



**The Atlantian Great Book of Law**

**The Laws of the Glorious Kingdom of Atlantia**  
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## **Part I - The Great Book of Laws of the Kingdom of Atlantia**

### **1 The Laws of the Kingdom of Atlantia**

#### **1.1 Prior Law**

All prior laws not listed in this Great Book of Laws are hereby repealed. Only those laws listed here or enacted hereafter in the manner described below, local civil law, and the by-laws and Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., are in effect in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

#### **1.2 Enacting, Changing, and Repealing Law**

No laws may be enacted, changed, or repealed without the approval of the Crown (or the Regent in the absence of the Crown) after consultation with the Curia Regis. Any action or circumstance not addressed or expressly forbidden by law shall be interpreted to be allowed or disallowed at the will of the Crown.

#### **1.3 Requirement for Effect of Law**

Laws do not take effect until proclaimed at a Kingdom-level event and the text published in the Kingdom newsletter. Laws must be given to the Kingdom Chronicler, in writing, at or before the Crown's last court to be valid. No provision of Kingdom law shall be in effect, nor shall the subjects of the Kingdom be responsible for such provisions, until such proclamation and publication has taken place.

#### **1.4 Appendices as Law**

The Appendices to the Great Book of Laws have the same effect, and fall under the same creation and proclamation laws, as the Law. Appendix E, The Kings and Queens of Atlantia, may be updated with each publication of the Great Book of Law.

#### **1.5 Publication of Law**

The Chronicler will not publish any laws without the signatures of the Crown (which can include electronic approval).

#### **1.6 The Atlantian Great Book of Law**

The Atlantian Great Book of Law, the compilation of Kingdom Law, shall be published at the beginning of each reign on the Atlantian Web site. Law and Policy will both be updated on the Kingdom web site a minimum of once per reign.

## **2 Duties and Powers of the Crown**

### **2.1 Outgoing Crowns and Kingdom Records**

The following Kingdom records shall be maintained by the Crown as indicated and transferred to their successor no later than one week after Coronation.

- 2.1.1** Order polling information and commentary (orders of merit, orders of patent): to be maintained no longer than one reign after receipt.
- 2.1.2** Baronial pollings and pollings of confidence: to be turned over to the Kingdom Seneschal maintained until term of referenced baronage expires.
- 2.1.3** Treaties and charters: to be maintained until published in Law.
- 2.1.4** Sanctions (all correspondence including emails, notes, and records): to be maintained for one reign after completion and then transferred to the Kingdom Seneschal.

### **2.2 Ensuring Succession of the Crown**

- 2.2.1** In the case of the inability of either the Sovereign or the Consort to complete the reign, the remaining Monarch shall assume the duties of both until the Coronation of their successors.
- 2.2.2** The Crown shall cause to be held a Crown Tournament to choose their successors.
- 2.2.3** A Regent shall be appointed at Coronation to fulfill the duties of the Crown should they be unable to do so and must relinquish the thrones. Unless otherwise specified, the Regent will be the most recent people who have served as the Crown of Atlantia. The Regent's duties and powers in such a case shall be:
  - 2.2.3.1** To see to the conduct of a Crown Tournament if one has not yet been held.
  - 2.2.3.2** To hold in trust the regalia and records of the monarchy for the future Crown.
  - 2.2.3.3** To cause to be held and conduct any required Curia Regis.
  - 2.2.3.4** To conduct such correspondence in the name of the Crown as is deemed necessary for the function of the Kingdom and to ensure continuity for the future Crown.
- 2.2.4** In the case that either the Crown Prince or the Crown Princess is unable to assume the throne, the remaining heir shall assume the duties of both through their Coronation and until the Coronation of their successors.
- 2.2.5** In the case that neither the Crown Prince nor the Crown Princess is able to assume the throne, a new Crown Tournament must be held at the earliest possible date to ensure the succession.

### **2.3 Sanctions**

Refer to Corpora number X, section A.

## **3 Curia Regis**

### **3.1 Curia Regis Defined**

Curia Regis is hereby defined as an assembly which must be called at least once per reign in order to gain consultation and advice on the administration and governance of the Kingdom.

### **3.2 Curia Assembly**

The Crown shall call the Curia Regis into assembly.

### **3.3 Members of the Curia Regis**

The members of the Curia are:

**3.3.1** The Crown Prince and Princess of Atlantia.

**3.3.2** Any Atlantian Territorial Princes & Princesses & Their Heirs.

**3.3.3** All officers of state.

**3.3.4** All landed Barons and Baronesses.

**3.3.5** All Atlantian branch Seneschals.

### **3.4 Who Speaks at Curia**

Any other person may attend the Curia Regis but may speak only if recognized by the Crown to do so.

### **3.5 Proxies**

Written proxies may be accepted by the Crown if received prior to the commencement of Curia.

### **3.6 Meeting Requirements of Curia Regis**

Meetings of the Curia Regis shall be called as follows:

**3.6.1** The date, time, place, and (if possible) a tentative agenda shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter, or a mailing shall be made to the members of the Curia at least thirty days prior to the date of Curia.

**3.6.2** Emergency meetings of the Curia Regis shall be called by a letter to the members of the Curia. This notification shall be mailed at least ten days before the date of the Curia and shall include the reason for the emergency meeting. An emergency meeting shall be limited to the topic(s) listed in the letter of announcement. An emergency meeting of the Curia does not fulfill the requirement for at least one Curia per reign.

## **4 The Officers of the Kingdom of Atlantia**

### **4.1 Offices of State and the Curia Regis**

An Office of State cannot be created or abolished without consulting the Curia Regis. The Kingdom Seneschal will be responsible for notifying affected parties before the Curia Regis that the change will be discussed.

### **4.2 Officer's Rights and Responsibilities**

The rights and responsibilities of Officers of State are as follows:

- 4.2.1** Each officer shall submit such reports as are required by his/her corporate superior and the laws of the Kingdom. Copies of all such reports shall be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- 4.2.2** Each officer shall report on the state of his/her office at each Curia Regis. The Crown may choose to accept this report by proxy.
- 4.2.3** Each Officer of State shall supervise and coordinate the actions of his/her local counterparts throughout the Kingdom.
- 4.2.4** Each Officer of State shall ensure that anyone warranted in an office that directly supervises minors, such as youth marshals and youth coordinators, have fulfilled the background check process per Society requirements.

### **4.3 Authority and Requirements**

Each Officer of State has the authority to make policies for the discharge of his/her office and for his/her subordinates' duties, within the limits of the specific office. All such rules and regulations must be printed in the Kingdom newsletter. All such policies, rules, and regulations shall be presented to and approved by the Crown prior to publishing in the Kingdom newsletter.

### **4.4 Regalia and Records as Office Property**

All papers and regalia accruing to any office are property of the office and must be transmitted to any new office holder within thirty days of any change of office.

### **4.5 Appointment and Removal of Officers of State**

- 4.5.1** Officers of State are appointed by the Crown and are ratified by the corresponding Corporate Officer. Officers of State are warranted by the Crown and by their Corporate Superior. If no corresponding Corporate Officer exists, the Crown shall act unilaterally.
- 4.5.2** In the case of written resignation of office, Officers of State are removed as of the date of resignation.
- 4.5.3** In the case of expiration of term of office, Officers of State are removed automatically by the expiration of their warrants. Should a good faith effort to fill the office be in progress, the Crown may authorize the Officer of State to continue the duties of the office for up to 45 days after the expiration of the warrant.
- 4.5.4** Officers of State may be removed for cause by a recommendation of the Crown reviewed and ratified by the corresponding Corporate Officer. Such action may be appealed to the Board of Directors by the Officer of State being removed. If no

Corporate Officer exists, the Crown shall act unilaterally, but the right of appeal shall still apply.

**4.5.5** Officers of State may be suspended by the Crown for just and stated cause for the duration of their reign.

**4.5.6** Duly warranted Officers of State are installed by presentation at Royal Court and invested by the Crown with the regalia pertaining to their offices at a Society event.

#### **4.6 Term of Office and Review of Officers of State**

**4.6.1** The initial term of office is hereby defined as two years, with renewal terms being one year

**4.6.2** No Officer of State may continue in his/her office for longer than one initial term and two renewal terms. An officer may serve again after stepping down for at least two years.

**4.6.3** Within ten business days of becoming great officer of state, the new officer must present the Kingdom Seneschal with proof that the membership is current through at least the end of the initial term. Positive confirmation is defined in Corpora IV.A.2. Upon renewal, membership must again be proved.

**4.6.4** The Crown shall review the officer's performance at the end of his/her initial term of office, and, at their discretion, may ask him/her to serve a renewal term. Subsequent to a performance review after the first renewal term the Crown may request one additional renewal term. The officer has the option of accepting or refusing the reappointment.

#### **4.7 Deputies**

**4.7.1** Each Officer of State shall designate and train an emergency deputy. The name of each deputy shall be published in the Kingdom newsletter.

**4.7.2** Should an Officer of State resign or become unable to perform his/her duties, the deputy shall take over the duties until a successor can be chosen or until the original officer is able to resume the duties of the office.

**4.7.3** The circumstances cited in 4.7.2 above are the only circumstances in which a deputy will automatically succeed a Great Officer; under no circumstances will any deputy position take on the meaning of "designated successor", as this would be contrary to the Crown's authority to nominate Great Officers (see 4.5.1 above).

**4.7.4** Other duties and responsibilities of a deputy are the jurisdiction of the Kingdom officer to whom he/she is deputized.

**4.7.5** The officer of state may designate additional assistants by roster or individual warrant to ensure the functions of the office. These gentles will be approved by the Crown.

**4.7.6** Deputies shall serve a term of office that is hereby defined as two years.

**4.7.7** A Deputy Officer of State serves at the pleasure of the Great officer and may continue in his/her office for longer than one term, with a yearly review, in consultation with the Great Officer and the Crown, beginning with the end of the first term.

**4.7.8** The Great Officer and the Crown shall review the deputy's performance at the end of his/her first term of office, and, at their discretion, may ask him/her to serve

additional terms. The deputy has the option of accepting or refusing the reappointment.

#### **4.8 Local Officers**

- 4.8.1** Officers of State shall ensure that those branches required to have a local officer subsidiary to their office have such an officer.
- 4.8.2** Officers of State shall ensure that all appointed officers of local branches are either patron, contributing, or sustaining members of the SCA, Inc., or are associate or family members with immediate access to the Kingdom newsletter provided by a subscribing membership at their residence. This shall be checked at least once per reign.
- 4.8.3** Officers of State shall warrant officers of local branches by individual warrant or by roster for a period of time determined by the policies of the Great officer. Warrants and rosters shall include, at minimum, the local branch officer's membership number and the information required by VII.K.1 of Corpora.
- 4.8.4** Officers of State shall submit a roster to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal once during each reign.

#### **4.9 The Officers of State**

The Officers of State of Atlantia are:

- 4.9.1** Kingdom Seneschal
- 4.9.2** Triton Principal Herald
- 4.9.3** Kingdom Earl Marshal
- 4.9.4** Kingdom Minister of the Lists
- 4.9.5** Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer
- 4.9.6** Kingdom Chronicler
- 4.9.7** Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences
- 4.9.8** Kingdom Chirurgeon
- 4.9.9** Kingdom Web Minister
- 4.10.10** Kingdom Chatelaine

#### **4.10 Definitions of Officers of State**

- 4.10.1** The Kingdom Seneschal shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora:
  - 4.10.1.1** To advise the Crown and their subjects on law and administration.
  - 4.10.1.2** To maintain membership lists as necessary for the determination of eligibility for Crown Tournament.



**4.10.1.3** To be responsible for the deputy offices of Archivist, Kingdom Chancellor of Youth Activities, Kingdom Clerk of Law, Kingdom Waiver Secretary, Media Liaison, and Deputy for Kingdom Event Bids.

**4.10.1.3.1** The Archivist shall provide a central storage location for such items as may be given into his/her keeping by the Crown, Officers of State, or the Curia Regis; maintain an inventory of all articles in the archives; and be responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.

**4.10.1.3.2** The Kingdom Chancellor of Youth Activities shall (i) establish and oversee the Deans of the Youth Programs, (ii) establish and oversee all Kingdom youth programs and be responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.

**4.10.1.3.3** The Kingdom Clerk of Law shall maintain current compilation of Kingdom Law and Officer's Policies, enter all updates as they are published in the Kingdom newsletter, publish the updated version (of each) on the kingdom website, and be responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal. Two weeks before the start of each reign, the clerk shall provide an electronic copy of the most current version of Kingdom Law and Officers' Policies to the Coronets, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Kingdom Chronicler. Within two weeks of Crown Tournament, the Clerk of Law shall provide an electronic copy to the Heirs.

**4.10.1.3.4** The Waiver Secretary shall supervise and coordinate the collection and storage of signed waivers and be responsible to the Kingdom Seneschal.

**4.10.1.3.5** The Media Liaison shall act as the liaison to organized news media on behalf of the Kingdom of Atlantia at or regarding Kingdom sponsored events and activities and shall ensure that all information provided to organized news media is presented professionally and conveys a true, accurate, and unbiased sense of the purpose and intent of the SCA in accordance with the society media relations policy.

**4.10.1.3.6** The Deputy for Kingdom Event Bids is responsible for managing the state of all kingdom event bids that are the responsibility of the kingdom seneschal's office, encouraging, receiving, and actively soliciting bids from branches.

**4.10.2** The Triton Principal Herald shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora:

**4.10.2.1** To advise the Crown and their subjects on heraldic matters.

**4.10.2.2** To supervise, promote the development of, and coordinate field heraldry at events and to be responsible for Kingdom activities for the College of Arms.

**4.10.2.3** To promote excellence in, and qualify and coordinate heralds for court heraldry at events.

**4.10.2.4** The Golden Dolphin Herald shall be responsible for heraldic submissions for residents and branches of the Kingdom of Atlantia.

**4.10.2.5** To be responsible for the deputy office of the Clerk of the Signet, who shall have the following duties:

**4.10.2.5.1** To supervise production of whatever scrolls are required by the Crown.

**4.10.2.5.2** To promote the development of calligraphy and illumination in the Kingdom.

**4.10.2.5.3** To qualify and coordinate artists to assist in the work of the Signet Office.

**4.10.3** The Kingdom Earl Marshal shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora:

**4.10.3.1** To advise the Crown and their subjects on all matters pertaining to fighting activities within the Kingdom.

**4.10.3.2** To ensure safety and chivalrous conduct within the lists in Atlantia.

**4.10.3.3** To ensure that the Rules of the List are followed in all fighting in the Kingdom.

**4.10.3.4** To set and enforce weapon and armor standards, conventions of combat, and authorization requirements.

**4.10.3.5** To be responsible for the deputy offices of Earl Marshal.

**4.10.4** The Kingdom Minister of the Lists shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia:

**4.10.4.1** To maintain accurate records of the fighting activities and the authorized fighters of the Kingdom, and provide such rosters as needed to the Earl Marshal, local ministers of lists, and knight marshals.

**4.10.4.2** To supervise and coordinate the actions of local ministers of lists throughout the Kingdom.

**4.10.5** The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia, those set forth in Corpora, and those indicated in the Kingdom Financial Policy.

**4.10.5.1** To be responsible for the deputy office of the Non-Member Surcharge (NMS).

**4.10.5.2** To be responsible for the deputy office of the Kingdom Chamberlain. The Kingdom Chamberlain shall have the following duties:

**4.10.5.2.1** To be responsible for the maintenance and storage of the royal regalia and property, for maintaining an accurate database of regalia and property including:

- When an item of regalia was purchased or donated to the Kingdom
- Who is responsible for an item released for use and not in Kingdom storage
- Location of all regalia and property whether in Kingdom storage or released to an individual for use.
- Communicating to the Chancellor of the Exchequer information about any regalia obtained, value of items and those items in need of repair or retirement. This includes obtaining an appraisal (in conjunction with the Kingdom Exchequer) of all regalia by a jeweler or appropriate craftsman every 5 years.

**4.10.5.2.2** To conduct an inventory of all royal regalia and property, including its location and condition, to be completed immediately prior to its transfer to an individual for use. The incoming Royalty will accept custody of royal

regalia and property to be placed in Their care by signed receipt of the completed inventory.

**4.10.5.2.3** To complete the standard "Lease Agreement" for use of the Atlantian crowns and coronets in conjunction with the Kingdom Seneschal, the King, Queen, Crown Prince and Princess including collection of the \$1.00 lease fee per person, providing copies of the executed lease to all parties and sending collected fees to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer for deposit.

**4.10.5.2.4** To supervises the maintenance and repair of the Regalia. Any item of Regalia that is found to be missing or damaged beyond the scope of normal wear will be replaced or repaired at the expense of the individual responsible for said item.

**4.10.5.2.5** To consult with the Financial Committee about retirement or removal of Kingdom property inventory due to wear, age or Kingdom needs. Removal of inventory shall be done via Society approved methods.

**4.10.6** The Kingdom Chronicler shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora:

**4.10.6.1** To supervise all official publishing activities of the Kingdom.

**4.10.6.2** To be the editor of the Kingdom newsletter.

**4.10.6.3** To be responsible for the deputy office of Historian. The Historian shall have the following duties:

**4.10.6.3.1** To provide reports to the Kingdom Chronicler as specified in the Kingdom Chronicler's policies and be responsible to the Kingdom Chronicler.

**4.10.7** The Kingdom Chirurgeon shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora: To coordinate and supervise the practice of emergency aid within the Kingdom.

**4.10.8** The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences shall have the following duties in addition to those pertaining to all Officers of State of Atlantia and those set forth in Corpora:

**4.10.8.1** To advise the Crown and Their subjects on all matters pertaining to Arts and Sciences within the Kingdom.

**4.10.8.2** To ensure that the Kingdom Notables schedule and run the Kingdom Notable competitions.

**4.10.8.3** Maintain a slate of local and regional officers to promote the Arts and Sciences in Atlantia.

**4.10.8.4** Be responsible for fund-raising for the Arts and Sciences projects that advance knowledge in the Kingdom (ex., The Oak).

**4.10.8.5** To be responsible for the deputy office of Chancellor of the University of Atlantia.

**4.10.8.5.1** The duties of the Chancellor of the University shall be defined in the Charter of the University.

**4.10.8.6** To publish the Kingdom Arts and Sciences newsletter, known as "The Oak", at least once per calendar year.

**4.10.8.6.1** The Oak will be published online.

**4.10.9** The Kingdom Web Minister. The Kingdom Web Minister shall have the following duties:

**4.10.9.1** Maintain and monitor the Kingdom's Internet resources and interests to include the sub-domain names, Atlantia.sca.org and Atlantia.org, and the Kingdom email aliases.

**4.10.9.2** Monitor the recognized web pages of the Kingdom to ensure that they are in compliance with current SCA and Atlantian policies.

**4.10.9.3** The Kingdom Web Minister shall be the authoritative advisor to the Kingdom in matters concerning the internet. The Web Minister shall lend technical assistance to the recognized web ministers and other Atlantian branches or recognized groups desiring to create a web presence as needed.

**4.10.10** The Kingdom Chatelaine shall coordinate materials and information for the assimilation of new members to the Society.

## **5 Territorial Barons and Baronesses**

### **5.1 As Representatives of the Crown**

Territorial Barons and Baronesses are the representatives of the Crown in their Barony. Upon their investiture, they are confirmed as the Baron or Baroness and receive a Grant of Arms. On stepping down from their office, Founding Barons and Baronesses may be styled as "Founding Baron/ess (name of Barony)."

### **5.2 Tenure and Term Limits**

**5.2.1** An initial term for territorial barons and/or baronesses is defined as three (3) years, with renewal terms being two years.

**5.2.2** Within ten business days of becoming territorial baron or baroness, the new baron and/or baroness must present the Kingdom Seneschal with proof that their membership is current through at least the end of the initial term. Positive confirmation is defined in Corpora IV.A.2. Upon renewal, membership must again be proved.

**5.2.3** The tenure of territorial Barons and Baronesses shall be no longer than one initial term and one renewal term consecutively (i.e. a territorial Baron and/or Baroness may serve again after stepping down for at least three years).

**5.2.4** Their Majesties may adjust the term of territorial Barons and Baronesses by up to three months as circumstances require.

**5.2.5** In branches where the Baron and/or Baroness may serve consecutive terms, the following procedures apply.

**5.2.5.1** Three months prior to the end of the initial term, the Crown shall review the performance of the Baron and/or Baroness and at the discretion of the Crown may ask for a polling of confidence before allowing the Baron and/or Baroness to serve a renewal term. Should the Crown request a polling of confidence the procedures are the same as those outlined in 5.4.

### **5.3 Service and Removal**

All Territorial Barons and Baronesses serve at the behest of the Crown. Any Territorial Baron or Baroness may be removed from office during their tenure by the Crown, after soliciting a written polling of confidence or the written opinion of the members of the barony.

### **5.4 Selection and Polling Requirements**

The following procedure shall be used in the selection process for a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness.

**5.4.1** The branch shall develop a list of candidates which is then given to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal for approval.

**5.4.1.1** No polling shall have fewer than three candidates. Exception: Polling of confidence (see 5.2.5.1) A candidate is defined as an individual male or female intending to sit the baronial throne alone, or as a pair of individuals of opposite gender intending to sit the baronial throne together.

**5.4.2** Once approval is received from the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, the branch seneschal shall mail a polling to each paid member residing within the geographic boundaries of the Barony as determined by the zip codes listed in the Atlantian database. The seneschal shall send a list of all persons receiving the polling to the Crown so they may validate returned pollings.

**5.4.2.1** Pollings will be sent out in accordance with the procedure and letter format for Pollings and Pollings of Confidence as specified in Appendix A of Atlantian Policy.

**5.4.2.2** The branch seneschal shall publish the mailing date for pollings in the Baronial newsletter.

**5.4.3** The completed individual responses shall be returned by the respondents directly to the Crown (or Heirs, per 5.4.4) for Their evaluation. Polling responses shall not be collected locally in any fashion, nor shall they be forwarded to the Crown via any third Party.

**5.4.3.1** Pollings must be signed with a legal (modern) signature and have both legal and Society (if applicable) names printed in a legible fashion when returned to the Crown to ensure validation. Pollings which fail to meet these requirements shall not be counted.

**5.4.4** Decisions on Baronial Pollings and Pollings of Confidence will be made by the individuals who will be on the throne at the time of any resulting Investiture.

### **5.5 Recognition**

It shall be the responsibility of territorial Barons and Baronesses to recognize those of their Barony who are deserving of Baronial Awards. They shall also recommend to the Crown those members of their Barony who are deserving of Kingdom recognition.

### **5.6 Membership Requirements**

All Territorial Barons and Baronesses must be paid members of the SCA for the duration of their tenure.

## **5.7 Residential Requirements**

Territorial Barons and Baronesses must be a subject of the Kingdom of Atlantia by residence or treaty for the duration of the polling and their tenure.

## **5.8 Exclusion of Other Offices and Appointments**

Territorial Barons and Baronesses may not hold any other office or appointment during their tenure. They may hold an office or appointment during a polling, but must step down before their investiture.

# **6 Events**

## **6.1 Requirements**

- 6.1.1** All events held in the Kingdom of Atlantia must be properly registered with the Kingdom Chronicler's office and have a complete flyer published in the Kingdom newsletter to be considered an official event. The procedures for registering events and the requirements for event flyers are published as part of the Kingdom Chronicler's policies.
- 6.1.2** All event fliers must identify all fees that will be collected from attendees, including any non-member surcharge fees, in accordance with Atlantian Exchequer Policy.

## **6.2 Kingdom Events**

- 6.2.1** A Kingdom Event is one held under Royal Patronage to carry out some purpose of state or to celebrate occasions of special note. The Kingdom Event Bid Committee shall accept bids from any branch, group or individual within the borders of the kingdom interested in hosting Kingdom Events. Such bids must meet the provisions defined in the Kingdom Event Bid Process.
- 6.2.2** Atlantia's Kingdom Events and the weekends reserved for them are scheduled below. Events may deviate from this schedule only if absolutely necessary. Should a Kingdom Event be scheduled differently than provided for below, any protected status shall not apply and the Kingdom must receive permission to use the date from any Atlantian branch that already has an event on the calendar for the desired date.
  - 6.2.2.1** Atlantia's Protected Kingdom Events. No Society event shall be held in the Kingdom on a Kingdom protected weekend without the permission of the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
    - 6.2.2.1.1** Twelfth Night - held on the weekend of the second Saturday in January.
    - 6.2.2.1.2** Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in February.
    - 6.2.2.1.3** Spring Coronation - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in April, unless this is an Easter weekend, then it is moved to the second Saturday in April.
    - 6.2.2.1.4** Spring Crown Tournament - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in May.
    - 6.2.2.1.5** Fall Coronation - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in October.

**6.2.2.1.6** Fall Crown Tournament – held on the weekend of the first Saturday in November.

**6.2.2.1.7** Winter University - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in March.

**6.2.2.1.8** Summer University - held on the weekend of the second Saturday in June..

**6.2.2.1.9** The Tournament of the Golden Rose – held on the weekend of the third Saturday in April.

**6.2.2.1.10** Unevent - held on the weekend of the first Saturday in December.

**6.2.2.2** Atlantia's non-protected Kingdom Events. No Society event shall be held within 150 miles of a non-protected Kingdom Event without the permission of the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal. Other events cannot be scheduled until a site has been selected.

**6.2.2.2.1** Fall University - held on the weekend of the last Saturday in August.

**6.2.2.2.2** Any other events which may be specially designated by the Crown.

### **6.2.3** Financial Responsibility.

**6.2.3.1** Any branch which sponsors a Kingdom level event will turn over the proceeds from the event to the Kingdom Exchequer in accordance with the Kingdom Financial Policy.

**6.2.3.2** The Kingdom shall be considered the sponsor for all inter-Kingdom wars and events. The Crowns will negotiate the split of the profits between the Kingdoms.

**6.2.3.3** The Kingdom does not take any financial responsibility for any loss from a Kingdom Event sponsored by a recognized Branch within the boundaries of the Kingdom. The University of Atlantia Fund may be used to fund, in whole or in part, sessions of University.

### **6.2.4** Concerning Crown Tournament.

#### **6.2.4.1** Eligibility for Crown Tournament.

**6.2.4.1.1** Each competitor in Crown List must have a consort of the opposite gender.

**6.2.4.1.2** Each competitor and each consort shall be a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. One must be a subscribing member and the other must receive the Kingdom newsletter at his/her address. Each competitor and each consort must be a member of the SCA, Inc., on the first day of the month in which the Crown Tournament occurs. Positive confirmation that the Registry has processed the membership application is required, as defined by Corpora for entrants to the Crown Lists.

**6.2.4.1.3** No one shall compete in the Crown Lists or be the consort of a competitor in the Crown Lists who cannot fulfill the duties of the Crown.

**6.2.4.1.4** The victor of the Crown Lists and his or her consort shall together assume the titles of Crown Prince and Crown Princess as appropriate to their gender, and the position of successors to the Crown.

**6.2.4.1.5** All fighting and non-fighting entrants in the Crown Tournament must be presented to and acceptable to the Crown.

- 6.2.4.1.6** The withdrawal of either the competitor or the consort automatically eliminates both from that Crown Tournament. Either may withdraw at any point in the tournament, without loss of honor, by notifying the Crown and the Minister of the Crown Lists.
- 6.2.4.1.7** All participants in a Crown Tournament must be subjects of the Kingdom of Atlantia who have resided in Atlantia for at least one year immediately prior to the Crown Tourney.
- 6.2.4.1.8** No person shall enter the Crown Lists without intending an honorable attempt to compete for the Crown.
- 6.2.4.1.9** Combatants and their consorts in Crown List must have arms registered with the College of Heraldry or present proof of heraldic submission through a warranted herald prior to Crown Tournament.
- 6.2.4.1.10** Each participant (a participant is defined as the Competitor and his/her Consort) in Crown Tourney must submit a letter of intent to fight in Crown Tourney to the Crowns by the due date set by the Current Crowns containing at least the following information:
- 6.2.4.1.10.1** Proof of membership to include membership numbers and expiration dates.
  - 6.2.4.1.10.2** The modern and SCA names of the Participants along with their address(es), an email address and/or phone number.
  - 6.2.4.1.10.3** List of at least three branch sponsored events held in Atlantia the Competitor and Consort have attended, either together or separately, in the seven months preceding the date of the Crown Tourney.
- 6.2.4.1.11** Any or all of the requirements for entrance to the Crown Tournament stated above, with the exception of those required by Corpora, may be waived by the Crown.
- 6.2.4.2** The Crown Tournament shall be a double elimination tournament.
- 6.2.4.3** The victor of the Crown Lists and his or her consort shall vacate any other held offices or appointments at the time of assumption of the titles of King or Queen. Crown Prince and Princess may use the time between Crown Tourney and Coronation to divest themselves of any other office or appointment. The King and Queen should hold no other offices or appointments.

### **6.3 Other Events**

- 6.3.1** The first branch or group to submit a fully completed Event Registration Form to the Kingdom Chronicler (or his/her duly appointed deputy) may, once per Society year, request that subsequent event requests be restricted from having an event on the same date within 150 driving miles of their event. This distance will be calculated over the most widely traveled route (site to site). Branches or groups submitting an Event registration Form that does not include a site location (TBA) may not request this restriction until they locate a site and inform the Kingdom Chronicler's office of the change.



- 6.3.2** A barony, including local branches within the borders of the barony, may not hold two events on the same date(s). This is to prevent two branches in the same barony from each holding an event on the same date(s).

## **7 Atlantian and Peerage Awards and Orders**

- No kingdom award or order shall be considered a prerequisite for any other kingdom award or order.
- A person may be proposed for membership in any Order or for receipt of any Kingdom Award by any gentle of the Kingdom by recommendation to the Crown. {NOTE: A complete list of Atlantian Awards and Orders can be found in Appendix A.}

### **7.1 Conference Requirements**

All Awards and Orders bestowed in Atlantia must be reported by the Crown to the Triton Principal Herald, the Clerk of the Signet, and the Clerk of Precedence, in writing, by the end of Their reign, giving the name of the recipient, the date, and the place.

### **7.2 Kingdom Awards**

A Kingdom award may be given more than once to the same individual.

### **7.3 Concerning Kingdom Orders**

**7.3.1** Companions of these Orders who were admitted prior to Atlantia's elevation to Kingdom status shall retain their precedence within the Orders of Atlantia.

**7.3.2** Companions of those Orders who resided in the Kingdom at the time their Order had its status elevated shall have their status elevated appropriately in the Order of Precedence.

**7.3.2.1** The Orders of Atlantia last had their status elevated on April 1, 2003.

**7.3.3** All of the Orders which convey an Award of Arms shall rank equally with each other in the Order of Precedence.

**7.3.4** All of the Orders which convey a Grant of Arms shall rank equally with each other in the Order of Precedence.

**7.3.5** Recipients shall be known as companions of their respective orders.

**7.3.6** Members of the Orders are expected to maintain their service to the Kingdom at the level for which they were admitted to the order and to be chivalrous and courteous at all times.

**7.3.7** Concerning the Orders of Merit.

**7.3.7.1** The Orders of Merit are bestowed by the Crown and are non-polling.

**7.3.7.2** Admission to the Orders of Merit shall be accompanied by an Award of Arms to such recipients as do not already have Arms.

**7.3.8** Concerning the Orders of High Merit.

**7.3.8.1** Admission to the Orders of High Merit shall be accompanied by a Grant of Arms to such recipients as do not already have a Grant of Arms.

**7.3.9** Concerning Polling

- 7.3.9.1** Orders of High Merit and Peerage Orders may be given by the Crown after written or verbal consultation with the members of the order regarding the qualifications of a candidate. Each such polling shall be considered valid for the duration of the current reign and the entirety of the following reign.
- 7.3.9.2** Pollings shall not be sent to any member who has resided outside the Kingdom of Atlantia for more than six consecutive months.
- 7.3.9.3** Pollings shall be sent by the Principal to the members of the order and shall be returned by the members directly to the Crown (or, at the Crown's discretion, Their Heirs).

#### **7.3.10 Principal Requirements**

Each of the Peerage Orders and Atlantian Orders of High Merit shall have a Principal.

**7.3.10.1** The Principal shall be chosen by the Crown, from those within the order. The Crown shall conduct a polling every two years, or should the office become vacant. Polling responses will be sent by order members directly to the Crown and shall not be collected locally in any fashion, nor shall they be forwarded to the Crown via any third party.

**7.3.10.1.1** Each Principal shall continue in his/her capacity for a period of no longer than four years.

**7.3.10.2** Each Principal shall maintain the mailing list for his/her order. Mailing lists may be electronic if acceptable to the majority of the order. Those members who do not wish to receive information in an electronic fashion may request pollings and watchlists from the Principal of the order by traditional mail.

**7.3.10.3** Each member of each order is responsible for providing the Principal with their address.

**7.3.10.4** Each Principal is responsible for holding at least one general meeting of his/her order during each reign by publishing and/or sending written notification of time and place not less than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Notification of the order may be by electronic post if acceptable to the majority of the order.

#### **7.4 Order of the Rose**

Concerning the Order of the Rose: In Atlantia, the Order of the Rose is a non-polling, Patent Order. All Queens or Consorts of Atlantia are inducted into the Order of the Rose upon completion of the reign, unless they are already members.

#### **7.5 Royal Peerage**

A Royal peerage earned in the Kingdom of Atlantia shall be accompanied by a Patent of Arms if the new Royal Peer does not already have one. People earning such peerages shall be assumed to fulfill the basic requirements for receiving a Patent of Arms, unless a Court of Chivalry shall find otherwise.

### **8 Grievances**

When the Crown has declared a Kingdom investigation complete and the decision final, no Officer may reopen the investigation save at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Society or at

the direction of their Society Officer. Courts are Society functions and are to be held at Society events within the Kingdom.

## **8.1 Complaint Procedure**

**8.1.1** All members should follow the Channels for Complaint and Appeal per Corpora. Once other appropriate avenues of redress have been exhausted, the following complaint procedures are used for the arbitration of disputes. The Channels need not be invoked for disputes of a monetary nature, incompetence in office, or violations of the Rules of the Lists.

**8.1.2** All complaints are to be promptly forwarded to the Crowns and Kingdom Seneschal.

**8.1.3** Complaints are registered when presented by mail or email to the Crown, Baronage, or an officer of the seneschallate. Complaints should follow these guidelines:

- complaints must include SCA and legal name and the date(s) of the incident(s)
- complaints must be registered by an individual directly involved in or witness to the incident(s)
- complaints should include, at minimum, a complete description of the incident(s) and a list of any witnesses and their role in the incident(s)

**8.1.4** Upon review of a complaint, the Crown may:

**8.1.4.1** Reject the complaint as inappropriate, have it removed from the Crown's and Seneschal's files, and inform the complainant of same giving the reasoning behind the decision.

**8.1.4.2** Keep the complaint on file with the Kingdom Seneschal, without action, pending other complaints of a similar nature, and inform the complainant of same.

**8.1.4.3** Inform in writing the person(s) accused of the complaint, provide them a copy of the complaint and the next actions to be taken. At the discretion of the Crowns, a Board of Inquiry may be appointed.

**8.1.4.4** Begin the proceedings for a further Court as appropriate, and inform the complainant of same.

**8.1.4.5** Refer the complaint to the Kingdom Seneschal and inform the complainant of same.

**8.1.5** The complainant may withdraw his or her complaint at any point at the Crown's discretion.

**8.1.6** Complaints resulting from a single incident must be registered within 60 days of the incident. Complaints resulting from a series of incidents must be filed within 60 days from the last cited incident. All cited incidents must have taken place within a reasonable period of time.

## **8.2 Board of Inquiry**

A Board of Inquiry is appointed at the Crown's discretion to recommend further action on such issues as the Crown may refer to the Board. Its aim is to discover the basis of the dispute, prepare a list of pertinent witnesses and evidence, and make recommendations to the Crown for further actions. The Board of Inquiry may be as informal as desired by the Crown. Boards of Inquiry may not find against individuals, rather their inquiries shall be of a problem-identification nature. All deliberations of a Board of Inquiry shall be held

confidential except that, in the event that a further Court is recommended, the findings and records of the Board of Inquiry shall be forwarded to the further Court.

The Board of Inquiry shall:

- 8.2.1** Consist of members chosen by the Crown at the Crown's discretion, excluding the Crown. One member shall be named the Senior Member.
- 8.2.2** Within 30 days of being named by the Crown, act in the following manner:
  - 8.2.2.1** Review the complaint referred to it by the Crown.
  - 8.2.2.2** Investigate the matter including but not limited to contacting those involved as listed in the complaint.
  - 8.2.2.3** Determine if the nature of the complaint made warrants the convening of further Courts.
  - 8.2.2.4** Within 15 days following the close of the inquiry, the Senior Member must prepare and submit to the Crown a written recommendation to convene a further Court or to dismiss the complaint. This recommendation shall be signed by all members of the Board of Inquiry. The recommendation need not be unanimous, but in the case of multiple opinions, each member must acknowledge and sign his/her own recommendation.
  - 8.2.2.5** The Crown may choose to accept all, some, or none of the recommendations of the Board of Inquiry. If the decision of the Crown differs from the recommendation, the Crown shall attach an explanation of their decision to the recommendation.
- 8.2.3** The Crown must send copies of all documentation and a final report to the Kingdom Seneschal to be placed in the Kingdom record.

### **8.3 Court of Chivalry**

- 8.3.1** A Court of Chivalry may be called against anyone for matters concerning: Kingdom law, heraldic law, the rules of the lists, chivalric matters, perjury, or any other matters referred to it by the Crown. In no case is the Crown compelled to call a Court of Chivalry based on the recommendation of a Board of Inquiry.
- 8.3.2** No matters disputed under modern law may be referred to or be considered by a Court of Chivalry.
- 8.3.3** 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.
- 8.3.4** Upon the decision to convene a Court of Chivalry the Crown must appoint an Agent of the Crown within 10 days, and provide a complete copy of any files to the Agent. The Agent shall take the following actions upon appointment:
  - 8.3.4.1** Send by registered mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the complaint, any prior recommendations, and other pertinent material to the accused.
    - 8.3.4.1.1** Request from the accused a decision on whether the accused will waive defense, defend him/herself, or be represented by a representative of his/her choice. A representative named to handle defense must have agreed to do so.

**8.3.4.1.2** Refusal of the accused to respond will be interpreted as willingness to accept the findings of the Court without personal clarification.

**8.3.4.2** Members of the Court.

Prepare a list of 5 people who agree to serve as members of the Court of Chivalry and 1 additional person as alternate, and present this list to the Crown and the accused. If possible, the list shall include at least one member of each of the Peerage orders and at least one Peer from the vicinity of the accused's home branch. The accused shall be given an opportunity to review the list and may reject any 1 member of the Court for stated cause.

**8.3.4.3** Location.

Select a date and location (after consultation with the Crown) for the Court of Chivalry, which shall be within 30 days of selection of the Agent. Courts of Chivalry may not be convened until all parties to the dispute, all members of the Court, and the Board of Directors, have been notified of the upcoming Court of Chivalry and its cause.

**8.3.4.3.1** The place shall be in the region of the residence of the accused.

**8.3.4.3.2** The Agent shall send, by registered mail, return receipt requested, notification of the date and location for the Court to all parties to the dispute, members of the Court, and the Defense Counsel.

**8.3.4.4** The Agent shall make arrangements conducive to order and comfort for the conduct of the Court.

**8.3.5** Prosecutor.

The Crown shall select a prosecutor prior to the Court.

**8.3.6** The Court of Chivalry shall convene on the date at the location chosen. The Court shall follow these procedures:

**8.3.6.1** Prior to convening, the Crown shall select one from among them to serve as senior member of the Court. The senior member shall chair the proceedings and maintain order.

**8.3.6.2** The Agent shall identify the various participants in the Court, read the accusations, and then turn over the proceedings to the senior member of the Court.

**8.3.6.3** The Court will provide the accused the opportunity to admit, deny, or explain their actions.

**8.3.6.4** The Court shall conduct itself in such a manner as to assure that all concerned parties and all pertinent materials are heard and given due consideration. The Court shall take special care to hear those statements that the accused wishes to make in his/her own defense, but does not require the accused to speak.

**8.3.6.5** Following the presentation of evidence and testimony and any arguments which the prosecution or defense choose to present, the members of the Court shall retire to a private setting for consideration and the Court shall be recessed.

**8.3.6.6** Consideration of the members of the Court shall take place as follows:

- 8.3.6.6.1** The members of the Court shall determine the validity of any accusations. This shall be done by discussion, followed by a vote of the members in which a majority shall determine the outcome.
- 8.3.6.6.2** If the finding is that the accusations are valid, the members of the Court shall then determine what sanctions, if any, they shall recommend that the Crown impose.
- 8.3.6.6.3** Following consideration and decision, the senior member of the Court shall reconvene the proceedings of the Court and announce the findings and recommendations of the Court.
- 8.3.7** The Court shall then be dismissed.
- 8.3.8** Within 10 days of the Court of Chivalry, the Agent shall present to the Crown the records, findings, and recommendations of the Court. The Crown may extend this time as they deem appropriate. At that time, the Agent shall be dismissed.
- 8.3.9** The Crown shall, within 10 days of the receipt of the Agent's report, inform, in writing, the accused of Their decision.
- 8.3.10** The Crown shall send copies of all documentation and any final report to the Kingdom Seneschal to be placed in the permanent Kingdom record.
- 8.3.11** A Court of Chivalry may be dissolved at any time by the Crown. The Crown may dismiss or act upon the accusations that brought about the Court of Chivalry at any time during the proceedings.

## **8.4 Court of Courtesy**

### **8.4.1** As an Assurance of Courteous Behavior.

A Court of Courtesy may be called by the Queen\* at Her own discretion, either upon Her own initiative, or in response to the petition of any subject(s). Courts of Courtesy are to assure courteous behavior among the subjects of Atlantia, and may not be called for disputes of monetary matters, incompetence, or violations of the Rules of the Lists.

### **8.4.2** Formats for the Court.

As each individual case demands individual treatment, the format for these Courts is flexible. Two possible formats are a hearing before a council of the Queen's choosing or a hearing before the Queen alone.

### **8.4.3** Her Majesty's Discretion.

All other details of the Court of Courtesy are up to the discretion of the Queen, except that the Queen shall in all cases appoint a recorder of the Court to take down what transpires. Formal Courts of Justice are reserved for Courts of Chivalry.

### **8.4.4** Effects of the Decision.

The decision of the Queen is final and cannot be appealed, nor can the same case be brought before a succeeding Queen. The decision must be in accordance with Kingdom Law, Corpora, and civil law.

### **8.4.5** Sanctions.

Actions following a Court of Courtesy may not be required, but should the Queen choose to use them, the following sanctions are available to her:

- 8.4.5.1** A private reprimand issued by the Queen.
- 8.4.5.2** A public reprimand issued in Court and printed in the Kingdom newsletter.
- 8.4.5.3** Requiring an apology or other act of atonement.
- 8.4.5.4** Referral of the matter to a Board of Inquiry or different Court.

\* {NOTE: For Queen, read Consort when applicable}

## **8.5 Other Courts**

The Crown may establish and call such courts as may be necessary for the governance of the realm.

## **8.6 Sanctions**

Sanction include, but are not limited to:

- 8.6.1** Probation, which is a period of fixed duration, during which an individual is to be observed. At the end of probation, the individual's conduct is to be reviewed.
  - 8.6.1.1** When probation is imposed, the Crown shall immediately appoint a panel to observe the conduct of the individual. The makeup of this panel is left to the discretion of the Crown.
  - 8.6.1.2** At the end of the probation period, the panel shall meet to discuss their observation of the accused's conduct, and to make a recommendation, in writing, to the Crown to lift the probation, or to continue the probation for a further fixed period of time, or to impose such other sanctions as listed in the laws as may be appropriate. If the probation is extended, the panel shall reconvene at the end of the extended probation period and review the accused's conduct during the extended probationary period.
- 8.6.2** Banishment. See Corpora for the types of banishment and the regulations regarding them.
- 8.6.3** Degradation from the Peerage. This is a sanction that may be brought only as a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- 8.6.4** Temporary or permanent proscription from the lists.
- 8.6.5** Temporary or permanent proscription from any specified activities within the Kingdom.
- 8.6.6** A private reprimand to be delivered by the Queen.
- 8.6.7** A public reprimand to be delivered by the Crown in the Kingdom newsletter.
- 8.6.8** Removal from any or all Kingdom orders. Removal of Arms is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 8.6.9** Removal from any or all offices held in the Kingdom of Atlantia (in conjunction with the corresponding Society officer as appropriate).

**8.6.10** Requiring specific acts of recompense or atonement.

## **8.7 Appeal**

Either side may appeal to the Crown the recommendation of a Court of Chivalry within 10 days of receipt of that written recommendation. The Crown will issue Their decision on any appeal not more than 30 days after the appeal is requested. Any appeals of the decision of the Crown must be made to the Board of Directors.

## **9 Rights of Subjects**

### **9.1 Concerning Non-Period Items**

**9.1.1** Canned beverages and other obvious modern items are forbidden at all Kingdom-level events. The one exception is that they are permitted within a pavilion with the owner's express permission. In this case, those who bring the cans or other items are responsible for their timely and discreet disposal.

**9.1.2** Smoking is forbidden in the central area of a Society event. The central area of an event is defined as any area where people must be present in order to participate in the event, such as the hall where a feast is taking place, or the lists and the area surrounding them during a tournament. The autocrat shall define the boundaries of the central area and the autocrat shall, if possible, provide some other area as convenient as may be found where smoking is permitted and made safe and practicable. Smoking is permitted in the interior of pavilion/home only with the express permission of the owner of the pavilion/home.

**9.1.3** The use of flash bulbs is forbidden in the central area of a Society event, being defined as any area where people must be present in order to participate in the event, such as the hall where a feast or court is taking place. The autocrat shall be responsible for defining the boundaries of the central area and should be consulted before any photography using flash bulbs takes place. Photography with flash bulbs is permitted in the interior of a pavilion only with the owner's permission, but only if this use of a flash bulb will not disturb anyone in the main area of an event. It is hoped that anyone taking photographs at any time will first obtain permission from those being photographed as a matter of courtesy.

**9.1.4** All plastic and/or modern sports equipment used by all participants on the field of combat must be covered in a manner to disguise the material in an attempt to display historical pre-17<sup>th</sup> Century accoutrements to the average passerby.

**9.1.4.1** Plastic and other modern materials specifically required to promote safety or those that are medically required are exempt from this ruling. However, every attempt must be made, in good faith, to disguise those items.

**9.1.4.2** Hand protection and shield edges may be made of plastic materials. However, it is the owner's responsibility to attempt to disguise the appearance of those items to bring them into compliance with the spirit of this law.

**9.1.4.3** Participants who are residents of another kingdom are to be considered our guests and are exempt from this ruling provided they meet Society minimum standards.

**9.1.4.4** Newly transplanted citizens to Atlantia are to be granted a four month period of time to come into compliance with these laws.

### **9.2 Concerning Live Steel**



- 9.2.1** No combat, staged or otherwise, using live steel shall occur within the specified boundaries of any Society event in the Kingdom of Atlantia.
- 9.2.2** No live steel shall be used in a dangerous, reckless, or offensive manner. Any such uses of live steel shall be reported to the person responsible for the event and recorded in the event report.
- 9.2.3** All swords and daggers shall be worn within scabbards or sheathes. It is recommended that swords and daggers be secured with a device that prevents accidental withdrawal (peace bond). Other steel weapons shall be worn or carried in a safe manner.

### **9.3 Concerning Minors**

#### **9.3.1 Minors**

- 9.3.1.1** Minors will be defined as persons who have not achieved the age of legal majority in the state, province, or country in which the event (function) is held. Adults are defined as persons who have achieved the age of legal majority in the state, province or country in which the event is held.
- 9.3.1.2** Minors may not enter (or remain at) an event without an adult who is designated as being responsible for them (either parent or guardian).
- 9.3.1.3** Sale of live steel to minors at SCA related functions is prohibited.
- 9.3.1.4** Society minimum standards for youth will be followed, unless additional rules are specified in Atlantia's Book of Law or additional policies are defined in Atlantia's Book of Policy.

#### **9.3.2 Minor Waivers**

- 9.3.2.1** Minors attending an event with their parent or legal guardian must present at check in a signed minor waiver or a signed blue card.
- 9.3.2.2** Minors attending an event with a guardian must present at check in a signed guardian waiver ("designated adult in charge waiver") and a notarized medical authorization form signed by the minor's legal parent or guardian. These waivers/forms are available through the Chancellor Minor's office via the Atlantian web site.

#### **9.3.3 Parental Responsibility for Children at SCA Events**

- 9.3.3.1** Parents or legal guardian (or temporary guardians) are responsible for children brought to SCA activities. Parents/Guardians should be aware of their children's location and activities at all times while attending SCA functions.
- 9.3.3.2** Parents must not expect other adults to supervise or control minors who are wandering unaccompanied at events. If unable to accompany a young child, parents should designate a known and approved caretaker/babysitter.
- 9.3.3.3** Because different levels of supervision are necessary for different age groups:
  - 9.3.3.3.1** Children below the age of 5 should not be left unsupervised by the parent/guardian at SCA functions, even at planned children's activities.

**9.3.3.3.2** Children under the age of 12 should be in the eyesight/earshot of the parent or a designated adult. If they are being supervised by another designated adult, parents should periodically check in on their children to ensure their safety and suitable behavior.

**9.3.3.3.3** Children under the age of 12 are not considered suitable babysitters for younger children.

## **9.4 Respect for Crown**

No subject shall knowingly allow the Crown to break Kingdom Law or Corpora and when advising shall do so in a manner as not to embarrass the Crown, the Kingdom, or its subjects.

## **9.5 Proper Channels for Complaint**

The proper channels for complaint and appeal shall hereafter be those set forth in Corpora. Any subject circumventing these procedures shall risk being in violation of Kingdom Law and/or having their complaint unacknowledged.

## **10 Treaties**

### **10.1 Treaty Negotiation**

Treaties shall be negotiated by the Crown or their designated representatives.

### **10.2 Treaty Ratification**

Treaties shall be ratified by being discussed at the Curia Regis, agreed to by the Crown Prince and Princess, and published in the Kingdom newsletter. A treaty cannot be ratified until the Crown Prince and Princess have been chosen.

### **10.3 Change Requirements**

Changes to treaties must be made using the same process as listed for the ratification of treaties.

### **10.4 Publishing Requirements**

Any treaties that are in effect shall be published in the Atlantian Great Book of Law or in the Kingdom newsletter.

## **11 Subsidiary Branches**

### **11.1 New Branches**

A new branch will be granted incipient status and be listed in the Kingdom Regnum when it has submitted a satisfactory New Branch Application to the Kingdom Seneschal (or designated representative), and the Kingdom Seneschal has been satisfied that a legitimate attempt is being made to organize a new branch. An attempt to organize a new branch within territory granted to an existing branch must be approved by any local Seneschals.

### **11.2 Advancement**

A branch will advance from incipient to full status, and have its officers ratified by their superiors, after filing a petition with the Kingdom Seneschal and satisfying any other

requirements as specified by the Kingdom Seneschal. Advancement to Barony status should follow procedures set forth in Corpora.

### **11.3 Officer Requirements**

To maintain full status, a branch must have a designated seneschal and exchequer, and either a herald, marshal, or a minister of arts and sciences. All of these officers must be an Associate or above member of the SCA, Inc., and have the Atlantian newsletter delivered to their address. A branch that has no marshal can only hold fighting events with the sponsorship of a warranted Atlantian marshal who will accept responsibility for the fighting at the event. A branch that has no warranted Minister of the List (MOL) can only hold fighting events with the sponsorship of a warranted MOL who will accept responsibility for the MOL responsibilities at the event.

### **11.4 Status Changes**

A branch may petition the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown to change its status, for example from Canton to Shire. When the petitioning branch is subsidiary to another, the Seneschal and Baron/Baroness or Prince/Princess (if any) for that latter branch must be consulted. A branch which has ceased to meet the requirements for its status may be declared extinct or be degraded to a lower status, by recommendation from the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown to the Board of Directors.

## **12 Miscellanea**

### **12.1 Royal Household Positions**

All positions in the Royal household and all ambassadorial positions are held only by virtue of the power of the Crown then reigning, and are therefore null and void at the end of the reign. Subsequent Crowns may reaffirm such appointments, as they see fit.

## **13 Rights and Restrictions**

### **13.1 Assumption of Titles and Rank**

The assumption of titles of rank equivalent to the reserved titles is forbidden. Those claiming ecclesiastical offices may not claim any territorial jurisdiction.

### **13.2 Clothing Restrictions**

With the exception of the Society requirement for pre-17th Century style, there are no restrictions concerning clothing in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

### **13.3 Symbols of Rank**

**13.3.1** In addition to the Society reservations for the symbols of the Peerages (the Orders of the Chivalry, Pelican, Laurel and Rose), the following symbols of rank shall be reserved as of August 01, 2011.

**13.3.2** Coronets are reserved to the Crown, Crown Prince and Princess, Royal Peers, Territorial Barons/Baronesses, and Court Barons/Baronesses.

**13.3.3** The use of coronets on helmets, masks or other head protection used in armored, rapier, equestrian, ceremonial or other combat are reserved to the Crown, Crown Prince and Princess, Royal Peers and Territorial Barons and Baronesses.

- 13.3.4** Coronets on helmets must comply with the same standards defined for other Coronets.
- 13.3.5** Coronets for Dukes and Duchesses shall be decorated with strawberry leaves. These may be placed upon the band or may extend above the line of the band of the coronet.
- 13.3.5.1** Reserved for Dukes and Duchesses is the right to any triple-lobed motif that extends above the line of the band of the coronet.
- 13.3.5.2** Ducal Coronets are not to exceed 3.5 inches in total height.
- 13.3.6** Coronets for Counts and Countesses shall be embattled or dovetailed.
- 13.3.6.1** County Coronets are not to exceed 3.0 inches in total height.
- 13.3.7** Coronets for Viscounts and Viscountesses shall have 12 spheroids placed on the top of the coronet if flat-topped, or shall have 12 points surmounted by spheroids if engrailed. Spheroids shall be of no more than 13mm diameter. Viscounty coronets shall not have more than 12 total spheroids, points or protrusions above the band of the coronet.
- 13.3.7.1** Viscounty Coronets are not to exceed 3 inches in total height.
- 13.3.8** Coronets for Territorial Barons and Baronesses shall either meet the design for Court Baronial coronets, or shall clearly incorporate motifs from the Arms of the Barony.
- 13.3.8.1** Territorial Baronage Coronets are not to exceed 2.5 inches in total height.
- 13.3.9** Coronets for Barons and Baronesses of the Court shall have 6 spheroids placed on the top of the coronet if flat-topped, or shall have 6 points surmounted by spheroids if engrailed. Spheroids shall be no more than 13mm diameter. Court Baronial coronets shall not have more than 6 total spheroids, points or protrusions above the band of the coronet.
- 13.3.9.1** Court Baronage Coronets are not to exceed 2 inches in total height.
- 13.3.10** Other coronet shapes appropriate to pre-17th Century cultures, such as Roman diadems and those from Eastern cultures shall have the same number of spheroids or points and shall not exceed the total height for the rank listed above, as appropriate for the wearer.
- 13.3.11** Coronets bestowed by a Kingdom of the SCA, Inc other than Atlantia upon a resident of said other kingdom may be worn without let or hindrance in Atlantia by the person upon whom it was bestowed, as long as the coronet is of a type and denoting a rank listed in this section.
- 13.3.12** Items of personal regalia owned prior to August 1, 2011, shall be exempted from compliance with these rules, except for those dictated by SCA, Inc. Corporate Law and Policy.
- 13.3.13** Items of regalia owned by the Kingdom of Atlantia, SCA, Inc, its Baronies, branches, or subsidiaries prior to August 1, 2011, shall be exempted from compliance with these rules, except for those dictated by SCA, Inc. Corporate Law and Policy.

## **Appendix A - Atlantian Awards and Orders**

Note: All Awards and Orders of Merit can be the gift of the King & Queen jointly or individually unless it is noted in the description as the specific gift of either the King or the Queen.

### **A.1 Kingdom Awards**

- A.1.1** The Award of the Shark's Tooth recognizes and honors those who have performed acts of valor for the Kingdom of Atlantia.
- A.1.2** The King's Award of Excellence honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by their excellent contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia. This award is a gift solely of the King to whomever he deems deserving. The recipients of this award shall be entitled to wear a gold pendant upon which is scribed, in blue, the initial of the given name of the King who bestowed the award.
- A.1.3** The Award of the Undine honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves with exceptional service to the Queen of Atlantia. This award is a gift solely of the Queen to whomever she deems deserving. The recipients of this award shall be entitled to wear a blue pendant upon which shall be scribed, in gold, the initial of the given name of the Queen who bestowed the award.
- A.1.4** The Award of the Sea Urchin honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17) who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia in service, martial activities, and/or arts and sciences.
- A.1.5** The Award of the Fountain recognizes and honors those who have performed acts of service for the Kingdom of Atlantia.
- A.1.6** The Award of the Silver Nautilus honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by an extraordinary achievement in the Arts and Sciences.
- A.1.7** The Award of the Herring honors and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary achievement as autocrats.
- A.1.8** The Vexillum Atlantiae (award of the banner) honors and recognizes the ferocity and valor of a group of fighters as a whole, not as individuals. When they fight as a unit, the group will have the honor of carrying the banner with the heraldry of the award into battle.
- A.1.9** The Award of Arielle honors and recognizes children for acts of courtesy.

### **A.2 Kingdom Orders**

Atlantia has the Queen's Order of Courtesy, Youth Orders, Order of the Nonpareil, Orders of Merit, and the Orders of High Merit.

- A.2.1** The Atlantian Queen's Order of Courtesy shall be conferred by the Queen of Atlantia upon such subjects as she deems worthy by reason of their consistently exemplary courtesy to subjects of all ranks in this Realm and in the Society at large. The Queen may, if she sees fit, call upon the members of this order to assist her with their aid or advice in encouraging courteous behavior, whenever she may deem this necessary. The members of the order shall be bound to assist the Queen to the best of their abilities when called upon in this fashion.
- A.2.2** The Order of the Nonpareil honors and recognizes those who have shown excellence, honor, courtesy or chivalry above and beyond any duty. The members of this Order

exemplify what it means to be an Atlantian. This award may be given only once per reign and is conveyed solely at the discretion of the Crown.

**A.2.3** The Youth Orders recognize young people up to and including the age of 17 and are as follows:

**A.2.3.1** The Order of the Alcyon honors and recognizes youths, who have distinguished themselves by their labors and achievements in the arts and sciences. All past recipients of the Award of the Alcyon (which is now closed) will be considered to be recipients of this award.

**A.2.3.2** The Order of the Hippocampus honors and recognizes youths, whose service and contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia have distinguished themselves in the eyes of the Crown and Kingdom. All past recipients of the Award of the Hippocampus (which is now closed) will be considered to be recipients of this award.

**A.2.3.3** The Order of the Sea Tyger honors and recognizes youths, who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor and chivalry in martial activities. All past recipients of the Award of the Sea Tyger (which is now closed) will be considered to be recipients of this award.

**A.2.4** The Orders of Merit are as follows:

**A.2.4.1** The Order of the Opal honor and recognizes those subjects of the Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by their service to Atlantia.

**A.2.4.2** The Order of the Coral Branch honors and recognizes those subjects of the Kingdom who have distinguished themselves in their effort in arts and sciences of the period.

**A.2.4.3** The Order of the Silver Osprey honors and recognizes those non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by consistent effort on the field.

**A.2.4.4** The Order of the Sea Dragon honors and recognizes those rapier fighters who have distinguished themselves by consistent effort on the field.

**A.2.4.5** The Order of the King's Missiliers honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their effort with bow and arrow (both target and combat), thrown weapon, and siegecraft.

**A.2.4.6** The Order of the Quintain recognized and honors those who have distinguished themselves by their consistent effort and shown excellence in the pursuit of equestrian activities.

**A.2.5** The Orders of High Merit are as follows:

**A.2.5.1** The Order of the Golden Dolphin honors and recognizes those subjects of the Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional service and leadership in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

**A.2.5.2** The Order of the Pearl honors and recognizes those subjects of the Kingdom who have distinguished themselves by their efforts and willingness to teach other subjects of the Society the arts and sciences of the period, and/or their excellence in the arts and sciences of the period.

- A.2.5.3** The Order of the Sea Stag honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their teaching of armored combat, rapier combat, combat and target archery, thrown weapons, siege warfare, or youth combat.
- A.2.5.4** The Academie d'Espee, the Order of the White Scarf of Atlantia, honors and recognizes those subjects who have excelled in the exercise and advance of the noble art of fence, and have distinguished themselves as examples of the precepts to which it is devoted.
- A.2.5.5** The Order of the Yew Bow honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their excellence with bow and arrow (both target and combat), thrown weapons, or siegecraft. All recipients of the Order of the King's Missiliers (prior to Feb. 7, 2003), the Order of the Nimrod (now closed), and the Award of the Yew Bow (now closed) will be considered to be recipients of this award.
- A.2.5.6** The Order of the Kraken honors and recognizes those non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by consistent excellence on the field. All past recipients of the Award of the Kraken (which is now closed) will be considered to be recipients of this award.

Note - For Queen, read Consort where applicable - For King, read Sovereign where applicable.

## **Appendix B - Charter of the University of Atlantia**

We, Ragnarr Thorvaldsson and Gwenllian de la Foret, Sixth Prince and Princess of Atlantia, do this day grant a Royal Charter to the University of Atlantia.

The purpose of the University shall be to spread knowledge of the crafts and sciences of the Middle Ages and the Current Middle Ages throughout our realm.

The University shall be administered by a Chancellor who will serve as a deputy of the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, for a term of two years, and who can succeed himself for a maximum of one term.

An Order of the Fellows of the University of Atlantia shall be established to consist of all those instructors who have taught at three or more different sessions of the University. After the first day of May, A.S. XVII, the Monarchs shall make all appointments to the University office from among these fellows.

The University shall hold not more than four nor less than two sessions in each year. To best spread the University's influence to all parts of Our realm, these sessions will not twice in succession be held in the same locality.

The Chancellor shall have the right to display the device of the University. All Regents and Fellows shall have the right to display the badge of the University.

Done this 12th day of April, A.S. XIV, Ragnarr & Gwenllian  
And confirmed this 2nd day of May A.S. XVI at Our Coronation feast, Michael & Carissa  
And amended this 1st day of October, A.S. XVIII at Our Coronation, Olaf & Aislinn  
And amended this 18th day of August, A.S. XX at the Pennsic War, Richard & Anne

## **Appendix C - Terms and Definitions**

CROWN: The King and Queen acting jointly

KINGDOM-LEVEL EVENT: Those events defined in section 6.2.

LIVE STEEL (aka Live Blade or 'Sharps'): A blade that is sharpened and expressly prepared for the purpose of cutting and/or thrusting which would have deadly effect if used against a person.

SOCIETY EVENT: An event as defined in Corpora.

## **Appendix D - Treaties**

### **D.1 Treaty of the White Scarf**

"We, the Crowns of the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, the Outlands, Trimaris, Atenveldt, and An Tir do by these letters publish and proclaim our intent to create an order in our Kingdoms to be known as the Order of the White Scarf. We do mutually recognize that this order shall be chartered in our Kingdoms as custom allows."

"Further, We, the Crowns of the Kingdom of Atlantia do enter into this treaty, in accordance with our laws and customs."

"We pledge to honor the styles and precedence as shall be established by charter and to allow and encourage those of our Royal Cousins who may wish to establish this order in their own Kingdoms. By this document we command our heralds to present the title and badges of this order to the College of Arms, that it may be registered to the titularies of our Kingdoms."

[Signed by the Crowns of Ansteorra, the Outlands, Trimaris, Atenveldt, An Tir, and Atlantia]  
Signed by all parties as of April 20, 1996.

## **Appendix E - Charters for the Atlantian Kingdom Notables**

The Atlantian Kingdom Notables are positions held in service to the Crown of Atlantia for the tenure of one year. The competitions are held annually at Kingdom Level Events, unless the Crown sees need to do otherwise. Competitions are to be run by the current Kingdom Notable in conjunction with the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (or Kingdom Triton Herald for the Scrivener Royal) as a representative of the Crown. If the Notable is unable to fulfill that obligation, the Crown in consultation with the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (or Kingdom Triton Herald for the Scrivener Royal) will find a suitable alternative. The Crown may remove a Notable at Their discretion. If the Notable is unable to complete his or her term or is removed early for any reason, the Crown shall direct the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (or Kingdom Triton Herald for the Scrivener Royal) to hold a competition at the next convenient Kingdom Level Event, or the Crown may choose a successor.

The Crown may choose to modify the list of Notables in consultation with the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (or Kingdom Triton Herald for the Scrivener Royal), to encourage any art they see fit.

The Royal Notables are selected for excellence in their field. They are expected to combine excellence of product or performance with a reasonable attempt at period materials and/ or style. The Royal Notables should encourage the arts for which they are selected. Suggested goals are: services in their art for the Crown, sponsoring competitions in their field, and teaching in such venues as are available and reasonable.



The Royal Notables are selected by competition in their field at a Kingdom level event. The competition should be announced in the Acorn at least twice before the event where the competition takes place. The current Notable, in conjunction with the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (or Kingdom Triton Herald for the Scrivener Royal) as representative of the Crown, will set the details of the competition and judging standards. Judges should be drawn from the following: [1] The Crown or their proxy, [2] the Heirs or their proxy, [3] the Kingdom MoAS or proxy, and [4] the current Kingdom Notable. Additional judges may be chosen at the discretion of the Kingdom Notable; in no case should there be fewer than three judges.

The Kingdom Notables are as follows:

Royal Bard for excellence in the individual performance of any of the following fields: singing, instrumental music, poetic rendition, or storytelling. The Royal Bard is encouraged to be proficient in at least two of these fields. One or two bards will serve at the same time, depending on the whim of Their Royal Majesties.

Royal Brewer for excellence in making beer, ale, mead, wine, or other period alcoholic beverages.

Poeta Atlantia for excellence in composition of poetry in at least two period forms.

Scrivener Royal for excellence in calligraphy and illumination, and acts as the personal scribe of the Crown. The Scrivener Royal holds office under the Office of the Clerk of the Signet.

Royal Baker for excellence in producing baked goods such as breads, cakes, pastries, and wafers. The baker shall be proficient in at least two period types of baking.

The Royal Archer is known for their excellence on the archery ranges. The Royal Archer is to be chosen each year by right of arms. The outgoing Royal Archer shall conduct, and not participate in, an archery shoot open to all at an event where archery is the focus of the day. The top eight scoring archers from Atlantia at that archery event, who so choose to compete for the title, shall compete in a single elimination tournament. At the discretion of the Crown, the winner of the tournament shall become the new Royal Archer.

## **Appendix F- Children of Sitting Royalty**

Children under the age of 18 of the reigning King and Queen may be referred to as the Prince(ss) Royale. This status is limited to the duration of the reign and conveys no precedence beyond the reign. At the conclusion of the reign, the Crown may gift these children with a Royal Augmentation of Arms, to be a purple scalloped shell.

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