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## I. Law

- A. The word of the Crown is law, subject to current Kingdom Law, Modern Law, the Governing Documents of the Society (Corpora) and compliance with Article II of Kingdom Law.
- B. Statute is law is in effect in perpetuity until repealed or amended in compliance with Article II of Kingdom Law.
- C. An Edict is regulation concerned with certain matters of state. An Edict cannot conflict with, nor affect, Kingdom Statutes. An edict will remain in force for the duration of the Crown's reign. An Edict must be issued in compliance with Article II of Kingdom Law.
- D. Proclamation is law that has been proclaimed at an official event by the Crown. Proclamation cannot conflict with, nor affect, Kingdom Statutes. It is law for the duration of the event.
- E. The Crown may banish subjects of the Realm, and visitors thereto, for just and stated cause, as outlined in Corpora.
- F. The Sumptuary Customs of the Kingdom of Artemisia are published with Law as a convenience to the populace. They shall not be considered Statute.







































shall be determined and published one (1) year in advance of the date to allow the populace to prepare.

6. Any Kingdom Championship must have at least four (4) individuals competing. If there are an insufficient number of entrants, the competition will take place with a victor, but no Champion will be invested. The position of Champion will remain vacant until the next Championship competition.
7. The location of Kingdom level events shall be determined by the Kingdom Financial Committee and the Kingdom Events Deputy. Scheduling of Kingdom Events is exempt from any deadlines that apply to Branch events.
8. The pre-approval and bid process for hosting a Kingdom level event shall be:
  - a. The Branch Financial Committee will submit an event bid and proposed pre-event budget to the Kingdom Events Deputy to declare their interest in holding said Kingdom event up to one (1) year of the event taking place. Kingdom Events Deputy will submit completed event paperwork to the Kingdom Financial Committee.
  - b. Acceptance of the event bid paperwork by the Kingdom Financial Committee (through the Kingdom Events Deputy) does not automatically approve the event proposal.
  - c. The Kingdom Financial Committee shall review and accept or deny the proposed bids. This process will be completed in a timely manner. All kingdom bids should be received a minimum of six (6) months in advance of the Kingdom deadline. If there should be a circumstance where a bid is received less than the required six (6) months in advance, special authorization must be given from the Kingdom Financial Committee, which will be delivered to the bidder within ten (10) business days of receiving the event bid and budget.
  - d. Pursuant to Kingdom Financial Policy, all bids for Kingdom Events must be submitted no later than six (6) months in advance of the Kingdom event publication deadline.
9. The criteria for being able to host a Kingdom level event shall be:
  - a. Easy access to members of the populace of the Kingdom.
  - b. The group hosting the event shall have attained the size and resources necessary to hold such a gathering.
10. **Local Group Events:** Local groups have permission to hold both non-conflict and conflict –allowed activities depending on their need and the availability on the Kingdom Calendar.

- a. Non-Conflict Events: These are events on the Kingdom calendar which may not conflict within established geographical travel areas. Conflicts may be negotiated between local groups when supervised by the Kingdom Calendar Deputy with permission from the local seneschals and/or Territorial Baronage.
- b. Each local group will be allowed to have non-conflict events. Groups will be limited to the following numbers: Baronies and Provinces, four (4), Shires, two (2), and smaller and incipient groups, one (1).
- c. Groups requesting more non-conflict events than these guidelines will be assessed on a case by case basis via the Kingdom Financial Committee, the Kingdom Event Deputy and the local group.
- d. Conflict-Allowed Activities: These are activities that are distinctly more local in nature and in which the local host group has given permission for any and all other groups to conflict with them. There is no limit to the number of activities that a group can have but common sense is recommended.

## XI. Courts and Curia

- I. The courts of the Kingdom shall consist of the Curia Regis, Court of Inquiry, Court of Chivalry, and the Marshallate Quarter Court.
- II. All courts are official functions of official events within the Kingdom.
- III. The **Curia Regis** shall:
  - a. Be organized and conducted at the pleasure of the Crown.
  - b. Be called at any official event.
- IV. The **Court of Inquiry** shall:
  - a. Be comprised of those persons appointed by the Crown after consultation with the principals involved.
  - b. Be conducted as formally or informally as the Crown so desires. Its aim is to discover the basis of the dispute, prepare a list of pertinent witnesses and evidence, and recommend to the Crown whether a Court of Chivalry will be needed to resolve the matter.
  - c. Be announced publically in the Kingdom newsletter as an official court.

- d. Be held publically.

V. The **Court of Chivalry** shall:

- a. Be the Kingdom's highest court. It is the only court that may recommend degradation from the peerage or absolute banishment from the SCA.
- b. Not be called on any matter unless a Court of Inquiry has so recommended one. In no case is the Crown compelled to call a Court of Chivalry based on recommendation.
- c. Not be convened until all parties to the dispute, all members of the court and the SCA Board of Directors have been notified of the upcoming Court of Chivalry and its cause. Date and location will be decided by the Crown after considering the convenience of all concerned.
- d. Be announced in the Kingdom newsletter and at an official court.
- e. Be held publically.
- f. Have the Crown preside over the Court.
- g. Have nine (9) judges who are members of the SCA, including the Kingdom Seneschal, Earl Marshal, and the premiers of the Orders of Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican and Defense. If any of the above judges cannot attend, the Crown will choose replacements from within their offices or Orders to represent them. The Crown shall appoint three (3) armigerous representatives to complete the Court. No principal involved in the dispute may sit on the Court.
- h. Have the Kingdom Principal Herald (Golden Wing) or a representative as the recording officer of the Court.
- i. Be dissolved at any time by the Crown or a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the judges.
- j. Have any verdicts and recommended sentences be rendered by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the judges. A verdict reached by two-thirds (2/3) majority is binding on the Crown. The Crown may either follow the Court's recommended sentence or may choose another.
- k. Render the charges and the specifications not proven should the court fail to reach a two-thirds (2/3) majority for a verdict.
- l. Have its decision and the Crowns judgment placed before the SCA Board of Directors, if the person so sentenced wishes to appeal. If there is an appeal, the Crown has the option to withhold the sentence until after the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.



- VI. To ensure that the Courts have a fair representation of the facts, the principals to the dispute have the right to cross-examine witnesses, introduce evidence, and in general, present their cases.
- VII. Should any person who has been specifically summoned to stand before the Court fail to do so through no fault of their own, after having made a reasonable effort, arrangements shall be made to reschedule the Court at another time and place convenient to the parties involved.
- VIII. The Marshallate Quarter Court shall be convened as needed and as outlined in the Marshallate Guidelines.

## **XI. Crown Tournament**

- A. The requirement to enter and be represented in the Crown Lists are as follows:
  - 1. To fulfill the requirements as stated in Corpora.
  - 2. To have resided within the Kingdom of Artemisia for twelve (12) months and to have been active in the SCA for the twelve (12) months preceding the Crown Tournament. All entrants to Crown Tournament must submit in writing to the Crown, Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Tournaments Officer, a letter of intent to participate in Crown Tournament. Letters of Intent must also include proof of membership for both combatant and consort, a copy of the combatant's authorization card, and entrant forms for both combatant and consort. All required paperwork must be received no later than fourteen (14) calendar days before the date of Crown Tournament, in order for the combatant and consort to be considered for entrance to Crown Tournament.
  - 3. To remain residents of the Kingdom of Artemisia throughout their tenure and reign.
  - 4. To familiarize themselves with Corpora and Kingdom Law, Kingdom Financial Policy and be willing to swear on their honor that, should they win, they believe themselves competent to hold the Crown of Artemisia.
  - 5. To be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - 6. Must have a regular means of quick communication, dependable transportation, and sufficient income to support the Crown should they win.
  - 7. Be acceptable unto the Crown of Artemisia.
  - 8. The unbelted combatant must have a member of the Order of Chivalry who is willing to speak for them at the time of Crown Tournament.

## **XII. Succession of the Crown**

- A. At the scheduled time for Coronation, following a successful Crown Tournament, the Crown must

yield the crowns, thrones, files and all regalia items to the Royal Heirs.

- B. The prospective Sovereign and Consort will be crowned with the Crowns of Artemisia according to the Customs of the land.
- C. Should the prospective Sovereign, and/or the Consort, through no personal fault of their own, be unable to attend Coronation, such steps that are acceptable to the prospective Crown and the reigning Crown shall be taken so that they may achieve the Crown.
- D. The Crown shall call a Curia Regis should either the prospective Sovereign or Consort fail to appear at their own Coronation, if there was sufficient evidence to suggest that the failure was through personal malfeasance.
- E. Should the decision of the Crown at the Curia Regis be that the prospective Sovereign or Consort failed to appear at their Coronation through personal malfeasance, then the prospective Sovereign and Consort shall be disqualified from attaining the Crown and their titles of Royal Heirs shall be forfeit.
- F. If the prospective Crown shall abdicate or be disqualified, the reigning Crown shall call a new Crown Tournament as soon as one can reasonably and legally be announced. This shall determine a new couple to receive the Crown. The abdicated/disqualified individuals may not participate in this Crown Tournament as either combatant or consort.
- G. Should the Crown refuse to yield the Crowns and Thrones to the Royal Heirs, the matter shall be brought before the Board of Directors. Should the Board overrule the Crown, then the Crown shall surrender the Crowns and Thrones to the Royal Heirs at an event that is acceptable to all parties. Should the Board of Directors rule with the Crown, the Royal Heirs shall be disqualified.
- H. In the event the Sovereign is unable to complete the reign, the Consort may at his/her discretion choose a new consort who meets the qualifications in Section XI. The original Consort will then be crowned Sovereign.
- I. In the event the Consort is unable to complete the reign, the Sovereign may at his/her discretion choose a new consort who meets the qualifications in Section XI.
- J. In the event that both the Sovereign and Consort are unable to complete their reign, the most recent former Sovereign available will become Regent. The Regent must be a member of the SCA.
- K. The tenure of the Regent shall not be considered a reign and the person serving shall accrue no title or precedence.
- L. The Regent shall not bear the Arms of the Crown, nor create awards, proclaim law, or otherwise exercise the power of the Crown, save those powers specifically granted by law.

- M. If the Royal Heirs have not already been determined, the Regent shall announce a Crown Tournament following the guidelines outlined in Section IX regarding official events. This tournament shall be conducted in as timely a manner as possible. All individuals fulfilling the requirements outlined in Section XI.a shall be allowed entrance into the list. The Regent shall exercise the ceremonial authority of the Sovereign in the management of the Tournament. The Coronation of the new Sovereign and Consort shall take place at the closing court of the Crown Tournament.
- N. Abdication or disqualification of the Sovereign and/or Consort does not constitute a full reign. This disallows the right to convey county or ducal titles that may have been forthcoming from thereign.

### **XIII. Financial Guidelines**

- A. The Kingdom Financial Committee shall consist of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Sovereignty (voting as one). The Financial Committee is responsible for establishing policy.

## Appendix A – Awards of the Kingdom of Artemisia

Below are listed the awards granted by the Crown of Artemisia, along with a short description of what the award is for. For a full description of the awards, along with regalia, badges, and updated information, see the Artemisian Herald's Handbook.

- A. Patent Orders
  - a. Order of the Chivalry – armored combat
  - b. Order of the Laurel – arts and sciences
  - c. Order of the Pelican – service
  - d. Order of Defence – rapier combat
  - e. Royal Peers – former Royalty
  
- B. Grant Orders
  - a. Gryphon of Artemisia – extraordinary service, given once per reign
  - b. Defenders of the Citadel – armored combat
  - c. Golden Sun in Splendour - service
  - d. Key Cross – arts and sciences
  - e. White Scarf of Artemisia – rapier combat – Order closed.
  - f. Defenseurs de l'Ordre du Papillon – rapier combat
  - g. Strongbow's Yeoman – archery
  - h. Bellerophon's Bridle - equestrian
  
- C. Award of Arms Orders
  - a. Golden Gryphon's Talon – armored combat
  - b. Golden Pillar – service
  - c. Golden Maple Leaf – arts and sciences
  - d. Golden Scarf – rapier combat
  - e. Cheval d'Or – equestrian
  - f. Gryphon and Pheon – archery
  - g. Gryphons Eye – research
  - h. Court Barony
  
- D. Non-Armigerous
  - a. Lord or Lady of the Rose – given to those who have served as Consort to the Kingdom..
  - b. Gryphon's Pride – children
  - c. Gryphon's Heart of Artemisia – service to the Crown
  - d. Gratia et Comitas – grace and courtesy
  - e. King's Council
  - f. Queen's Confidence
  - g. Quodlibet – former Kingdom Champions
  - h. Golden Badger – tenacious ferocity in combat
  - i. Artemisian TANK Corps
  - j. Claves Artemisiae – long lasting service to the Kingdom.
  - k. Sage – service as an officer.
  - l. Trefoil and Mace – formerly given to the runner up in Crown, Closed.
  - m. Lady of the Papillion – formerly given to those who served as Consort to the Principality, Closed.

## Appendix B – The Sumptuary Customs of the Kingdom of Artemisia

Being a Compendium of the Traditions, Customs, and Practices of the Kingdom, Proclaimed and Published in the First year of the Kingdom of Artemisia, during the Reign of Thorfinn and Sarah, Premiere Crowns of Artemisia. Dedicated to the Populace of Their Realm and the greater glory of the Kingdom of Artemisia.

Changes to these Customs will be made by the Crown of Artemisia, but will not be considered statute.

### Introduction:

These Customs are a compilation of the traditional sumptuary customs, practices, and restrictions of the Kingdom of Artemisia. They are presented here, in writing to preserve the traditions of Our Realm, and to serve as a source of information for the people of Artemisia. This information is designed to assist the populace in the preparation and use of personal regalia items. These guidelines are intended to further enhance the dignity, estate, and appearance of the people of Artemisia, and should be consulted when preparing new items of personal regalia. Items already in existence, which do not adhere to these conventions, may continue to be worn and used, provided they do not violate the restrictions set by Corpora.

### General:

The term Precious Metals also applies to metal substitutes for gold and silver.

The customs, practices, and restrictions printed herein apply equally to items constructed in other media, such as leather, cloth, or wood.

Although no Territorial Principality currently exists in the Kingdom of Artemisia, the Viscounty is addressed to assist the Viscounts and Viscountesses of the former Principalities.

The sections of these Traditions which address the Viscounty also apply to the Crown Baronage.

### Regalia:

#### A. Crowns & Coronets

1. Crowns are worn by the Sovereign and Consort of Artemisia, and the Royal Heirs of Artemisia.
  - a. The Sovereign and Consort of Artemisia wear Crowns of precious metals, of such size, construction, and ornamentation as pleases them.
  - b. The Royal Heirs of Artemisia wear Crowns of precious metals, and of such size, construction, and ornamentation as pleases Their Royal Majesties.
2. Coronets are worn by the Royal Peers, the Ruling Territorial Baronage, Founding Territorial Baronage, Former Landed Baronage, and the Barons and Baronesses of the Court:
  - a. The Royal Peers:
    - i. Dukes and Duchesses may wear Coronets of precious metals, embellished with strawberry leaves and ornamentation as they see fit.

- ii. Counts and Countesses may wear Coronets of precious metals, embattled, and ornamented as they see fit.
  - iii. Viscounts and Viscountesses may wear Coronets of precious metals ornamented as they see fit, with a single point to front.
- 3. The Ruling, Founding and Former Territorial Baronage:
  - a. The Ruling, Founding and Former Territorial Baronage may wear either:
    - i. A Coronet of precious metals, ornamented as they see fit, with six (6) points embellished with spheroids, pearls, or precious stones;
    - ii. Or a Coronet of precious metals with a single large point to front with ornamentation appropriate to their Barony.
    - iii. In either case, the overall height of the Coronet shall not exceed two and one half (2.5") inches.
- 4. The Barons and Baronesses of the Court:
  - a. Court Baronage may wear Coronets of precious metals, with simple ornamentation and six (6) points, which may be embellished with spheroids, pearls, or precious stones.
  - b. The overall height of the Coronet shall not exceed two (2") inches.

## B. Collars & Chains of Estate

1. Collars of Estate may be worn by the Crown, the Royal Peers, Ruling Territorial Baronage, Founding Territorial Baronage, The Peers of the Realm, the Kingdom Great Officers of State, the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion, the King and Queen's Champions, and the Gryphons of Artemisia.
2. Knights, by virtue of their station, must swear to the Crown, and are therefore entitled to wear large link chains of gold, silver, or other precious metal to symbolize their bond of fealty before the Crown.
3. Masters and Mistresses of the Noble Orders of the Pelican and Laurel and Defense, who are not members of the Chivalry, may each wear the symbols of their respective orders dependent from a linked chain of silver, gold, or other precious metal.
4. Provosts, in bond to a member of the Order of Defense may wear a collar of red with ornaments in precious metals not to exceed two (2) inches to denote a bond to a Master or Mistress of Defense.
5. The Crown of Artemisia:
  - a. The Sovereign wears a Collar of Estate Composed of A's, made of precious metals, and of a size and ornamentation which pleases him/her.
  - b. The Consort wears a Collar of Estate composed of A's and Roses, made of precious metals, and of a size and ornamentation which pleases him/her.

6. The Royal Peers:
  - a. Dukes may wear Collars of Estate composed of strawberry leaves and Gryphons, made of precious metals, and of a size and ornamentation which please them.
  - b. Duchesses may wear Collars of Estate composed of strawberry leaves, Roses, and Gryphons, all of precious metals, and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, ornamented and of a size which pleases them.
  - c. Counts may wear Collars of Estate composed of Embattlements and Gryphons, all of precious metals and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  - d. Countesses may wear Collars of Estate composed of Roses, Butterflies and Gryphons, all of precious metals, and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  - e. Viscounts and Viscountesses may wear Collars of Estate composed of Ornaments appropriate to their respective Principalities, all of precious metals, and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  
7. The Ruling, Founding and Former Territorial Baronage:
  - a. Ruling Territorial Barons and Baronesses, Founding Territorial Barons and Baronesses and Former Territorial Barons and Baronesses may wear Collars of Estate composed of elements appropriate to their respective Baronies, made of precious metals, and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  
8. The Peers of the Realm:
  - a. The Peers of the Realm, who are in fealty to the Crown, may wear Collars of Estate composed of their personal Cyphers and elements of their Arms, all in precious metals, and bearing the badges of their respective Orders and Awards, of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  
9. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:
  - a. The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion wears a Collar of Estate composed of Gryphons and A's, all of precious metals, and of a size which pleases the Crown.
  
10. The King's & Queen's Champion:
  - a. The Kings Champion wears a Collar of Estate composed of A's, made of precious metals, and of a size not to exceed two (2") inches.
  
11. The Griffins of Artemisia:
  - a. The Griffin's of Artemisia may wear Collars of Estate composed of Griffin Heads, all of gold, of a size not to exceed one and one half (1.5") inches, with the badge of the Order dependent there from.

## C. Seals

1. The Seal of the Kingdom of Artemisia is 1 1/2 inch round in diameter.
2. The Groups of Artemisia, Royal Peers of the Realm may have seals which are to be a maximum of 1 1/4 inch round in diameter.
3. The Peerage of the Realm, members of the Populace may have a seals measuring not over 1 inch in maximum diameter.

## D. Mantles

1. Mantles, or Robes of Estate, may be worn by those members of the populace who have received Arms, by Award, Grant, or Patent, from the Crown or Coronet.
2. The Crown of Artemisia and Their Heirs:
  - a. The Sovereign wears a Mantle which depicts the Arms of the Kingdom of Artemisia, lined in a color which pleases the Crown.
  - b. The Consort wears a Mantle which depicts the Arms of the Queen of Artemisia, lined in a color which pleases the Crown.
  - c. The Royal Heir wears a Mantle which depicts the Arms of the Royal Heir, lined in a color which pleases the Crown.
  - d. The Royal Heir's Consort wears a Mantle which depicts the Arms of the Royal Heir's Consort, lined in a color which pleases the Crown.
3. The Royal Peers:
  - a. The Royal Peers may wear Mantles which depict their personal Arms, with Augmentations to depict their respective statuses, lined in colors which please them.
4. The Baronage:
  - a. Ruling Territorial Barons and Baronesses may wear Mantles depicting the Arms of their respective Baronies, or the Arms of their respective positions, if the Baroness has registered Arms, lined in colors which please them.
  - b. The Founding and Former Territorial Baronage and the Court Baronage may wear Mantles which depict their personal Arms, lined in colors which please them.
5. The Peers of the Realm:
  - a. The Peers of the Realm may wear Mantles depicting their personal Arms, trimmed with a two (2") inch bordure of either fur or cloth of the color appropriate to their respective Orders, lined in colors which please them.
    - i. Knights, Masters, and Mistresses at Arms –White
    - ii. Masters and Mistresses of the Laurel—Green
    - iii. Masters and Mistresses of the Pelican—Gold
    - iv. Masters and Mistresses of Defence --White
6. Awards and Grants of Arms:
  - a. Gentles who have received Arms, by Award or Grant, may wear Mantles which depict their personal Arms, lined in colors which please them.



## E. Caplets of White Fur or Ermine:

1. Capelets of white fur and ermine may be worn by, the Crown of Artemisia, the Royal Heirs, the Royal Peers, and the Baronage over their Mantles. The number of ermine rows permitted each are as follows:
  - a. The Crown of Artemisia wears six rows of ermine.
  - b. The Crown Prince and Princess wear five rows of ermine.
  - c. Dukes and Duchesses may wear four rows of ermine.
  - d. Counts and Countesses may wear three rows of ermine.
  - e. Viscounts and Viscountesses may wear two rows of ermine.
  - f. Members of the Territorial Baronage may wear one row of ermine.

## F. Spurs

- a. The wearing and use of gold spurs are restricted to the Crown of Artemisia and the Dukes.

## G. Swords

- a. Swords may be worn by anyone who wishes to do so. Those gentles who bear Arms, by Award, Grant, or Patent, may wear them before the Crown of Artemisia.

## H. Belts and Baldrics

- a. Belts and Baldrics are used to denote accomplishment and status, or to symbolize the special bond between a Peer of the Realm and a member of the populace.
- b. Belts:
  - i. White belts are reserved for the exclusive use of the Knights.
  - ii. Simple Red belts are reserved for the use of Squires, to denote a bond to a Knight.
  - iii. Simple Green belts are reserved for the use of Apprentices, to denote a bond to a Master or Mistress of the Laurel.
  - iv. Simple Yellow belts are reserved for the use of Protégés, to denote a bond to a Master or Mistress of the Pelican.
- c. Baldrics:
  - i. White Baldrics are reserved for the use of the Masters and Mistresses at Arms.
  - ii. Simple Red baldrics are reserved for the use of Squires who are bonded to a Master or Mistress at Arms.

## I. Scarves

- a. Scarves, like belts and baldrics, are used to denote accomplishment and status, or to symbolize the bond between a member of the Order of the White Scarf and a member of the populace.
- b. Regalia
  - i. Black embroidered at the end with the badge of the Order - Scarves are reserved for the exclusive use of the Defenders of the Papillion. The scarf is traditionally worn over the left shoulder or arm, and may be clasped with the Symbol of the Kingdom.

- ii. Gold – Simple gold scarves are reserved for the exclusive use for members of the populace that have been admitted to the Order of the Golden Scarf. The scarf is traditionally worn over the right shoulder or arm.
  - iii. Other – Any future Orders created by the Kingdom or the Society which use a scarf as regalia shall have the exclusive right to use that scarf.
- c. Non-Regalia
  - i. Red – Red Scarves are reserved for Cadets, to denote their bond as a Defender of the White Scarf. These may be trimmed, embellished, or embroidered as the giving White Scarf sees fit.