 refought 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.

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.



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- 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.

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 at which Awards conferring Rank or Precedence are bestowed, Officers Invested, or other matters of long term significance occur, must be conducted at Calendar Events.

Section 3: Courts of the Realm

- a. The Court of the Realm shall function as an advisory group to the Crown. They shall advise the Crown upon those matters the Crown may remand to them.
- b. The Court of the Realm 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.
- c. The justices of the Court shall be at least three persons whom the Crown shall appoint.
- d. Those members of the Peerage who are not involved in the proceedings shall act as the advisors to the Court.
- e. In all other respects, the Court of the Realm shall be organized and conducted solely at the pleasure of the Crown.



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 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.

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:
 - i. At least twenty five (25) sustaining, contributing, or patron members of the SCA, Inc.
 - ii. A full slate of warrantable officers, including a seneschal, herald, knight marshal, minister of arts and sciences, treasurer, chronicler and Hospitaler.
 - iii. A name and arms which have been registered with the College of Arms.
 - iv. A record of at least two (2) years of regular activity including hosting events in all fields of Society endeavor.
 - v. In the case of a Barony, a candidate for Baron and/or Baroness acceptable to the Crown.

Section 3: Cantons

- a. A Canton is a branch recognized by the Crown, formed under the protection of a Barony, which fulfills the requirements listed below:
 - i. At least five (5) sustaining, contributing, or patron members of the SCA, Inc.
 - ii. A warrantable seneschal, herald and knight marshal. If there are no fighters in the group, a minister of arts and sciences may replace the knight marshal.



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- iii. A name which has been registered with the College of Arms.
- iv. 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:
 - i. At least ten (10) sustaining, contributing, or patron members of the SCA, Inc.
 - ii. A full slate of warrantable officers, including a seneschal, herald, knight marshal, minister of arts and sciences, treasurer, chronicler and Hospitaler.
 - iii. A name which has been approved by the College of Arms, and arms which have been submitted to the Ansteorran College of Heraldry.
 - iv. 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:
 - i. At least five (5) sustaining, contributing, or patron 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.
 - ii. A warrantable seneschal, herald, and knight marshal. If there are no fighters in the group, a minister of arts and sciences may replace the knight marshal.
 - iii. A name which has been registered with the College of Arms.
- c. Membership in an Institutional Branch is based upon affiliation with the institution, rather than upon residence in a given area.

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 granted official recognition by the Crown, which meets the requirements listed below:
 - i. At least three (3) sustaining, contributing, or patron members of the SCA, Inc.

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- ii. A warrantable seneschal, herald, and knight marshal. If the group has no fighters, a minister of arts and sciences may replace the knight marshal.
 - iii. 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 normally 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.

These are the Laws of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, keeping to the tradition of the Laws created by Jonathon De Laufyson Macebearer and Willow de Wisp, issued by Lloyd von Eaker and Joselyn Allyne Reynard, and maintained by all the noble Crowns of Ansteorra.

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REGINA ANSTEORRA

I have reviewed these laws and do hereby witness that they do not conflict with the Corpora and Bylaws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., nor the Laws of any applicable government.

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