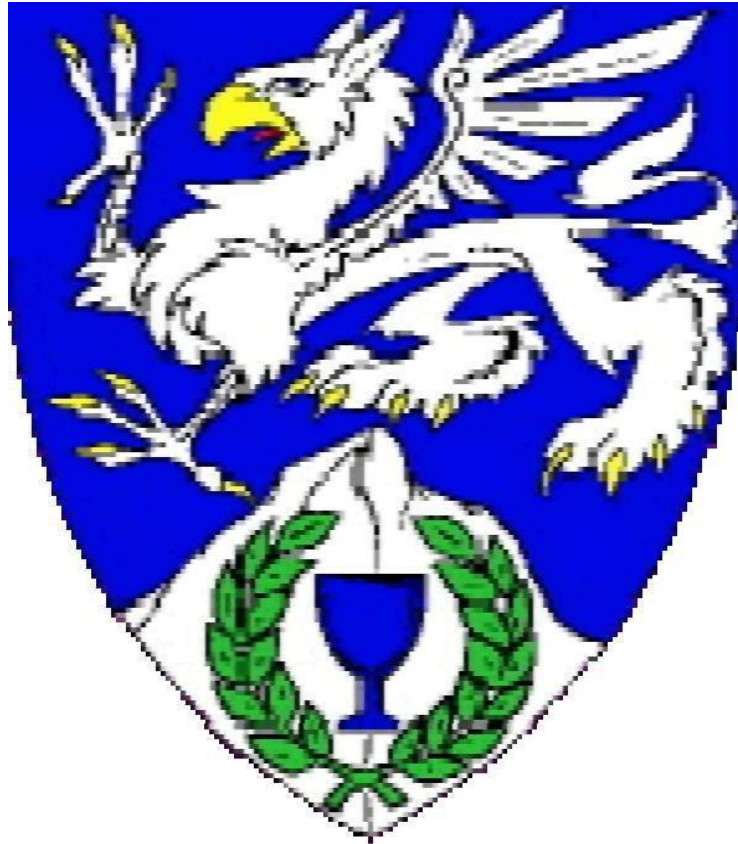


Laws of the Principality of the Summits



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ARTICLE I. THE LAW

Article I.A - The Word of the Coronet

The word of the Coronet is law within the Principality. The Coronet acknowledges, and is subject to, modern law, the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA, Inc.), the current written Laws and Policies of the Kingdom of An Tir, and the Principality of the Summits. The Coronet shall be cognizant of the rights and privileges of its vassals and subjects by tradition, custom, and usage, as well as the Society and Kingdom values of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with the goal of a healthy and safe environment for the Populace.

Article I.B - Amendments to Principality Laws

1. The Laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet with the Crown's approval and after review by both the Kingdom and Principality Seneschals. Amendments to the Law must be submitted to the Crown of An Tir in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed.
2. The amendments must then be proclaimed in Principality Court.
3. The amendments must be published in the Crier or any publication that is recognized as some form of the official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir. If the law changes are published in some format other than a regular monthly issue of the Crier, a notification of the law changes and where they will be published must appear in the next available edition of the Crier and the Echoes.
4. No provision of law shall be in effect nor shall any subjects be responsible for such provision until the specified proclamation and publications have taken place.

Article I.C - Editions of the Law

This is the current edition of the Laws of the Principality of the Summits, all earlier versions are repealed.

Article I.D - Publishing Schedule

A complete and current edition of The Laws of the Principality of the Summits will be published in full in a downloadable form on the Principality and Kingdom of An Tir websites.

Article I.E - Additional Handbooks

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

1. Summits Financial Policy

2. Summits Event Policy
3. Summits Officers Handbook
4. Summits Awards Handbook

ARTICLE II. THE CORONET

Article II.A - Duties of the Coronet of the Principality of the Summits

1. The duties, responsibilities and privileges of Royalty are detailed in Corpora (Article IV. H). The duties of the Royalty of An Tir are detailed in Kingdom law (Article II) and include the following:
2. The Coronet shall use Their power to defend and protect the Principality of the Summits and the Kingdom of An Tir.
3. The Coronet shall work to see that justice is done and that the glory that is the Principality of the Summits and the Kingdom of An Tir is in no way diminished.
4. The Coronet agrees to allow personal access information to be published in the Crier and the Echoes.
5. The Coronet will render an Oath of Fealty for Their lands at each Coronation of the Crown of An Tir. This Oath may be delivered by letter, but must be renewed in person at the first opportunity.
6. The Coronet shall provide a report on the State of the Principality to the Crown of An Tir at each Coronation. Copies shall be sent to the Coronet Heirs, as applicable and may be sent to the Kingdom and Principality Seneschals.
7. The Coronet shall attend all Coronet and Investiture events during Their reign. At least one member of the Coronet shall attend other events where Principality Champions are chosen.
8. The Coronet shall adhere to the laws and policies set forth and defined herein.
9. The Coronet shall be eligible, according to laws and polices, to be members of a financial committee.
10. If both members of the Coronet are significantly late in arriving at a Principality event, the Defender of the Summits shall assume the duties of Regent and commence the activities of the event. When either member of the Coronet arrives, They shall immediately assume Their duties and the Regent shall resume the duties of the Defender of the Summits. If it is a Coronet Tournament, the Regent shall supervise the Coronet Tournament and invest the victor and their inspiration as Heirs. If it is an Investiture, the Regent shall invest the Heirs as Coronet.

Article II.B - Coronet Lists

1. The Coronet lists shall be fought at two Coronet Tournaments per year.
 - a. Spring Coronet Tournament –fourth weekend in March.
 - b. Fall Coronet Tournament-third weekend in September.
 - c. If circumstances arise creating issues with the timing of the Coronet Tournament, the tournament can be scheduled outside the stated weekends upon agreement of the Coronet and Seneschal. Should the Coronet Tournament need to be canceled, the Coronet and Seneschal will work together to find a

suitable date to hold the tournament, ideally no later than next Coronet Investiture, but in consideration of and compliance with any restriction of modern laws and regulations.

2. All combatants and inspirations must be:
 - a. paid members of the SCA, Inc. and have access to the Crier.
 - b. at least eighteen years of age.
 - c. a resident of the Principality for at least one year and must plan to live within the Principality of the Summits for the duration of their reign. The Coronet may grant exceptions to these requirements, if requested in advance and if the Coronet is satisfied that the combatant and inspiration will meet all obligations.
 - d. must be present on the day of the Coronet Tournament and present themselves to the Coronet. The final decision as to the acceptability of any otherwise qualified participant in the Coronet Tournament shall be at the sole discretion of the Coronet.
 - e. All authorized fighters of the Summits, who are acceptable to the Coronet, have the right to compete in the Coronet lists, unless they are in violation of the rules of the Coronet Lists, governing documents of the Society, or the laws of either the Kingdom or Principality.
3. Both combatant and inspiration must have their memberships and combatant's authorization status confirmed by the Principality Seneschal and Minister of the lists, respectively, or their designated representatives. Once confirmed, the combatant's name may be entered in the Coronet Lists. If a combatant is victorious in the Coronet Lists, the combatant and their inspiration shall provide proof within 10 days that their membership will last through the end of their reign as Coronet.
4. By entering the Coronet lists, a combatant declares that they have an inspiration who has agreed to reign with them, should the combatant win.
5. No combatant may fight for more than one prospective inspiration and no person may have more than one combatant fighting for them in a given Coronet lists.
6. During the invocation of the Coronet lists, all combatants and inspirations shall take the Invocation oaths.
7. Neither member of the reigning Coronet may fight or be fought for in the Coronet lists.
8. No one shall compete for the Coronet without intending to reign should they win.
9. Both combatant and inspiration are aware that the position of Coronets of the Summits may require expenditures in excess of membership fees and allowable reimbursements.
10. The standard order of procession for the Coronet Lists shall be according to the Order of precedence (Section VI.A of An Tir Law) unless announced otherwise by the presiding Coronet.

Article II.C - Coronet Tournament Conventions

1. The Coronet Tournament conventions shall be determined by the Coronet.
2. The Coronet Tournament conventions will be announced through official communication channels at least one month prior to the Coronet Tournament.

Article II.D - Lists Victory, Investiture of the Heirs

Upon victory of the Coronet Tournament, the victor and Inspiration shall:

1. Be invested as the Heir to the Coronet.).
2. Swear fealty to the Coronet of the Summits and obedience to Kingdom and Principality laws.
3. Within ten days, provide proof of SCA membership through the end of their upcoming reign to the Principality Seneschal.

Article II.E - Investiture of the Coronet

1. The Investiture of the Coronet shall take place at a Principality Coronet Investiture.
2. The Principality of the Summits shall have two Coronet Investitures.
 - a. Summer Investiture - Third weekend in September
 - b. Winter Investiture (11th Night) - Second weekend in December
 - c. If circumstances arise creating issues with the timing of Investiture, Investiture can be rescheduled upon agreement of the Coronet and Seneschal. Should Investiture need to be canceled, the Coronet, Heirs and Seneschal will work together to find a suitable location and date as soon as practicable. Should the Coronet Investiture need to be canceled, the Coronet and Seneschal will work together to find a suitable date to hold Investiture, but in consideration of and compliance with any restriction of modern laws and regulations.
 - d. Should the Heirs, through no fault of Their own, be unable to attend Their Investiture, such steps as necessary and acceptable to Them and the Coronet shall be taken that They may achieve Their Coronet. An announcement of the change will be made as soon as possible through all official communication channels, as well as a variance enacted from Kingdom.
3. At Their Investiture, the Coronet Heirs shall:
 - a. Swear fealty to the Crown of An Tir and obedience to the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir. Should the Crown not be present to accept their oaths, written oaths shall be sent to the Crown upon Investiture and spoken oaths sworn in-person at the first opportunity.
 - b. Accept fealty from the Royal Peers, Peers and populace of the Principality of the Summits.
 - c. Be invested with the customary investiture ceremony for the Coronet of the Principality of the Summits, incorporating their persona as they desire.

Article II.F - Tournament Invalidation, Failure to Invest

1. Should a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid or the Heirs elect to abdicate, via letter to the Crown, and Kingdom and Principality Seneschal, a Coronet Lists shall be called for no later than the Saturday morning of Coronet Investiture.
2. This List shall be limited to currently eligible combatants and inspirations who entered the previous Coronet Lists.
3. Heirs who abdicate are explicitly excluded as both combatants and inspirations from this List.
4. Any person(s) whose actions or inactions were the grounds for an invalidation of the Coronet Tournament are explicitly excluded as both combatant and inspiration from this List.

Article II.G - Failure to Reign

1. Should either member of the Coronet be unable to complete the reign, or elect to abdicate, the other may assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign.
2. Should both members of the Coronet be unable to complete the reign, or elect to abdicate, administrative duties of the Coronet shall fall to the Defender of the Summits, who shall serve as Regent and the Coronet shall revert to the Crown of An Tir until such time as a Coronet Tournament may be held.
3. Failure of either person to attend a required Coronet event constitutes failure to reign and shall be taken as abdication unless the failure to attend is beyond the control of the individual and they had intended to attend.
4. A letter from either member of the Coronet to the Principality Seneschal indicating intent to abdicate constitutes abdication by that individual.

Article II.H - The Regent

1. Should the Defender of the Summits be unable to fulfill the Regent's duties, the Crown shall appoint a Regent.
2. The Regent shall not have the authority to amend or change the Laws of the Principality, or to bestow awards.
3. Should the Coronet abdication occur without Coronet Heirs, the Regent shall immediately invest the victor and inspiration of the next Coronet Tournament as Coronets of the Summits.
4. The Regent may not fight or be fought for in the Coronet Lists.
5. Should Coronet abdication occur after a Coronet Tournament, the Regent shall invest the Heirs as Coronet at the next scheduled Investiture Event.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND CHAMPIONS

Article III.A - Officer and Champion Responsibilities

1. All Officers and Champions:
 - a. Be a paid member of the SCA Inc. and have access to the Crier and Summits official communication channels
 - b. Be a resident of the Principality and active for at least one year prior to holding an office and reside within the Principality for the duration of their term of service. An exception may be considered for individuals whose participation in, and concern for, the Summits is such that the Coronet would welcome their participation in championships or, in concert with the relevant Principality officer, would welcome their application for office.
 - c. Execute the lawful commands of the Crown of An Tir and the Coronet of the Summits and abide by Society, Kingdom and Principality Law and policies.

- d. Swear an Oath of Fealty or Oath of Service to the Coronet of the Summits.
 - e. Carry out additional duties as are appropriate to their office and as directed by their Kingdom superior or the Coronet.
 - f. Agree to allow personal contact information to be published in applicable newsletters and on appropriate websites.
 - g. Attend the four Coronet Events each year (Spring Coronet, Summer Investiture, Fall Coronet and Winter Investiture), unless receiving an exemption from the Coronet.
2. No Principality Officer may hold more than one office at a time (i.e. a branch and/or a Principality and/or a Kingdom office at the same time). Exceptions may be granted by both of the relevant superior officers, in writing, with the concurrence of the Coronet and Principality Seneschal on a case-by-case basis.

Article III.B - Champions

1. Principality Champions are considered Members of the Royal Court.
2. Be a minimum of 18 years of age. Exceptions can be made for all champions, except the Defender of the Summits, with prior approval of the Coronet and with a parent or guardian who will support the entrant in the duties and accept responsibility for the champion regalia.
3. The Coronet shall determine and create such titled Champions as they deem necessary.
4. Principality Champions are appointed by the Coronet through the use of a competition.
5. Champions shall serve for a period of approximately one year or until the next applicable championship is held.
6. The timing of the championship tournaments or competitions is noted in section 11 of this article. If circumstances arise creating issues with the timing of a tournament or competition, it can be rescheduled upon agreement of the Coronet and Seneschal.
7. Should a Champion become an Heir to the Crown or Coronet, or is unable to fulfill the obligations of the position, that championship shall be surrendered and a suitable replacement appointed by the Coronet.
8. Champions shall be exempt from event fees for the event at which their successor is chosen.
9. Champions shall be considered Deputies of the Officer of State of the appropriate Principality officer. A completed Change of Officer form will be submitted to the appropriate Principality officer within one month of becoming Champion.
10. All Principality Champions shall:
 - a. Stand armed near the Coronet during courts and in processions at all events that the Champion attends.
 - b. Bear and display the regalia of their position.
 - c. Further the interests of their area of endeavor.
 - d. Work with the appropriate Principality officer and assist with tournaments, championships, classes and teaching opportunities.
 - e. Work with the appropriate Principality officer or marshal to plan, organize and conduct the tournament or championship to determine their successor, with the concurrence of the Coronet.

- f. Announce at events and publish on official Summits communication venues the rules and guidelines for the championship tournament/competition that will determine their successor at least two months ahead of time.

11. Designations of Champions:

- a. The Champions of the Principality of the Summits are:

- i. Defender of the Summits (Heavy Champion)

- 1. The tournament to choose the Defender will be held the weekend of Summer Investiture.
 - 2. The tournament format, designed by the current champion, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Summits Earl Marshall.
 - 3. The Defender shall:
 - a. become Regent in accordance with Article II. I,
 - b. attend Moot,
 - c. accompany and defend the Coronet in times of war,
 - d. act as bearer of the Summits Sword of State, and
 - e. promote and encourage honor, chivalry, and martial prowess throughout the Principality.

- ii. Alpine Scholar (Arts and Sciences Champion)

- 1. The competition to choose the champion shall occur at the Principality Summits Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship event held between Winter Investiture and Spring Coronet.
 - 2. The competition format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Minister of Arts & Sciences.
 - 3. The Alpine Scholar shall:
 - a. Promote and encourage arts and sciences throughout the Principality, and
 - b. work with the Minister of Arts and Sciences to plan, organize and conduct an Artists Showcase.

- iii. Captain of Eagles (Archery Champion)

- 1. The tournament to choose the champion shall occur at a suitable event in the Summits held between May and August.
 - 2. The tournament format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge in various forms of archery skills, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Archery Deputy Marshal.
 - 3. The Captain of Eagles shall promote and encourage the art and science of archery throughout the Principality.

- iv. Captain of Cats (Rapier Champion)

- 1. The tournament to choose the champion shall occur at Winter Investiture.
 - 2. The tournament format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge of rapier skills, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Rapier Deputy Marshal.
 - 3. The Captain of Cats shall promote and encourage the art and science of rapier combat throughout the Principality.

- v. Bard of the Summits (Bardic Champion)

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1. The competition to choose the champion shall occur at the Principality Summits Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship event held between Winter Investiture and Spring Coronet.
 2. The competition format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge in the bardic arts, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Minister of Arts & Sciences.
 3. The Bard of the Summits shall promote and encourage the art of bardic entertainment throughout the Principality.
- vi. Captain of Tigers (Cut & Thrust Champion)
1. The tournament to choose the champion shall occur at Spring Coronet.
 2. The tournament format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge in cut and thrust skills, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Cut & Thrust Deputy Marshal.
 3. The Captain of Tigers shall promote and encourage the art and science of cut and thrust combat throughout the Principality.
- vii. Summits Hunter (Thrown Weapons Champion)
1. The tournament to choose the champion shall occur at a suitable event in the Summits between May and August.
 2. The tournament format, designed by the current champion to promote a broad range of knowledge in thrown weapons skills, shall be acceptable to the Coronet and Thrown Weapons Deputy Marshal.
 3. The Summits Hunter shall promote and encourage the art and science of thrown weapons throughout the Principality.

Article III.C - Officers

1. All officers of state of the Principality of the Summits are responsible for carrying-out the laws and business affairs of the principality. See the Summits Officers Handbook for more details regarding the roles of the officers and deputies.
2. The greater officers of the Principality of the Summits shall be: Principality Seneschal, Bleu Grael Herald, Earl Marshal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chronicler, Chatelaine, Gryphon Scribe, and Family Activities Coordinator, Webminister.
3. All officers shall:
 - a. at least 18 years of age
 - b. Be appointed by the existing officer and the Kingdom superior with the concurrence of the Coronet.
 - c. File quarterly reports according to Kingdom Law, Article III.D.
 - d. Provide copies of all quarterly reports to their Kingdom superior, the Coronet, Coronet Heirs and Principality Seneschal.
 - e. Attend Moot at the four Coronet events and provide a report on the status of their office and their branch officers. An officer may receive an exemption from attending a specific Moot by the Principality

Seneschal with the concurrence of the Coronet; however the Contingency Deputy or a designated representative must attend in the officer's stead and provide the report.

- f. Select a Contingency Deputy within sixty days of assuming office.
 - g. Prepare warrant lists for Coronations and Investitures as noted in Article III.F.
- 4.
- a. Maintain regular communication, encourage and assist their subordinate branch officers and deputies in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Principality.
 - b. Maintain standard business practices, including responding to telephone calls, e-mail communications and standard mail within seventy-two hours (three days).
 - c. Appoint deputies as deemed necessary for the functioning of their office.
 - d. Create rules, regulations, reporting standards and policy relating to their specific office. Any such rules, regulations, reporting standards and policies are subject to the approval of and modification by their superior officer, the Crown and/or Coronet of the Summits,
 - e. Be reimbursed for allowable expenses as defined in the Principality of the Summits' Financial Policy,
 - f. Be responsible for overseeing their area of responsibility at Coronet and Principality Events or assign an acceptable representative to act in their stead, with the approval of the Principality Seneschal and concurrence of the Coronet.
5. The Contingency Deputy shall:
- g. Fulfill officer responsibilities as shown in Article III.A.1a to 1f
 - h. Administer the duties of the office of the principality superior officer if, for whatever reason, the principality superior officer cannot continue in that role,
 - i. Not be a spouse, partner or immediate family of the principality superior officer,
 - j. Not serve as a Contingency Deputy to more than one office without the written permission of both superior officers and the Principality Seneschal,
 - k. Follow superior officers' lawful directives as long as they are in compliance with Society, Kingdom and Principality Law and Policies and/or directives from the Crown or Coronet. Any directive that constitutes a conflict shall be reported immediately to the Crown or Coronet.
 - l. Serve at the pleasure of their principality superior officer.
6. Should an officer be unable to complete their term of office, the position shall be considered open and the Contingency Deputy shall serve as Interim Officer until a new officer is selected.
7. Should the Contingency Deputy be unable to fulfill the office, the Principality Seneschal shall appoint an Interim Officer with the concurrence of the Coronet.
8. Appointment to Office, Terms of Office, Warrants and Removal from Office:

Article III.D - Appointment to Office

1. Applications for a Principality office of State position shall be made in writing to the incumbent officer with copies provided to the Coronet, Coronet Heirs (if applicable), and the Principality Seneschal.

2. Applications for a Principality office of state shall be in writing and include the following: a letter of intent, SCA resume and modern resume.
3. Final candidates will be forwarded to the Kingdom superior officer for discussion and approval.
4. All Principality officers serve at the pleasure of the Coronet and Kingdom superior officer.

Article III.E - Term of Office

1. A term of office is considered to be two years.
2. A maximum of two one-year term extensions -or- a second two year term of office may be granted with the concurrence of the Kingdom superior and Coronet.
3. A former officer may apply for their previous position after a minimum of two years out-of-office.
4. The end-of-term date for an officer shall appear in the officer listings in The Echoes and on the official Summits website,
5. Notification will be published in the Royal Summons in the Crier, the Echoes (if time allows) and in other official communication channels at least three months in advance of the upcoming end-of-term for each Principality Officer of State position. At such time, the office will be considered "open" and applications will be accepted.

Article III.F - Warrants

1. The Principality Seneschal may be provided with a Warrant of Appointment to Executive Office; duly signed by the Kingdom Seneschal and the Coronet. Kingdom may warrant the Seneschal via the Warrant List as noted below.
2. The Principality Exchequer may be provided with a Warrant of Appointment to Financial Office, duly signed by the Kingdom Exchequer and the Coronet. Kingdom may warrant the Exchequer via the Warrant List as noted below.
3. Other Principality officers are warranted by their Kingdom superior via an individual warrant or through the a Warrant List as noted below
4. All Principality officers shall present their current Warrant Roster for signature, to their Kingdom Superior for each Coronation and at each Coronet Investiture, for their specific area of over-sight, which lists all Contingency Deputies, Branch officers and Branch Contingency Deputies. The Warrant Roster provided at Coronet Investitures are to be signed by the Principality officer and the Coronet and kept in the Principality Officers' files.

Article III.G - Removal from Office

1. Grounds for dismissal by the Coronet and/or the Kingdom superior officer shall include, but not be limited to the following:
2. The officer has demonstrated a substantial failure to perform the duties of the office after having

been given notice of the nature of the failed duties and having been given two consecutive quarters (six months) to correct said failures,

3. The effectiveness of the officer has been impaired to a substantial degree due to a breakdown in the officer's ability to deal with the Coronet, the kingdom superior officer, the officer's deputies and subordinates or the populace with whom the officer must work.
4. The officer has willfully abused the office by using it to hinder or annoy others or to advance some purpose inconsistent with the trust of that office,
5. The officer has failed to submit a quarterly report according to Kingdom Law Article III D.
6. The officer has demonstrated a failure to abide by Society, Kingdom and/or Principality Law and Policy.

ARTICLE IV. REPORTS

Article IV.A - Principality Officer Reporting

1. Principality officers shall submit a written Quarterly Report as per Kingdom Law Article III.D. to their Kingdom superior, the Coronet, the Coronet Heirs (as applicable), Principality Seneschal, and to any others required by Society, Kingdom and Principality Law and/or Policy.
2. The calendar year is divided into the following reporting quarters:
 - a. 1ST Quarter - (January 1 - March 31) Reports due April 30
 - b. 2ND Quarter - (April 1 - June 30) Reports due July 31
 - c. 3RD Quarter - (July 1st through September 31) Reports due October 31
 - d. 4TH Quarter - (October 1 - December 31) Reports due January 31

Article IV.B - Vacant Offices:

1. Should a Contingency Deputy not be able to fulfill the duties of a Principality Officer's position, the Principality Seneschal shall assume the reporting duties of said office, with the exception of the Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, until a suitable officer can be installed.

Article IV.C - Branch Officer Reporting, Failure to Report, Branch Suspension/Abeyance Consequences

1. Branch officers shall submit a written quarterly report as per Kingdom Law Article III.D. to their Principality superior, the branch Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness (as applicable) of the branch.
2. The reporting quarters are:

- a. 1ST Quarter - (January 1 - March 31) Reports due April 15
 - b. 2ND Quarter - (April 1 - June 30) Reports due July 15
 - c. 3RD Quarter - (July 1st through September 31) Reports due October 15
 - d. 4TH Quarter – (October 1 - December 31) Reports due January 15
3. Branch officers shall report pursuant to the direction of their Principality superior, including the use of required reporting formats and/or forms.
 4. Should there be no Principality superior or designated reporting officer, branch officers shall report directly to their Kingdom superior.
 5. The branch Seneschal shall be responsible for submitting quarterly reports for all vacant branch offices to the relevant Principality officer(s). The report shall include the branch Seneschal's contact information, statement of vacancy, any potential officer candidates and any activities related to the office.
 6. The branch officer shall submit a monthly report to their branch Seneschal at the branch monthly business meeting and shall supply a copy to their Principality superior as requested or required, including the use of required reporting formats and/or forms.
 7. Failure to report at branch level – Consequences
 - a. Failure of a branch officer to report to their Principality superior on two consecutive reporting periods, or twice in a twelve-month span of time, will result in the suspension of that officer.
 - b. Suspension of a branch officer will be in force until reinstatement by the Coronet, Principality Seneschal and their Principality superior.
 - c. The suspension of a branch officer, especially of the critical offices of Seneschal and/or Exchequer, can result in that branch passing into abeyance.
 - d. Should a branch officer remain in suspension for a full reporting period, the office will be considered vacant and applications will be accepted for a new officer
 - e. Branches in abeyance will be passed over as a hosting branch of Coronet and Principality events. The Coronet and Principality Seneschal, at their discretion, may opt to allow event staff to continue with a previously approved event in the abeyance branch area as hosted by the Summits.
 - f. At the discretion and advice of the Coronet, Principality Seneschal, Kingdom Seneschal, and New Branches Deputy (if applicable). Branches in abeyance or with poor reporting records for any office risk demotion back to Incipient Status.

ARTICLE V. AWARDS

Article V.A – Awards within the Principality of the Summits

1. The power to bestow all awards flows from the Crown.
 - a. Any subject may make recommendations to the Crown and Coronet regarding any level of award.

- b. It is the duty of those with administrative responsibilities to bring forward the names of individuals deserving of recognition.
2. No branch or other entity below Baronial level may bestow awards.
3. Shires and other branch entities below Baronial level may give tokens and scrolls of praise and recognition.
4. The Principality Coronets, with the permission of the Crown, may bestow Award of Arms to subjects of the Principality of the Summits per Kingdom Law IV.C.
 - a. The names of the Crown shall be incorporated into the text of the scroll or charter.
 - b. The Coronet shall request permission to bestow Awards of Arms at the commencement of each reign.
5. The Crown of An Tir grants the Principality Coronets the privilege of offering a Patent of Arms to those who have attained the rank of Viscounty as outlined in Corpora VIII.A.4.d and per Kingdom Law IV.C.3.C.

ARTICLE VI. COUNCILS

Article VI.A – Designation of Councils

The Coronet shall determine and create such subordinate administrative bodies as they deem necessary.

Article VI.B – Finance Committee (The Council of the Exchequer)

1. The Council of the Exchequer is the Financial Committee of the Principality of the Summits and shall consist of the Coronet, the Coronet Heirs (when applicable), the Principality Seneschal and the Principality Exchequer.
2. All requests and proposals for the use of Principality monies for any and all expenses must be submitted in writing to the Council of the Exchequer. The consent of a majority of the Council of the Exchequer is needed to disburse monies, with the exception of pre-approved officer budgets, as stated in the Summits Financial Policy.
3. The Council of the Exchequer shall create and maintain the Summits Financial Policy. The Summits Financial Policy shall:
 - a. Be approved by the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 - b. Be published on the official Summits website.
 - c. Have changes announced via the Summits official communication channels.
 - d. Include designated funds overseen by the Principality.
4. Designated fund balances must be published in The Echoes and be reported at every Moot. Designated funds are defined in the Financial Policy.
5. The Council of the Exchequer will meet prior to each Moot. Other meetings may be called as needed to conduct Principality business.
6. On-line discussions between members of the Council constitute a meeting, providing all Council members are included and a written response, by each member, to the on-line discussion is documented.

7. The Council of the Exchequer and all branches within the Principality shall adhere to all policies as stated within the current Summits Financial Policy.

Article VI.C – Moot

1. There shall be a Moot at each Coronet Event or, near each scheduled Coronet Event if held online
2. Moot shall be the business meeting for the Principality. All members of the populace may attend. Moot is the forum for:
 - a. Principality officers of state and court to discuss the status of their office, projects and goals.
 - b. Branch Seneschals to give reports on the status of their branch and branch events
 - c. Event Stewards to provide reports on the status of Coronet and Principality events that will take place within the next six months following Moot.
 - d. The populace to discuss areas of opportunity and provide positive input for the future of the Principality
3. Principality Officers of State, the Summits Defender, Branch Seneschals, and Coronet and Principality Event Stewards, or a representative, must attend Moot. Any officer who cannot attend need to notify the Summits Seneschal as soon as possible.
4. All Principality officers shall submit a written report covering the status of their office to the Principality Seneschal and Chronicler at least one week prior to Moot.
5. Event Stewards of Principality Events must attend Moot and provide a report on the status of their specific event.
6. Event Stewards of any Coronet or Principality event that will take place within the next twelve months following Moot shall submit a written report covering the status of the event. This report shall be submitted to the Principality Seneschal at least one week prior to Moot.
7. Branch Event Stewards, or a representative, are encouraged to provide updates and announcements for all Branch events that will occur within the Principality over the next twelve months.
8. The Principality Seneschal may provide a different or additional report format from what is noted above.

DEFINITIONS

Amendment(s): An article of Principality Law that has been revised, deleted or in any way changed and has been approved and duly signed by the Crown, Coronet, Kingdom and Principality Seneschals.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors, referred to as the BoD, of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA).

Coronet: The Sovereign and Inspiration of the Summits acting jointly The Coronet reigns subject to Corpora, Kingdom and Principality Laws and the Crown of An Tir. The individuals of the Coronet are generally titled Prince or Princess. Convention in the Summits often sees alternate titles used that match individual personas or preferences as long as those titles are not reserved for other roles within the Society.

Coronet Event(s): An event where a Coronet Tournament or a Coronet Investiture takes place.

Corpora: The policies governing historical re-creation within the Society and those policies applicable to the entire Society and are higher in precedence than the laws of this Kingdom and Principality. At the time of this writing, references to Corpora are based on the edition included in the Organizational Handbook dated April 1, 2022. Subsequent versions may change references and supercede this document.

Crown: The Sovereigns of An Tir

Defender: The victor of the Defender's Tournament.

Heirs: The victor of the Coronet Tournament and their Inspiration. Titled Their Alpine Excellencies and Generally titled the Tanist or ban Tanist (or Tanista) for the period between the victory and the Investiture. The Heirs may choose other titles more suitable to the individual and their persona as long as those titles are not reserved for other roles within the Society.

Inspiration: The inspiration for whom the combatant fights in Coronet Lists. The role is referred to as Consort in Corpora.

Kingdom Law: The Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir. Kingdom Law is higher in precedence than the laws of this Principality. At the time of this writing, references are based on the version dated May 2022. Subsequent versions may change those references and supercede this document.

Member: Paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Moot: The term used for the Summits quarterly business meeting.

Official Communication Channels: Outlets for communicating official information to the populace include Summits Court, An Tir and Summits newsletters (where publication timing allows), An Tir and Summits websites and official social media outlets

Principality: A geographical area of the kingdom that has the right to select a reigning Coronet by right of armored combat.

Principality Event: An event where a Principality Championship takes place when not held at a Coronet Event.

Royalty: The Crown, Crown Inspiration, Heirs to the Crown, Principality Coronet and Principality Heirs.

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SCA or SCA, Inc.: The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation.

Society: The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organizations).

Sovereign: The combatant and victor in the Coronet Lists.

Subject(s)/Resident: A person or group of people whose primary residence is in the Principality of the Summits, Kingdom of An Tir.

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Crown, An Tir

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6/4/23



6/4/2023

Coronet, Summits

Date

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Date

Attia Prima 6/2/23

Seneschal, An Tir

Date

Sean 4/20/23

Seneschal, Summits

Date