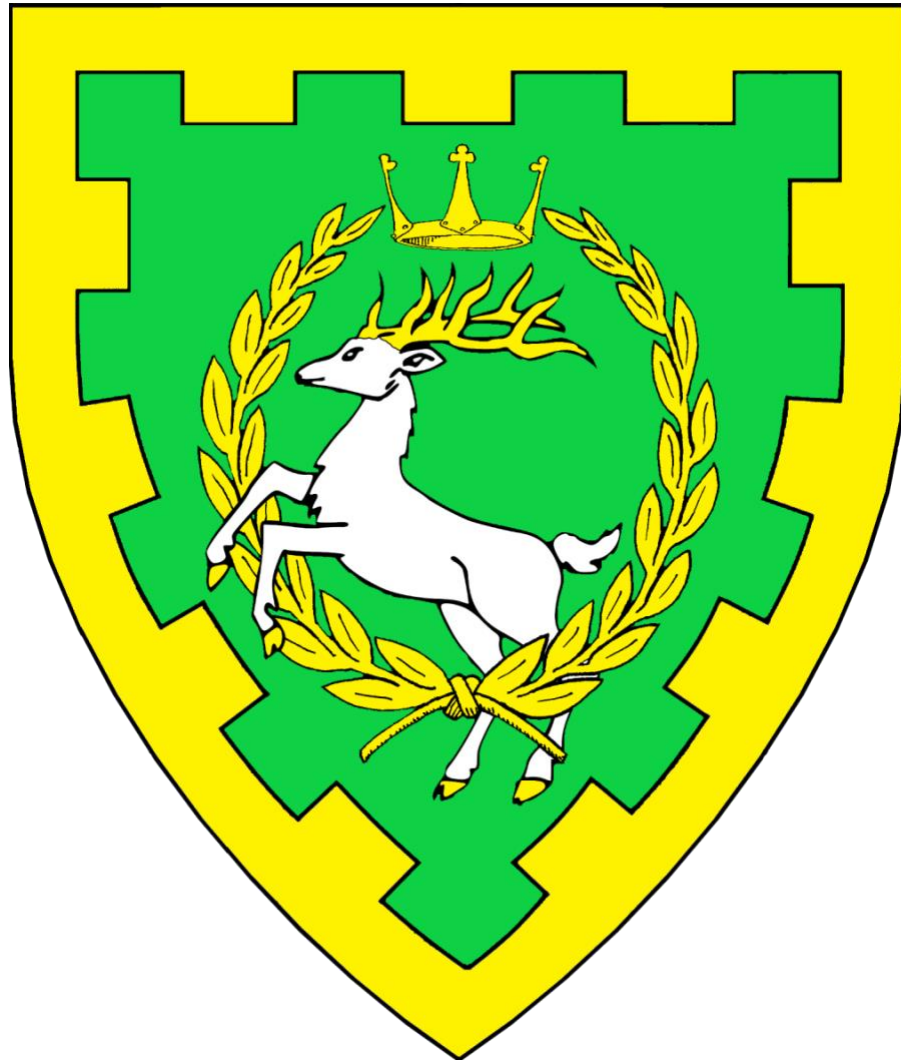


OUTLANDS KINGDOM LAW



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I. LAWS

- A. These Laws may be amended, added to, or deleted by the Crown.
- B. All changes to Law must be signed by the Crown.
- C. Any changes to the Laws shall be reviewed by the Kingdom Seneschal who will ensure that the Laws are consistent with Corpora and will witness the document.

II. RIGHTS, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE CROWN

- A. The Crown of the Outlands hereinafter referred to as “the Crown” shall consist of the positions of Sovereign and Consort. All references to “Successors” shall be deemed to refer to the Heirs to the Throne of the Outlands.
- B. The Crown must continue to reside within the boundaries of the Kingdom throughout Their tenure both as Successors to the Crown and for the duration of Their Reign. Failure to do so shall be considered as forfeiture of the Reign for the one, or both, living outside the Kingdom.
- C. The Crown shall, with coordination of the Kingdom Seneschal and other Kingdom Officers as needed, decide future Crown Tournaments and Coronations.
- D. The Crown shall maintain a regular means of quick communication and dependable transportation.
- E. The Crown shall confer awards upon individuals or official groups. Only paid members of the S.C.A. may receive armigerous awards. No award may be conferred upon a subject of any realm outside the Kingdom of the Outlands without the prior consent of the Crown to whom the individual is subject.

- F. The Crown shall call courts as may be necessary for the governance of the Kingdom.
- G. The Crown shall monitor the status and welfare of each Barony and take appropriate action as necessary.
- H. The Presence of the Crown shall be ten (10) feet around Their Persons or Their thrones. No one may enter this area without rendering courtesy as is right and proper.
- I. The Crown sets the Order of the March for Their Courts and for Kingdom events.
- J. It shall be presumed that all persons who complete a full reign as Crown of the Outlands have met the requirements for elevation to the peerage. The granting of Royal Peerage may therefore be accompanied by a Patent of Arms. Any Peer who wishes to rebut this assumption may petition the Successors prior to the granting of the Patent.
- K. Each Consort shall be admitted into the Order of the Rose at the end of the Consort's first full reign. Companionship in the Order of the Rose shall carry neither arms nor precedence, and an individual may be admitted only once.
- L. The Crown shall, within sixty (60) days of the end of Their reign, file with the White Stag Principal Herald and Kingdom Chronicler a list of all awards given during Their reign.
- M. The Crown shall be responsible for the safe upkeep and condition of the Kingdom regalia entrusted to Them. They shall ensure the regalia is turned over to Their Successors in a timely fashion and that all items shall be returned in the same condition as when They initially received them, excluding normal wear and tear.

III. SELECTION OF ROYALTY

- A. The rules of the Crown Lists shall include the Rules of the Lists and the Kingdom fighting conventions, as approved by the Crown of the Kingdom in consultation with the Kingdom Earl Marshal.
- B. Entrants and consorts shall present themselves before the Crown the day of the Crown Lists in a manner showing their preparedness to serve as Crown. The Crown may allow the absence of the consort for exceptional circumstances.
- C. To be eligible for the Crown Lists, the entrant and prospective consort must meet all of the following requirements in addition to those stated in Corpora:
 - i. Be acceptable to the Crown.
 - ii. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age by the scheduled Coronation.
 - iii. Have resided within the boundaries of the Outlands for the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to the day of the Crown Lists.
 - iv. Have regular means of quick communication, dependable transportation, and sufficient income to support serving as Crown, should they win.

- v. Have express their ability to attend the following Coronation as scheduled in Outlands Kingdom Law VI. A.
 - vi. Be knowledgeable of the structure and laws of the Kingdom of the Outlands and the Society.
 - vii. Be an authorized fighter of good standing (required for the entrant).
 - viii. Be current members of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Within ten business days after being declared victor in a Crown Tourney, the Victor and consort must present to the Kingdom Seneschal proof that their memberships are current through at least the end of the prospective reign.
 - ix. Be willing and able to swear the Sword Oath, which must include affirmation that the entrant and consort fulfill all requirements for entry into Crown Tournament and that they will maintain themselves in an honorable manner during the tournament.
- D. The Crown may remove any fighter from the field should the Crown consider the fighter's conduct to be unchivalrous.
 - E. An entrant or consort may petition the Crown to be allowed to withdraw at any time. If a consort is allowed to withdraw, the entrant who carries that person's favor is thereby disqualified.
 - F. Prospective entrants and consorts must submit a letter of their intent to vie in the Crown Tournament Lists. Letters must include both entrant's and consort's SCA name, legal name, home address, phone contact, e-mail address, membership number, and membership expiration date.

IV. SUCCESSION OF THE CROWN

- A. The Crown Successors of the Outlands shall be crowned according to the customs of the land.
- B. The Crown shall call a Court of Royal Prerogative should either of the Successors fail to appear and there is sufficient evidence to suggest that this failure was through personal malfeasance.
- C. If the prospective Sovereign shall abdicate, be disqualified, or removed, or in the event of Their death, before Coronation, the Crown shall consult with the prospective Consort and the Kingdom Seneschal to determine if the prospective Consort shall become Sovereign or if a new Crown Tournament should be held to find new Successors.
- D. If the prospective Consort shall abdicate, be disqualified, or removed, or in the event of death, before Coronation, the Crown shall consult with the prospective Sovereign and the Kingdom Seneschal to determine if the prospective Sovereign shall continue alone or if a new Crown Tournament should be held to find new Successors.

- E. If either Successor shall be invested alone because the other cannot continue, They must reign alone.
- F. If a new Crown Tournament is to be held, the tournament shall be held as soon as one can reasonably and legally be announced and published. This shall determine a new couple to be invested as Heirs at the court following the List. The abdicated/disqualified/removed prospective Sovereign may not participate in this tournament.

V. PROVISION FOR THE ABSENCE OF THE SOVEREIGN AND/OR CONSORT

- A. If, at any time and for any reason, the Sovereign and Consort are unable to complete Their reign, the duties of the Sovereign shall revert to the most recent Sovereign willing and qualified to serve as Regent. To be qualified, the Regent must be a paid member, reside within the Kingdom, and have dependable transportation and means of quick communication. The regency shall not be considered a reign and the Regent shall not bestow or approve awards nor proclaim Law.
- B. If the Heirs have not already been determined, the Regent shall ensure scheduling of the Crown Lists as soon as may be reasonably and legally proclaimed and shall exercise the ceremonial authority of the Sovereign in managing the Lists. Investiture of the new Sovereign and Consort shall take place at the closing court following the Lists.
- C. In the event that the Sovereign is unable to complete Their reign, the Consort shall be named Sovereign and assume the duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Sovereign, and shall reign alone. If the new Sovereign is not an authorized armored combat fighter the Kingdom Earl Marshal or their Armored Combat Deputy, shall supervise the fighting on the field.
- D. In the event that the Consort is unable to complete Their reign, the Sovereign shall continue alone.
- E. Abdication or disqualification of the Sovereign or the Consort does not constitute a full reign for that individual. This disallows the right to County or Ducal titles which may have been forthcoming from their reign.

VI. EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. The following weekends are Kingdom events and are reserved. No other Outlands events may be placed on the Kingdom calendar on the same days as Kingdom events. The Kingdom events are:

- i. Winter Coronation, which shall take place the third weekend in January.
 - ii. Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition, which shall take place the fourth weekend in March.
 - iii. Spring Crown Tournament, which shall take place the third weekend in April, unless it conflicts with Easter, in which case it will take place the second weekend.
 - iv. Summer Coronation, which shall take place the third weekend in July.
 - v. Kingdom Arts and Sciences Collegium, which shall take place the third weekend in September.
 - vi. Fall Crown Tournament, which shall take place on the third weekend of October.
 - vii. Battlemoor, which shall take place on a date agreed upon by the Kingdom Financial Committee.
 - viii. All Kingdom Event dates may be moved on the calendar by a vote of the Financial Committee
- B. Kingdom events, with the exception of Battlemoor, are the responsibility of the baronies of the Kingdom to ensure that the event occurs. The order of responsible baronies shall be set at the beginning of 2024, to continue in perpetuity, as follows:
- i. Aarquelle
 - ii. Caerthe
 - iii. Unser Hafen
 - iv. al-Barran
 - v. Dragonsspine
 - vi. Caer Galen
 - vii. Citadel of the Southern Pass
- C. Shires, Colleges, or Cantons can offer to run an event on behalf of a barony.
- i. Events do not need to take place within the responsible barony's assigned zipcodes.
- D. At each Crown Tournament, there shall be a Princess' (or an alternate title as chosen by the Successor Consort if "Crown Princess" is not appropriate) Protector Rapiere tournament, the titles carrying such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown Princess to give.
- i. All prospective entrants must be acceptable to the Crown Princess.
 - ii. The Victor of the lists will be styled "The Princess' Protector" (or alternate title to reflect Successor Consort's chosen title if "Crown Princess" is not appropriate) until Coronation.
 - iii. The previous Princess' Protector shall be responsible for organizing the list in accordance with the wishes of the Consort.
- E. At each Coronation, the following tournaments will be held, the names of which shall reflect the Consort's chosen title, and shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Consort to give:

- i. Queen’s Favor, which will be fought by armored combat
 - ii. Protector of the Queen’s Heart, which will be a rapier tournament
 - iii. Defender of the Queen, which will be a cut and thrust tournament
- F. There shall be an annual Kingdom Warlord tournament. The Crown, in consultation with the current Kingdom Warlord, shall determine the organization of such.
 - i. The Victor of the lists shall bear the title “Warlord of the Outlands” until the next Warlord tournament.
 - ii. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.
- G. There shall be two arts and sciences events every year: one shall be a competition, and one shall be a collegium. The Minister of the Arts and Sciences shall organize these events, in accordance with the wishes of the Crown. Other Kingdom arts and sciences events, collegia and Queen’s Prizes shall be scheduled at the request of the Crown and the Minister of the Arts and Sciences.
- H. There shall be a target archery competition held each year to choose the Royal Archer. The Crown, in consultation with the current Royal Archer, shall determine the organization of such.
 - i. The Victor of the tournament shall bear the title “Royal Archer of the Outlands” until the next Royal Archer tournament.
 - ii. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.
- I. There shall be at least one bardic competition held each year to choose the Windhover Bard. The Crown, in consultation with the current Windhover Bard, shall determine the organization of such.
 - i. The entrants shall perform a minimum of two distinct pieces of different styles, one of which shall be spoken word poetry.
 - ii. The Victor of the competition shall bear the title “Windhover Bard” until the next Royal Bard competition.
 - iii. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.
- J. Minors (ages 15 and under) will not be charged gate/site fees for Kingdom events.
 - i. Baronies, shires, and other groups are also encouraged to remove minor fees (15 and under) from events when financially reasonable to do so.
- K. The use of carbide noise makers (such as cannons) is banned at all events that take place within The Outlands.

VII. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE POPULACE

- A. Any subject has the right to display the Kingdom ensign at any Society event.

- B. Any subject of the Crown may write to the Crown on any matter. All official communication shall be in writing, signed and dated or via electronic means as the Crown deems appropriate.
- C. Reasonable care shall be taken that blatantly modern items are not in obvious display at events.
- D. Only persons who are current paid members of the Society for Creative Anachronism are authorized or are allowed to be authorized to participate in combat activities within the Kingdom of the Outlands. Membership and proof thereof is defined in the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc.
- E. Smoking at events is only permitted in designated smoking areas.

VIII. OFFICES AND OFFICERS

- A. All officers in and for the Kingdom of the Outlands must live in the Kingdom of the Outlands. Local officers must live within the recognized boundaries of the area they serve, or have permission of their Kingdom superior to live elsewhere. The following must live within the boundaries of the area they serve:
 - i. Baron and/or Baroness
 - ii. Seneschal
 - iii. Exchequer/Reeve
- B. Regular, routine reports of Kingdom Officers to their superiors shall be copied to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- C. All officers shall generate written reports to their superiors and subordinates at least quarterly. Omission of one quarterly report shall be considered grounds for suspension or dismissal.
- D. The Great Officers of State shall be the Kingdom Seneschal, the White Stag Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, the Chatelaine, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Officer, and the Webminister.
- E. All Great Officers of State shall:
 - i. Fulfill their duties as outlined in Corpora and or by their Society superior officer.
 - ii. Make contact with the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal at least once every month by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
 - iii. Maintain a current roster of subordinate officers.
 - iv. Maintain correspondence and a record of all activities carried on in the performance of their duties which is to be turned over to the successor to said office within thirty (30) days of relinquishment of office.

- v. Make written reports to subordinate officers, with copies to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, at least once every quarter. Omission of a quarterly report shall be considered grounds for potential suspension or removal from office.
 - vi. Make a written state of the office report to the Crown and their Heirs to be presented within 1 month after each Crown Tournament.
- F. The Lesser Officers of State shall be the Youth Officer, the Scribe, the Armored Combat Marshal, the Marshal of Fence, the Archer General, the Equestrian Marshal, the Minister of Lists, Chamberlain, the Pay Pal/SCOREs Deputy, and the Social Media Officer.
- G. All Lesser Officers of State shall:
- i. Be responsible to a Great Officer of State.
 - ii. Make contact with their corresponding Great Officer of State at least once every month by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
 - iii. Maintain correspondence and a record of all activities carried on in the performance of their duties which is to be turned over, within thirty (30) days of relinquishment of office to the successor in said office.
 - iv. Maintain a current roster of any subordinate officers.
 - v. Make contact with their subordinates at least once a quarter by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
 - vi. Educate and inform their subordinates of any updates and changes in their office.
- H. Specific Duties
- i. The Kingdom Seneschal shall:
 1. Interpret Kingdom Law and advise the Crown on this interpretation;
 2. Be responsible for the maintenance of the Laws;
 3. Call such meetings, require such reports, and oversee such events as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Kingdom;
 4. Assist incipient branches within the Kingdom in their preparation for official status and recommend to the Crown those incipient branches which are ready for official status;
 5. Monitor official branches within the Kingdom to determine if they are maintaining the standards required of an official group and notify the Crown and Board of Directors when those branches fail to maintain the standards;
 6. In conjunction with the Kingdom Chronicler, be responsible for establishing the Kingdom Calendar through conferring

- with the Chronicler before each publication of the Outlandish Herald;
7. Be responsible for the solicitation of proposals for all official Kingdom and inter-kingdom events held in the Outlands;
 8. Be ultimately responsible for all official inter-kingdom events held within the Outlands;
 9. Make periodic communiqués to the populace through the pages of the Outlandish Herald;
 10. Serve as a member of the Kingdom Financial Committee;
 11. Monitor the office of the Youth Officer, who shall:
 - a. Serve as a source for period activities for children;
 - b. Prepare, maintain, and disseminate such materials as appropriate for period activities for children.
 12. Monitor the office of the Social Media Officer who shall:
 - a. Be responsible for administering the Society Social media Policy on all Social Media platforms where any entity of the Kingdom holds an “official voice”.
 - b. Disseminate official notifications from the Crown and Kingdom officers through the approved Social Media platforms as provided in the Society Social Media Policy.
- ii. The White Stag Principal Herald shall:
1. Be the voice of the Crown to the populace;
 2. Be responsible for the submission of names, devices, and badges to the College of Arms of the SCA;
 3. Advise the Crown and the populace on matters of protocol and the creation of ceremonies;
 4. Be responsible for the maintenance of the order of Precedence and the list of Awards;
 5. Organize and maintain the College of Heralds;
 6. Monitor deputies within the Outlands College of Heralds;
 7. Be responsible for the field and court heraldry at Crown Tournaments and Coronations;
 8. Monitor the office of the Scribe, who shall:
 - a. Maintain a listing and monitor the activities of the College of Scribes;
 - b. Ensure the accuracy of scroll format and text;
 - c. Update the Scribe’s Handbook as needed;
 - d. At the conclusion of each reign report the names of scribes who have created scrolls for the Kingdom during that reign.

- e. Publish once per reign a notification stating that all special or non-standard scroll texts must be approved by the Kingdom Scribe's Office.
 - f. The Kingdom Scribe shall keep a list of all awards to assist the Crown with the completion of Their award listing for Their reign within the 60 day time limit to publish the listing. This will help to ensure awards are not given twice as the list is used to update the award listing on the Outlands Herald's website.
- iii. The Earl Marshal shall:
1. Represent the Crown during the Crown's absence in supervising the fighting on the field;
 2. Interpret and maintain the marshallate standards and regulations of the Kingdom;
 3. Confer with the Earl Marshals of the other Kingdoms to establish marshallate standards which will be observed at inter-kingdom combative events;
 4. Direct the Office of the Armored Combat Marshal, who shall:
 - a. Set, maintain, and enforce the equipment specifications, fighting conventions, and marshallate rules of combat;
 - b. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of armored marshals;
 5. Direct the Office of the Minister of the Lists, who shall:
 - a. Maintain a list of the authorized fighters;
 - b. Maintain records from Kingdom tournaments;
 - c. Be responsible for the Lists officer activity at Crown Tournament and Coronation;
 6. Direct the Office of Archer General, who shall:
 - a. Set, maintain, and enforce the safety standards and equipment specifications for archery;
 - b. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of archery marshals;
 7. Direct the Office of the Marshal of Fence, who shall:
 - a. Set, maintain, and enforce the equipment specifications, fighting conventions, and marshallate rules of fence;
 - b. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of fencing marshals;
 8. Direct the Office of the Equestrian Marshal, who shall:

- a. Set, maintain, and enforce the equipment specifications, requirements, and marshallate rules for equestrian activities;
 - b. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of equestrian marshals;
- iv. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:
 - 1. Maintain and interpret Kingdom rules for Arts and Sciences competitions;
 - 2. In conjunction with the Kingdom Seneschal, be responsible for the solicitation of bids for Kingdom Arts and Sciences events;
 - 3. Encourage and help organize the study, practice, and research into the medieval arts, sciences, and technology within the Kingdom of the Outlands;
 - 4. Be responsible for the organization of Kingdom Arts and Sciences events.
- v. The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall:
 - 1. Be ultimately responsible for the accurate and timely reporting of the finances of the branches of the Kingdom and of the Kingdom as a whole;
 - 2. Chair the Kingdom Financial Committee, consisting of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Exchequer, which shall establish the Kingdom financial policy and authorize all expenditures and withdrawals of monies from the Kingdom accounts;
 - 3. Encourage revenue-raising programs for the Kingdom accounts;
 - 4. Report to the populace on a quarterly basis, through the pages of the Outlandish Herald, the status of the Kingdom's finances; and disseminate Kingdom Financial Policy;
 - 5. Monitor the office of Chamberlain, who shall:
 - a. Be responsible for creation, maintenance, storage, and repair of regalia;
 - b. Maintain an inventory of Kingdom regalia and ensure the transition of regalia from Crown to Crown;
 - c. Complete a reckoning of property at the end of each reign;
 - d. At their discretion and with consultation of the Crown, create a Regalia Committee to assist in obtaining new items of regalia, replacement items,

and providing help to the Crown in the care of regalia items.

- vi. The Kingdom Chronicler shall:
 - 1. Be responsible for the publication of the Outlandish Herald;
 - 2. Advise and assist with the publication of any official documents;
- vii. The Kingdom Webminister shall:
 - 1. Be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Kingdom web presence
- viii. The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer (DEIB):
 - 1. Be responsible for bringing forward to the other Great Officers any DEIB opportunities.
- ix. The Office of the Chatelain/Chatelaine, who shall:
 - 1. Be responsible for the introduction and education of new members in the culture and customs of the Society;
 - 2. Prepare, maintain, and disseminate such materials as necessary.
- I. Local Officers shall:
 - i. Make contact with their corresponding Kingdom Officers of State at least once every month by any communication method which is convenient and appropriate.

IX. TERRITORIAL BARONS AND BARONESSES

- A. Appointment
 - i. The Crown shall solicit recommendations for the office of Territorial Baron/Baroness, whenever it is necessary. The office may be filled by a couple or by a single person.
 - ii. At an event published in the Kingdom newsletter, the populace shall be polled regarding selection of new nobility. The Kingdom Seneschal or their representative shall be present to witness said polling.
 - iii. Comments by the populace must be considered by the Crown before the Crown makes the final decision of appointment.
- B. Removal
 - i. To consider the removal of a Baron/Baroness, the Crown shall direct the local seneschal to call a meeting of the populace at an event published in the Kingdom newsletter. The Crown shall be in attendance to hear the comment of the populace and to present the views of the Crown.
 - ii. Subsequent to this meeting, comments by the populace must be requested and received in writing and duly considered by the Crown

before the Crown announces the final decision of retention or removal of the Baron/Baroness.

- C. Rights, Duties, and Privileges: The Territorial Baron/Baroness shall:
- i. Be, for the people of the Barony, the chief example(s) of chivalry, courtesy, and virtue appropriate to nobility and shall encourage these virtues in their people;
 - ii. Represent, and be an advocate for, the people of the Barony before the Crown;
 - iii. Extend hospitality and welcome to new and prospective members;
 - iv. Petition the Crown for the privilege of awarding any of their Barony's armigerous or precedence advancing awards to residents of their Baronies. Non-armigerous Baronial awards may be awarded at the pleasure of the Barons and/or Baronesses to residents of their Baronies. Presentation of Baronial awards to non-residents of the Barony requires the permission of the Crown.
 - v. Within the first month of each new Crown's reign, all territorial Barons/Baronesses shall submit a report to the Crown on the state of their Barony.
 - vi. Barons/Baronesses shall give a minimum of six months notice with intent to retire unless there are extraneous circumstances.

X. COURT OF ROYAL PREROGATIVE

- A. A Court of Royal Prerogative shall be organized and conducted at the pleasure of the Crown for the purpose of dispute resolution.
- B. If there is any matter that is not otherwise properly handled through Corpora or Kingdom Law, the Crown may call for formal proceedings to address the issue.
- C. The Crown must consult with Their Great Officers on administrative matters or Peers on matters that would impact the Orders, as appropriate, to determine the best way to conduct those proceedings.