



# LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD

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## **ARTICLE I—DEFINITIONS**

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The definitions in this article apply only to these terms as used in these laws.

### **Royalty**

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The “Royalty” of Northshield consists of the Royal Sovereign, the Royal Consort, the Heir and the Heir’s Consort.

The “Sovereign” or “Royal Sovereign” is the winner of the Crown Tournament, who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen.

The “Consort” or “Royal Consort” is the person who was fought for in the Crown Tournament, who has been crowned with the title of Queen or King.

The “Crown” is the Sovereign and Consort, acting together.

The Heir and the Heir’s Consort are the winner and the winner’s consort of the most recent Crown Tournament, who have not yet been crowned with the title(s) of King and/or Queen. They may be known by the title(s) of Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess.

The “Crown Tournament” is the armored combat tournament to choose the successors to the current Royal Sovereign and Consort.

The “Presiding Royalty” for a Crown Tournament are the Royalty whose immediate successors will be chosen in that Crown Tournament, whether the Presiding Royalty are currently the Heir and the Heir’s Consort or have become the Crown.

The “Coronation” is the ceremony where the Heir and the Heir’s Consort are elevated to Sovereign and Consort of the Kingdom.

### **Officers**

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The “Governing Documents” are the SCA’s governing documents, as that term is used in the Glossary portion of the most recent version of the SCA Organizational Handbook.

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An “officer” is a person serving in an appointed office as defined in the Governing Documents or in these laws, or as an appointed deputy in such an office, at any level, or as the organizer of an event (commonly referred to as “Autocrat” or “Steward”), or as a Territorial Baron or Baroness, or as a member of the Royalty.

*I-230*

All officers must be members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and have access to the *Northwatch*.

*I-240*

Where the Governing Documents require an officer to have access to a regional newsletter, that newsletter is the *Northwatch*.

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The “Great Officers” of the Kingdom are:

The Kingdom Seneschal,  
The Kingdom Herald,  
The Kingdom Earl Marshal,  
The Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
The Kingdom Chronicler,  
The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, and  
The Kingdom Webminister.

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The “Lesser Officers” of the Kingdom are:

1. For the Kingdom Seneschal:  
The Kingdom Council Secretary,  
The Kingdom Law Clerk,  
The Kingdom Event Information Officer,  
The Kingdom Chatelain(e),  
The Kingdom Youth Minister,  
The Kingdom Media Relations Representative.
2. For the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer:  
The Kingdom Minister of Regalia.
3. For the Kingdom Herald:  
The Kingdom Internal Submissions Herald (Keythong),  
The Kingdom Minister of Protocol,  
The Kingdom Clerk of the Precedence,  
The Kingdom Signet.
4. For the Kingdom Earl Marshal:  
The Kingdom Archer General,  
The Kingdom Rapier Marshal,  
The Kingdom Armored Combat Marshal,  
The Kingdom Constable of the Cavalry,  
The Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshal,  
The Kingdom Cut and Thrust Marshal.
5. For the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences:  
The Chancellor of the Stellar University of Northshield.
6. For the Kingdom Chronicler:  
The Editor of the *Northwatch*.

**Other Definitions**

*I-300*

The “Stallari” or “Stallari Council” consists of the Royalty and the Great Officers.

*I-340 — Use of Terms Suggesting Kingdom Patronage*

Language which suggests Kingdom sponsorship or sanction of an event, guild, household, or other organization (such as “Northshield”, “Kingdom”, Titles of Kingdom Officers and their deputies etc.) requires Stallari approval.

*I-341 — Stallari Permission for use of terms suggesting Kingdom Patronage*

The Stallari Council reserves the right to grant perpetual permission to local events to use terms identified in section *I-340* above in event names. Stallari Council further reserves the right to rescind that permission for cause. This permission does not equate to these events being “Kingdom Events” as defined in section *I-350* below, nor is it intended to suggest or grant Kingdom sanction or sponsorship of these events.

### *I-345 Use of Terms Suggesting Royal Patronage*

Language which implies Royal patronage (such as “Royal” or “Their Majesty’s/Highness” or “King’s/Queen’s/Prince’s/Princess’”) of an event, guild, household, or other organization requires the permission of the person who holds (or will hold) these titles. This will not imply Kingdom patronage or make an event subject to the requirements of a Kingdom Event. The future use of these titles cannot be presumed and are not ongoing.

### *I-350 Kingdom Events*

Known World Events are defined in Society Seneschal’s Handbook.

Kingdom Events are defined as events which are critical to the maintenance of the realm such as Crown or Coronation, or events that further Kingdom goals and have direct support and oversight of a Kingdom officer(s). Kingdom Events always require a bid to be presented to the Stallari Council as outlined in Northshield Policies. Language which suggests Kingdom sponsorship or sanction of an event such as use of the terms “Kingdom”, or “Northshield”, will occur as part of the bid process.

Any event that does not fit these definitions is defined as a local event.

### *I-355 Reserved Weekends*

The weekend starting with the second Saturday of every month is reserved for Kingdom Events. Groups wishing to hold local events on the weekend containing the second Saturday may apply to the Kingdom Seneschal for Stallari Council approval.

### *I-360 — Conflicting with Kingdom Events*

The Kingdom Event Information Officer will not allow any official SCA event within Northshield on the same day as Crown Tournament or Coronation. The Crown, after consultation with the Stallari Council, may give express permission for local events to occur on the same day as other Kingdom events.

## **Kingdom Law**

### *I-400*

The word of the Crown is law subject only to the Order of Precedence of Law established in the Governing Documents, and those restrictions found in the statutory law of the Kingdom.

### *I-500*

There will be three classes of Kingdom law. These will be statutory law, Royal proclamation and Royal edict.

### *I-600*

Statutory law will be the continuing body of law in the Kingdom. The Crown will have power to change, repeal or add statute only after soliciting and receiving counsel from the Stallari Council, provided that the change, repeal or addition does not conflict with any superior laws as established by the Order of Precedence of Law in the Governing Documents.

### *I-700*

Should the majority of the Stallari Council believe a change to statutory law to be substantive, the Crown must publish the proposed law change in the *Northwatch* and allow one month from publication for comment before proceeding. When necessary to comply with a Society directive, the period for comment may be shortened, postponed, or cancelled.

### *I-800*

Changes to statutory law must be signed by the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, proclaimed in Royal court, and published in the *Northwatch* before taking effect.

### *I-900*

A Royal proclamation is defined as a lawful command of the Crown, and has the force of statute for the duration of the reign in which it is proclaimed. A proclamation must be announced in Royal court and published in the *Northwatch* before taking effect. A proclamation cannot contradict statutory law.

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A Royal edict is defined as a lawful command of the Crown and has the force of statutory law for the duration of the event at which it is proclaimed. The Crown must be present at the event, and the edict must be announced in Royal court at that event. An edict cannot contradict statutory law.

## **ARTICLE II—THE ROYALTY OF NORTHSHIELD**

### *II-100*

The rights, duties and powers of the Crown rest equally and jointly with the Sovereign and the Consort.

### *II-200*

The powers of the Crown extend only to the affairs of the Kingdom, and do not extend to matters of modern times.

### *II-300*

No member of the Royalty may apply for or hold another Kingdom-level or Corporate office during their reign.

### *II-400*

The Crown will report all Kingdom awards or orders given at Their Courts to the *Northwatch* and the Kingdom Clerk of the Precedence. The Crown may delegate these responsibilities as They wish, but the ultimate responsibility will rest with the Crown.

### *II-600*

A warranted seneschal and a warranted herald of Northshield must accompany the Crown or Regent when Court is conducted.

### *II-700*

A ten-foot radius around the thrones of the members of the Royalty may only be entered by Kingdom Officers and those having Royal permission.

### *II-800*

The Crown may designate any person who is a member of the SCA, Inc., to act as Regent.

## ARTICLE III—CROWN TOURNAMENT AND CORONATION

### III-100

The Crown Tournament to select the next Heir and Heir's Consort will be held twice a year, in the months of May and October.

### III-300

The Crown and the Stallari Council are responsible for selecting and approving immediate and future Crown Tournament and Coronation bids. Future bids may be for as much as eighteen (18) months out.

### III-450

Prior to the tournament, the Kingdom Seneschal, the current Crown, and the Presiding Royalty will together select a designated alternative event at which to hold the Crown Tournament, should the originally scheduled tournament be canceled due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The populace will be notified of the location and date of the alternate event prior to the originally scheduled tournament.

### III-500

The Presiding Royalty will devise the format of the Crown Tournament, including any further restrictions upon entrants and their consorts. This information will then be published in the *Northwatch* at least six weeks prior to the Crown Tournament. Pairings may be decided randomly or seeded by prior contests of skill, but no person or group may specifically designate pairings, except the combatants through challenge.

### III-600

All prospective combatants in the Crown Tournament must first affirm that they and their consort understand and are prepared to accept the Crown's responsibilities, as defined by the Governing Documents and Kingdom law.

### III-900

All prospective combatants and their consorts must meet the minimum criteria in the Governing Documents, as well as the following requirements:

1. Each must be a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism and have access to the *Northwatch*.
2. Each must have been a subject of Northshield for one year immediately before the Crown Tournament
3. All prospective combatants and their consorts must be acceptable to the Presiding Royalty.
4. No one under 18 years old may fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
5. No member of the Royalty may either fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
6. One member of the couple must also affirm that they can and will maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S./Canadian international border for the duration of their reign, should they be victorious to ensure that they are free to travel to all parts of the Kingdom.
7. All prospective combatants must hold a valid Northshield heavy combat authorization card. If the combatant does not hold all authorizations that will be used in the tournament, the Crown has the sole discretion as to how and whether they will allow that combatant to participate.

### III-1000

Prospective competitors must send to the Presiding Royalty a letter expressing their intent to compete. The letter should provide evidence of fulfillment of any requirements for entrance by the prospective combatant and consort and outline their involvement in diverse areas of the SCA, as the Heir and Heir's Consort may require. The Presiding Royalty will insure that necessary information concerning eligibility is provided to the Kingdom Seneschal for verification.

*III-1100*

1. The Presiding Royalty may refuse entrance to prospective combatants or their consorts for reasonable cause.
2. The Presiding Royalty must state the reason for the refusal to the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, and to those whom they refuse entrance in a timely manner. A reasonable attempt will be made to provide the reason for the refusal, in writing, at least two weeks before the Crown Tournament.
3. The denial of entrance and its reasons will be kept confidential by the Presiding Royalty, the Crown, and Kingdom Seneschal.

*III-1200*

The Crown Tournament must meet the following conditions:

1. At least three fully warranted marshals of Northshield must be present to supervise the lists.
2. A seneschal and a herald of Northshield must attend, to witness the tournament.

*III-1250*

If the conditions listed in III-1200 are not met, then the Crown Tournament will be held at the alternate event. If the alternate event must be used, the Kingdom Seneschal will make every reasonable effort to notify all combatants.

*III-1300*

At the next Coronation, the Heir and Heir's Consort will be crowned as Sovereign and Consort.

*III-1400*

Coronation will be held twice a year, no more than six weeks before Crown Tournament.



## **ARTICLE IV—THE SUCCESSION**

### *IV-100*

Before assuming the titles of Sovereign and Consort, the Heir and Heir's Consort will give either an affirmation or an oath of service to the people of the Kingdom promising to uphold the laws of the Society and Kingdom.

### *IV-200*

If the Sovereign is unable to fulfill the duties of the Sovereign as defined in the Governing Documents and Kingdom law, the Consort will then be designated as Sovereign.

### *IV-300*

If both the Sovereign and the Consort are unable to fulfill the duties of the Crown, the Heir and Heir's Consort will be proclaimed Regents and will fulfill the duties of the Crown until Their Coronation, at which time They will be crowned by the senior Royal Peer in attendance who is a subject of Northshield.

### *IV-400*

If either the Heir or Heir's Consort is unable to fulfill their duties, the other will fulfill all such duties. The Heir or Heir's Consort may then select another gentle as consort. This person must be acceptable to the Crown and must have met the eligibility requirements of the Governing Documents and of III-900 of these laws, as of the most recent Crown Tourney. This person will then be invested as Heir's Consort. No further replacements are permitted, nor may the new consort reign alone. At Coronation, the original Heir or Heir's Consort will be crowned as Sovereign and the other as Consort.

### *IV-500*

If neither the Sovereign nor the Consort is able to fulfill the duties of the Crown as defined in the Governing Documents and Kingdom law, and no Heir and Heir's Consort been declared, a Crown Tournament will be held as soon as possible under supervision of the Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Earl Marshal. Immediately thereafter, the victor and victor's consort will be crowned as Sovereign and Consort by the senior Royal Peer in attendance who is a subject of Northshield. The new Crown will hold a Crown Tournament as soon as it can be announced in the *Northwatch* to choose an Heir and Heir's Consort.

### *IV-600*

If both the Heir and the Heir's Consort are unable to fulfill their duties, a Crown Tournament will be held under the supervision of the Crown.

## **ARTICLE V— OFFICERS OF THE KINGDOM**

### *V-100*

All Officers are responsible for upholding the laws and policies of the Society and Kingdom, including those set forth in handbooks approved by the Board of Directors of the Society.

### *V-200*

All Officers will keep a record of important communications and activities related to the duties of their offices. This record may be viewed by the Stallari Council and is turned over to the successor in the office.

### *V-300*

All Officers of the Kingdom are accountable to the Crown for the equipment, property, money, and regalia they hold for their offices, for the Crown, or for the SCA.

### *V-420*

At the time a new officer is appointed, the outgoing officer will prepare an accounting of all equipment, property, money, and regalia for that office being passed to the successor. Both outgoing and incoming officers shall sign that accounting and a copy is to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### *V-450*

All Officers will report any major changes in the equipment, property, money, and regalia they hold to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### *V-500*

All Kingdom Great Officers are considered of equal rank except for matters specific to their individual offices.

### *V-600*

All Great Officers are appointed by the Crown in conjunction with the appropriate Corporate superior officer and after consultation with the outgoing Great Officer and the Stallari Council.

### *V-700*

No Great Officer or any warranted deputies may produce any official publications without approval of the Crown and of the majority of the rest of the Stallari Council. Content of any official handbook is subject to editing by the appropriate Great Officer and the Crown before publication. All profits resulting from such publications must be remitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. Full financial reporting must be made to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer on a regular schedule as required by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### *V-800*

Great Officers may appoint deputies and assistants as needed.

### *V-810 Emergency Deputies for Greater Officers*

All Greater Officers must have an emergency deputy. The emergency deputy must be approved by the Crown, after consultation with the Greater Officer and the Stallari.

### *V-820*

If a Kingdom Great Officer is planning on fighting or being fought for in Crown Tournament, the potential replacement/deputy must be approved by the Crown, in conjunction with the appropriate corporate superior, after consultation with the Great Officer and the Stallari, prior to the submission of a letter of intent for entrance for Crown Tournament. The action of winning Crown Tournament is considered as the immediate resignation of the Great Officer.

### *V-900*

Great Officers will be warranted for a term of two years. Their term of office and warrants may be extended, but no Great Officer will serve for a continuous period of more than three (3) years.

*V-1000*

The duties and responsibilities of Great Officers are as described in the Governing Documents. Further duties of the Great Officers will include:

1. Communicating with all officers under their supervision on at least a quarterly basis,
2. Ensuring that subordinate officers have access to materials and information to perform their duties,
3. Maintaining a current roster of their subordinate officers,
4. Making their rosters publicly available,
5. Providing an updated copy of their rosters to the Crown at the beginning of each reign, and
6. If a separate bank account exists for an office, maintaining the account and providing quarterly financial reports to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
7. Attendance of a minimum of 2 Stallari Council meetings per reign, either personally or through an alternate, if permitted by VI-500.
8. Coordinating activities in their respective specialties, as needed, when Northshield hosts interkingdom events.

*V-1100*

No person may hold two Great Offices at the same time.

*V-1200*

Each Great Officer is responsible for the coordination, training, and appointment of their subordinate branch officers, deputies, and assistants in Northshield. No person may represent themselves as an officer without the appropriate Great Officer's specific approval or warrant of appointment.

*V-2000 – The Seneschal*

The Seneschal is responsible for the smooth running of the Kingdom, and is the principal legal representative of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., within the Kingdom.

*V-2100 – The Chancellor of the Exchequer*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Kingdom and is responsible for all matters dealing with Kingdom funds or property.

*V-2110*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will meet with the Heir and Heir's Consort as soon as practical to inform them of the financial policies of the Kingdom.

*V-2120*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will work with all Great Officers in the administration of the financial duties accompanying those offices.

*V-2130*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will submit a financial report to the Stallari Council at least twice per reign.

*V-2140*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will submit a balance sheet and a budget to the Royalty within thirty (30) days of Coronation.

*V-2150*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will submit a budget for review and approval to the Stallari Council and the Royalty in time to have the approved budget published in the March *Northwatch*.

*V-2160*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will submit an annual financial report of the Kingdom's accounts to the Chronicler for publication in the May *Northwatch*.

*V-2200 – The Herald*

The Principal Herald of Northshield is called the Polaris Herald.

*V-2300 – The Earl Marshal*

The Earl Marshal will promote safe and orderly conduct of combat in accordance with Society and Kingdom rules and conventions.

*V-2310*

The Earl Marshal will require a properly completed waiver for any person participating in any combat-related activity. The Earl Marshal is responsible for the proper management of all combat-related waivers.

*V-2320*

The Earl Marshal is responsible for the proper training and supervision of combatants and prospective combatants.

*V-2400 – The Minister of Arts & Sciences*

The Minister of Arts and Sciences is responsible for the organization and encouragement of the study and practice of arts and sciences within Northshield.

*V-2500 – The Chronicler*

The Chronicler is responsible for publishing the *Northwatch*, the official newsletter of the Kingdom of Northshield, on a monthly schedule. This responsibility is specifically carried out through supervision of the Editor of the *Northwatch* (see section *V-3640* below). The Chronicler is also responsible for overseeing any local branch newsletters. The Chronicler will print official announcements and report news within the *Northwatch*.

*V-2650 – The Webminister*

The Webminister is responsible for maintaining the Northshield website.

*V-2700 – Special Deputies*

The appointment and term of office of any Special Deputy is at the discretion of the Crown or the appropriate Great Officer.

Special Deputies are warranted in the same manner as other officers.

*V-3000 – Lesser Officers*

All Lesser Officers will be appointed and warranted by the Crown in conjunction with the appropriate superior officer, after approval by the Stallari Council.

*V-3020*

Each Lesser Officer is responsible for the coordination, training, and appointment of any subordinate branch officers, deputies, and assistants in Northshield.

*V-3050*

Lesser Officers will fulfill the individual requirements of office as defined by the Governing Documents, Kingdom law, and their superiors.

*V-3080*

Lesser Offices may be established and administered at the discretion of the Crown, under the Crown or the jurisdiction of a Great Officer.

*V-3100 – The Council Secretary*

The Council Secretary is a Lesser Officer to the Seneschal and will keep a record of the proceedings of the Stallari Council meetings.

Minutes of each Stallari Council meeting will be distributed within three (3) weeks of the meeting to all members of the Council.

*V-3110 – The Law Clerk*

The Law Clerk is a Lesser Officer to the Seneschal, responsible for understanding SCA and Kingdom governing documents and advising the Crown and Great Officers of these laws and policies. “Governing documents” does not include handbooks for individual offices.

*V-3120 – The Event Information Officer*

The Event Information Officer is a Lesser Officer to the Seneschal and will collect information about upcoming events in the Kingdom.

The Event Information Officer will maintain the calendar of officially scheduled events and will provide this calendar to the Chronicler and Web Minister on at least a monthly basis, in advance of any established publication deadline.

*V-3140 – The Chatelain(e)*

The Chatelain(e) is a Lesser Officer to the Seneschal and is responsible for the introduction and education of prospective and new members in the culture, customs, and courtesies of the Society.

*V-3160 – The Youth Minister*

The Youth Minister is a Lesser Officer to the Seneschal and is responsible for coordination of youth activities (excluding all martial activities).

*V-3180 – The Media Relations Representative*

The Media Relations Representative is a lesser officer to the Seneschal, responsible for the image of the Society and the Kingdom to the outside world and should be able to reflect our goals, purpose for existence, and the finer aspects of achievement.

The Media Relations Representative is also responsible for those duties specified in the appropriate Society policies.

*V-3200 – The Minister of Regalia*

The Minister of Regalia is a Lesser Officer to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the Crown and is responsible for soliciting, obtaining, receiving, and maintaining any regalia of the Kingdom.

The Minister of Regalia will maintain a current inventory of the Kingdom's regalia and will provide said inventory to the Royalty and the Chancellor of the Exchequer within thirty (30) days following each Crown Tournament.

The Minister of Regalia is responsible for providing the Crown with any regalia from the inventory and receiving all regalia back at the end of each reign. The Minister of Regalia is also responsible for providing the Heir and Heir's Consort with any regalia from the inventory and receiving all regalia back upon Their Coronation.

The Minister of Regalia is responsible for notifying the Stallari Council of any repairs or additions necessary to the inventory, and is responsible for obtaining approved items or repairs in a timely manner.

*V-3300 – The Kingdom Submissions Herald*

The Submissions Herald is a Lesser Officer to the Polaris Herald and is responsible for the collecting of heraldic submissions within the Kingdom, and guiding those submissions through the internal commentary process according to policies laid down by the Laurel Sovereign at Arms and the Polaris Herald.

The Submissions Herald is the only Heraldic Officer authorized to accept funds for heraldic submissions. The only heraldic officers authorized to disburse funds to cover the administrative fees of the external submissions process are Polaris Herald and the Heraldic Exchequer.

*V-3305 – Keythong Herald*

The Submissions Herald of Northshield is titled Keythong Herald.

*V-3320 – The Clerk of Precedence*

The Clerk of Precedence is a Lesser Officer to the Polaris Herald and is responsible for maintaining the Kingdom Order of Precedence. The Clerk of the Precedence will provide the Royalty an updated Order of Precedence within thirty (30) days before each Coronation.

*V-3340 – The Signet*

The Signet is a Lesser Officer to the Polaris Herald and is responsible for coordination, as needed, to provide scrolls for the Crown.

*V-3350 – The Minister of Protocol*

The Minister of Protocol is a Lesser Officer to the Polaris Herald and is responsible for education relating to protocol issues and maintaining and updating the Kingdom's book of ceremonies.

*V-3400 – The Archer General*

The Archer General is a Lesser Officer to the Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of archery activities.

*V-3410 – The Rapier Marshal*

The Rapier Marshal is a Lesser Officer to the Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of rapier activities.

*V-3420 – The Armored Combat Marshal*

The Kingdom Armored Combat Marshal is a Lesser Officer to the Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of armored combat.

*V-3430 – The Constable of the Cavalry*

The Constable of the Cavalry is a Lesser Officer to the Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of equestrian activities.

*V-3480 – The Thrown Weapons Marshal*

The Thrown Weapons Marshal is a Lesser Officer to the Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of thrown weapons activities.

*V-3490 – The Cut and Thrust Marshal*

The Cut and Thrust Marshal is a Lesser officer to the Kingdom Earl Marshal and will promote the safe and orderly conduct of Cut and thrust combat activities.

*V-3500 – The Stellar University of Northshield (SUN)*

There is hereby established within Northshield an avenue for the dissemination of knowledge and information regarding the historical Middle Ages and Renaissance together with the history, traditions and customs of the SCA and of Northshield. This organization is called the Stellar University of Northshield, or SUN. SUN is governed and administered pursuant to its by-laws. To be effective, the by-laws must be approved and signed by the Minister of Arts and Sciences, after consultation with the Stallari Council.

*V-3510 - SUN Chancellor*

The activities of SUN will be overseen by a Chancellor, who is a Lesser Officer to the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

*V-3640 – The Editor of the Northwatch*

The Editor of the *Northwatch* is a Lesser Officer to the Chronicler and is responsible for carrying out the Chronicler's functions related to publishing the *Northwatch*.

*V-4000 – Warrants*

The warrant of an officer subordinate to a Great Officer is at the discretion of the Great Officer and the Crown, and expires with the end of the term of that Great Officer. Warrants may be renewed, or not, by the Crown and the Great Officer. Such a lapse of warrant or tenure is without prejudice towards the outgoing officer.

*V-4020*

An officer may resign by sending written notice to the appropriate baronial (if applicable), regional and kingdom superior. Failure to send in required reports can be viewed as a resignation from office by the respective Great Officer. Resignation from office is without prejudice.

*V-4030*

A Great Officer may suspend activity that is within their jurisdiction in a branch only after an investigation has been conducted that will include contacting or attempting to contact the local officer, other officers in the branch, and the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) if the branch is a Barony.

*V-4040*

If a Great Officer finds it advisable to investigate a subordinate officer, the Great Officer may suspend the subordinate for no longer than thirty days while the investigation is conducted. After thirty days, the Great Officer will either request that the Crown invoke Its suspension privileges, reinstate the officer, or recommend that the officer be removed.

*V-4050*

If the Crown finds it advisable to investigate an officer, the Crown may suspend the officer while the investigation is conducted. The suspension can last no longer than the duration of that reign. The affected Great Officer will conduct the investigation in a timely fashion and make a recommendation for either removal or reinstatement. If the investigation is not complete by the end of the reign in which it was begun, the Great Officer will, in conjunction with the outgoing Crown, make a recommendation to the Heir and Heir's Consort as to the disposition of the matter.

*V-4060*

The Crown and a Great Officer may remove a subordinate officer for just and stated cause. Removal for just and stated cause requires that the Crown and Great Officer act together. The just and stated cause for removal from office must be given in writing to the officer removed, but may not be published. A copy of the removal for just and stated cause must remain in the permanent files of the Crown and the respective Great Office.

**ARTICLE VI—THE STALLARI COUNCIL**

*VI-100*

The duty of the Stallari Council is to advise the Crown on legislation, appointments to office, expenditures of Kingdom funds, contracts involving the Kingdom, and any other matters about which the Crown asks for counsel.

*VI-200*

A quorum of the Stallari Council consists of the Crown, the Seneschal, and three (3) other Great Officers.

*VI-300*

A quorum of the Stallari Council will be convened by the Crown at least two (2) times per reign.

*VI-500*

Great Officers, except for the Seneschal, who are unable to attend an official meeting of the Stallari Council, may designate an alternate as long as the alternate is acceptable to the Crown.

*VI-600*

At the discretion of the Crown, other individuals may be invited to participate in all or part of a Stallari Council meeting.



## **ARTICLE VII—RECOGNITION & ADVANCEMENT OF SUBSIDIARY BRANCHES**

### *VII-100*

All branches desiring recognition or advancement within Northshield must petition both the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown.

### *VII-200*

The Kingdom Seneschal will keep the Crown apprised of the progress of all such petitions.

### *VII-300*

A branch may not hold money in the name of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., until the Kingdom Seneschal has officially recognized it as a full-status branch.

### *VII-400*

Upon application as a new branch, a branch will recommend and request warrants for their officers, who must include a seneschal, a chancellor of the exchequer, and at least one other officer.

### *VII-440*

A full set of officers for a barony is defined as a Baron and/or a Baroness; a Seneschal; a Herald; a Marshal for at least one variety of martial activity; a Minister of Arts and Sciences; a Chronicler; and a Chancellor of the Exchequer.

### *VII-500*

If any supervision of martial activities is to be undertaken, the branch must have an appropriate marshal.

### *VII-600*

Prospective branches must submit a name to the Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Submissions Herald.

### *VII-700*

Existing branches will not be permitted a division or advancement that will foster a split or factionalization of a political nature in the resident population.

### *VII-800*

Any branch that disbands or is dissolved by the Board of Directors will have two options regarding any funds held by the branch:

- Any funds remaining are turned over to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, or
- The branch may, with notice to the Stallari Council, donate the funds to an IRS approved charitable institution.

Failure to do one of the two above will result in the last known funds being reported to the IRS as personal income for the last reported branch chancellor of the exchequer or seneschal.

## **ARTICLE VIII—TERRITORIAL BARONS & BARONESSES**

### *VIII-100*

The Kingdom Seneschal or an appointed deputy must oversee any appointment or re-appointment of a Baron or Baroness.

### *VIII-200*

The Seneschal or deputy will conduct a poll of the residents of the existing or proposed Barony. The Kingdom Seneschal will provide the results of the poll to the Crown. The Crown will appoint as Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) those individual(s) deemed most fit to represent the Royal presence in the Barony, provided that the members resident in the Barony do not substantively oppose the selection of the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es).

### *VIII-400*

Territorial Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) will be held accountable for any term limits agreed to with the members of the Barony. If an agreement is made between the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) and the members of the Barony concerning term limits, it will be in writing and signed by the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) and the baronial seneschal and two other baronial officers. Such agreements must be acceptable to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal. Copies will be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal and to the Crown.

### *VIII-500*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness may not also hold the offices of Baronial Seneschal or Baronial Exchequer.

### *VIII-600*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness may not be a signatory on any Baronial bank account.

### *VIII-700*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness must reaffirm their fealty or service to the Crown of Northshield at least once per reign.

### *VIII-800*

Territorial Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) must report, in writing, to the incoming Crown of Northshield (or the Crown's appointed representative) at least once per reign. This report is due by each Coronation.

### *VIII-850*

This report will include: contact information for the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) (including address of residence, telephone and e-mail contact information, if applicable), proof of current Society membership, information regarding the state of the Barony, a summary of events and meetings attended by the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es), and changes to any existing Baronial Charter.

### *VIII-900*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness has the right to hold Court within Their barony.

### *VIII-950*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness may hold Court within another Barony with the permission of that barony's Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es), or the Crown.

### *VIII-960*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness may hold Court in other areas with the permission of the Crown.

### *VIII-1000*

A Territorial Baron or Baroness, once titled, will retain said title until they resign, they leave Their barony to become a resident of another place, or their term expires. The Crown may, at its discretion, create them a Baron or Baroness of the Court.

*VIII-1100*

In the case of an extended, but temporary, absence of the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es), they may request that the Crown appoint a Vicar to fulfill the duties of Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) until their return.

*VIII-1150*

The Vicar may fulfill the duties of the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) for up to one year.

*VIII-1170*

The Crown may choose to extend the period of time that the Vicar serves up to a maximum of eighteen months.

*VIII-1200*

If a Baron or Baroness is not active for four months without notice or the appointment of a Vicar, the Crown may appoint new Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es). "Not active" is defined as no participation in their Barony, at baronial events, or meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX—PRECEDENCE, SYMBOLS OF RANK & OATHS OF FEALTY**

### *IX-100 — The Order of Precedence*

The Order of Precedence within Northshield is as follows:

- Sovereign/Consort
- Heir/Heir's Consort
- Dukes/Duchesses
- Counts/Countesses
- Viscounts/Viscountesses
- Peers of the Realm
- Territorial Barons/Baronesses
- Court Barons/Baronesses
- Awards and Orders conferring Grants of Arms (including awards from other Kingdoms)
- Awards and Orders Conferring Awards of Arms (including awards from other Kingdoms)
- Awards and orders that do not convey precedence

Awards granted to a branch, guild, or other organized group of the Society will not convey individual precedence to the members of that group.

Except for Royalty, all placements within the different classifications of the Order of Precedence will be done according to seniority in that title.

Honors given by organizations below Kingdom level may appear in the Kingdom Order of Precedence, and they may also be used in their appropriate Orders of Precedence, (e.g. Baronial awards may be employed in order to define a Baronial Order of Precedence).

### *IX-200 — Symbols of Rank*

Only the Sovereign and Consort may wear crowns of gold, ornamented as they see fit.

Only the Heir and Heir's Consort may wear crowns of silver, ornamented as they see fit.

Only Dukes and Duchesses may wear coronets with strawberry leaves, ornamented as they see fit.

Only Counts and Countesses may wear coronets embattled, all gold, ornamented as they see fit.

Only Peers of the Realm may wear the badges and symbols of their respective Orders.

Only Territorial Barons and Baronesses may wear coronets of gold with six pearls (spheroids), ornamented as they see fit.

Only Court Barons and Baronesses may wear coronets of silver with six pearls (spheroids), ornamented as they see fit.

Only members of the various officially recognized Awards and Orders (as defined by Corpora) may wear the badges of their respective Awards and Orders.

Awards of Arms — Members of the populace with Awards of Arms may wear a simple metal circlet, ornamented as they see fit, with no more than one protrusion. The overall height of the circlet may not exceed one inch, including the protrusion. The circlet may not resemble any of the coronets listed above.

Officers may wear the badges of their respective offices.

It is the right of all subjects of the Kingdom to display the populace badge of the Kingdom.

### IX-300 – Oaths of Fealty

The Crown may not allow oaths of fealty to restrict the populace from full participation in the Society. If for reasons of conscience a subject of the Kingdom is unable to pledge an oath of fealty as found in the applicable “Standard Texts for Oaths of Fealty” in the Kingdom Book of Ceremonies, the Crown will create an alternate ceremony in advance that respects the integrity of the individual and enhances the pageantry and flavor of the Society.

## **ARTICLE X—ARMORY, AWARDS, & ORDERS**

### *X-100 – Armory of the Sovereign*

The Arms of the Sovereign is Sable, a compass rose argent within a laurel wreath, in chief an ancient crown Or.

### *X-200 — Armory of the Consort*

The Arms of the Consort is Sable, a compass rose argent within a wreath of roses, in chief an ancient crown Or.

### *X-300 — Armory of the Heir and the Heir’s Consort*

The Arms of the Heir and the Heir’s Consort is Sable, a compass rose argent within a laurel wreath, in chief an ancient crown, charged overall with a label of cadency Argent.

### *X-400 – Armory of the Heir’s Consort*

The Arms of the Heir’s Consort is Sable, a compass rose argent within a wreath of roses, in chief an ancient crown, charged overall with a label of cadency Argent.

### *X-500 – General Armory*

The populace badges of the Kingdom are: Sable, a compass rose argent, a bordure Or; and Fieldless, a griffin passant Or.

### *X-1000 – Awards and Orders*

It is the right of everyone in the Kingdom to recommend to the Crown anyone who, in their estimation, is deserving of an order or award of any level. The recommendation must be signed by the author.

Knights of the Society are entitled to place after their names the initials K.S.C.A.

Masters and Mistresses of Arms of the Society are entitled to place after their names the initials M.S.C.A.

Members of the Order may be styled and announced in precedence as Companions of the Order of the Chivalry.

Members of the Order of the Laurel are entitled to place after their names the initials O.L. or C.L., and members of the Order may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of the Laurel.

Members of the Order of the Pelican are entitled to place after their names the initials O.P. or C.P., and members of the Order may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of the Pelican.

Masters of the Order of Defense are entitled to place after their names the initials M.O.D., and members of the Order may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of Defense.

Holders of Grants of Arms are entitled to place after their names the initials G.O.A., and may be styled and announced as Recipients of Grants of Arms, as His Lordship or Her Ladyship, or as The Honorable Lord or Lady.

Holders of Awards of Arms are entitled to place after their names the initials A.O.A., and may be styled and announced as Recipients of Awards of Arms or as Lord or Lady.

*X-1100 – Non-Armigerous Awards*

The following Awards are not armigerous and they convey no standing in the Order of Precedence. Recipients of each Award may wear the badge of the Award, when it has been properly registered.

*X-1110 – The Award of the Compass*

The Award of the Compass may be given to youths in the Kingdom of Northshield who have distinguished themselves by exemplary service to the Kingdom. The Badge for the Award shall be: (Fieldless) A pair of compasses Or.

*X-1120 – The Award of the Gold Lamp*

The Award of the Gold Lamp may be given to youths in the Kingdom of Northshield who have distinguished themselves by achievement in an Art and/or Science.

*X-1130 – The Award of Bellerophon*

The Award of Bellerophon may be given to youths in the Kingdom of Northshield who have displayed prowess and courtesy in any of the Arts Martial.

*X-1140 – The Award of the White Owl*

The Award of the White Owl may be given to youths in the Kingdom of Northshield who have demonstrated initiative in teaching.

*X-1150 – The Order of the Crwth*

The Order of the Crwth may be given to those in the Kingdom of Northshield who have distinguished themselves by their proficiency in the performing arts. This order shall be a continuation of the order of the same name from the days of the Principality, and all companions of the Principality's order shall be considered companions of this. The Badge for the Order shall be: (Fieldless) A crwth argent.

*X-1160 – The Order of the Saltire*

The Order of the Saltire may be given to those who have demonstrated widespread guidance and instruction, enriching the abilities of the populace. No more than four people may be admitted to this order in any reign. This order shall be a continuation of the order of the same name from the days of the Principality, and all companions of the Principality's order shall be considered companions of this. The Badge for the Order shall be: Vert estencely argent, a saltire Or surmounted by a lozenge ployé argent.

*X-1165 - The Order of the Beare of Northshield*

The Order of the Baere of Northshield may be given by the Crown to those who embody the spirit of the Kingdom. No more than one person may be admitted into this Order during any reign. Members of this Order may style themselves "Bears of Northshield."

*X-1170 – The Order of the Pyxis*

The Order of the Pyxis may be given to those who have distinguished themselves by putting forth great effort at researching, creating and maintaining a period persona and atmosphere. This order shall be a continuation of the order of the same name from the days of the Principality, and all companions of the Principality's order shall be considered companions of this. The Badge for the Order shall be: (Fieldless) A cross clechy Or within and conjoined to an annulet argent

*X-1175 The Order of the Griffin of Northshield*

There shall be in Northshield an Order into which the Crown may enter those who have had at least 25 years of continuous authorization and activity in combat. Members of this Order may style themselves "Venerable Griffins."

*X-1180 – The Award of the Hearthstead*

The Award of the Hearthstead may be given to groups who excel at showing hospitality and hosting events. Eligible groups include SCA branches, or any body of people acting as a group, such as a household, archers, etc. The Badge for the Award shall be: Sable, a brazier Or enflamed proper within a bordure Or masoned sable.

*X-1185 – Order of the Gems of Northshield*

The Order of the Gems of Northshield may be given to honor groups (ex. Shires, Clans, Fighting Teams) who have, as a group, given outstanding service to the Kingdom. The Badge for the Order shall be: Sable, in cross four hexagonal gems argent

*X-1190 – The Award of the Bravura*

The Award of the Bravura may be given to one who achieves a heroic and specific deed of valor, courtesy, or prowess in the Arts Martial which has increased the renown and reputation of Northshield. This award shall be a continuation of the former Kingdom Award of Nordbandr and of the Award of Nordbandr from the days of the Principality, and all recipients of the Principality award shall be considered equal with recipients of this award.

*X-1200 – The King’s/Queen’s Cypher*

The King’s Cypher and the Queen’s Cypher may be given to those gentles who have distinguished themselves through personal service to the Crown.

*X-1210 – The Prince’s/Princess’s Cypher*

The Prince’s Cypher and the Princess’s Cypher may be given to those gentles who have distinguished themselves through personal service to the Heir and/or the Heir's Consort. The Heirs are allowed to bestow the award at their own discretion.

*X-1220 – The Scroll of Honor*

The Scroll of Honor is a record of the worthy deeds of the people of Northshield and its friends. Names are entered at the discretion of the Crown. The Kingdom Herald or a deputy shall care for the Scroll and ensure that it is displayed at Royal Courts on occasion. Coronations and Crown Tournaments will be considered especially appropriate events for its display.

*X-1230 The Order of the Golden Peacock*

The Order of the Golden Peacock may be given to those who maintain a period appearance while participating in any martial activity. The badge of the Order shall be: Sable, a peacock in its pride within a bordure embattled Or

*X-1240 – The Order of Persephone’s Circle*

The Order of Persephone's Circle consists of Royal Consorts from the days of the Principality. It is closed to any new companions, but remains in law and custom as a place of high regard and honor.

*X-1250—Augmentation of Arms*

An Augmentation of Arms may be awarded by the Crown to specially honor a person for service to the Kingdom above and beyond the call of duty. Each augmentation is a specific charge determined by the individual pursuant to the rules of the College of Arms that can be added to the individual's heraldic arms once approved.

*X-1300 – Armigerous Awards*

The following Awards convey an Award of Arms, if the recipient is not yet armigerous. Recipients of each Award may wear the badge of the Award, when it has been properly registered. Awards of Arms are of equal precedence, whether accompanied by an award or not.

*X-1310 – The Award of Cygnus*

The Award of Cygnus may be given to gentles in the Kingdom of Northshield who have performed substantial service to the Kingdom. The Badge of the Award shall be: A swan naiant contourny Or.



*X-1320 – The Award of the Black Flame*

The Award of the Black Flame may be given to those who show proficiency in one or more of the Arts or Sciences, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors. The Badge of the Award shall be: A flame sable.

*X-1330 – The Award of the Glove*

The Award of the Glove may be given to those who demonstrate prowess and chivalric comportment in rapier and/or cut-and-thrust combat, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors.

*X-1340 – The Award of the Griffin and Sword*

The Award of the Griffin and Sword may be given to those who demonstrate prowess and chivalric behavior in armored combat, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors. The Badge of the Award shall be: (Fieldless) A griffin Or sustaining a sword argent.

*X-1350 – The Award of the Black Bolt*

The Award of the Black Bolt may be given to those who demonstrate prowess and chivalry in artillery activities, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors. The Badge of the Award shall be: A lightning bolt bendwise sinister sable.

*X-1360 – The Award of the Palfrey*

The Award of the Palfrey may be given to those who demonstrate prowess and chivalry in equestrian activities, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors. The Badge for the Award shall be: (Fieldless) A horse passant sable charged on the shoulder with a compass rose argent.

*X-1500 – Awards Conveying a Grant of Arms*

The following Awards convey a Grant of Arms, if the recipient does not yet hold one. Recipients of each Award may wear the badge of the Award, when it has been properly registered. Grants of Arms are of equal precedence, whether accompanied by an award or not.

*X-1510 – The Order of the Hand of Tyr*

The Order of the hand of Tyr may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing, with all due courtesy, outstanding service on behalf of the kingdom. Members are expected to continue conspicuous service and to help others find their own opportunities for service. The Badge of the Order shall be: On a hand fesswise sable a Tyr rune argent.

*X-1520 – The Order of Brigits Flame*

The Order of Brigits Flame may be given to those who have shown over time that they enthusiastically strive for mastery in the Arts and/or Sciences, endeavoring to provide leadership and displaying courtesy. Members are expected to continue their pursuits in the Arts and/or Sciences and for helping others find their own opportunities for enrichment therein. The Badge of the Order shall be: A torch argent enflamed proper.

*X-1530 – The Order of the Destrer*

The Order of the Destrer may be given to those who have, over time, demonstrated great prowess, chivalry, and leadership in Equestrian Arts. Members are expected to continue conspicuous activity in Equestrian arts, and to encourage others to become involved and proficient. The Badge of the Order shall be: A horse rampant Or sustaining a compass rose argent.

*X-1540 – The Order of the Black Griffin*

Membership in the Order of the Black Griffin may be given to those who have, over time, demonstrated great prowess, chivalry, and leadership in Armored Combat. Members will be responsible for continued, conspicuous activity in Armored Combat and for helping others become involved and proficient. The Badge of the Order shall be: (Fieldless) A griffin Or sustaining a sword sable.

*X-1550 – The Order of the White Scarf of Northshield (closed)*

The Order of the White Scarf of Northshield was given to those who, over time, demonstrated great prowess, chivalry, and leadership in Rapier Combat. Members will be responsible for continued, conspicuous activity in Rapier Combat and for helping others become involved and proficient. The badge of the Order shall be: Sable, on a pale Or between two compass roses argent, a rapier sable. Companions of the Order shall be entitled to wear a white scarf emblazoned with the badge of the order, or the populace badges of the Kingdom of Northshield. It is closed to any new companions, but remains in law and custom as a place of high regard and honor.

*X-1555 – The Ordo Circini Vitruvii*

The Ordo Circini Vitruvii may be given to those who, over time, have demonstrated great prowess, chivalry, and leadership in rapier and/or cut-and-thrust combat. Members will be responsible for continued, conspicuous activity in rapier and/or cut-and-thrust combat and for helping others become involved and proficient in one or both. The Badge of the Order shall be: sable, a keythong maintaining a rapier in chief a caliper argent.

*X-1560 – The Order of the Aquila et Fulmen*

The Order of the Aquila et Fulmen may be given to those who have, over time, demonstrated great prowess, chivalry, and leadership in one or more of the Artillery Arts. Members will be responsible for continued, conspicuous activity in Artillery and for helping others become involved and proficient. The Badge of the Order shall be: An eagle per pale Or and sable maintaining a lightning bolt sable and a lightning bolt Or.

*X-1600 – The Estate of Court Barony*

The Estate of Court Barony may be bestowed by the Crown to those who have, over time, demonstrated exceptional and continual service to the Crown. Recipients may wear a coronet of silver adorned with six pearls and ornamented as they see fit, and should be addressed as 'Your Excellency', and styled Baron or Baroness. A Court Barony carries with it a Grant of Arms to those not already holding one, and ranks ahead of other Grants of Arms in the Order of Precedence.

*X-1650 – Order of the Rose*

The Order of the Rose shall be open to retired Crown Consorts, as defined in the Governing Documents of our Society. It shall convey no additional precedence, except for those companions who received the honour in those kingdoms where it conveys a Patent of Arms.

**ARTICLE XII—MISCELLANEOUS LAWS**

*XII-100*

The research and display of medieval gunnery is to be permitted, but no weapon is to be discharged.

*XII-400*

Contracts with the modern world committing the Kingdom as a whole may be entered into only by the Kingdom Seneschal with the approval of the Crown in consultation with the Stallari Council. Such contracts must be signed by the Kingdom Seneschal.

*XII-440*

The authority to negotiate and sign a contract on behalf of the Kingdom as a whole can be delegated to a person or persons only by the Kingdom Seneschal with the approval of the Stallari Council.

*XII-700*

No household, guild, association, etc., organized for the purpose of assassination or of slavery shall be allowed, as this does not meet with the basic principles of chivalric behavior. Assassination games may still be played with the advance knowledge and consent of the players. No activity, contest or publication that appears to condone or frivolously treat slavery shall be allowed in Northshield.



Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (A.S. \_\_\_\_\_)

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