

# Principality Laws of Insulae Draconis



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The following are the laws of the Principality of Insulae Draconis.

## 1. Insulae Draconis

Insulae Draconis is a branch of the Kingdom of Drachenwald, in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (“SCA”), which encompasses the modern nations of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Iceland. While noble and royal titles are used within the Society, no claim to, control over, nor power over any modern territory is claimed or implied.

## 2. Precedence

- 2.1 The following is the order of precedence for laws and governing practices:
- 2.2 Governing laws, by-laws and statutes of the relevant modern country.
- 2.3 SCA-UK CIC policies
- 2.4 SCA Governing Documents
- 2.5 SCA Board of Directors Policy Decisions
- 2.6 Corporate officers’ policies
- 2.7 Kingdom of Drachenwald Laws
- 2.8 Drachenwald Crown edicts
- 2.9 Drachenwald officer policies.

## 3. Definitions<sup>1</sup>

- 3.1 Insulae Draconis Royal Couple: Victor and Consort (Prince and Princess, Princess and Prince, Prince and Prince, Princess and Princess)
- 3.2 Greater Officers: Insulae Draconis Seneschal, Herald, Chatelaine, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Marshal, Exchequer and Chronicler.
- 3.3 Lesser Officers: Web Minister, Rapier Marshal, Equestrian Marshal, Lieutenant General of Archers, Signet Clerk, Receiver of the Chamber and Social Media Officer.
- 3.4 Parliament: A meeting of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple, officers, peers and members of the populace wherein changes to Principality laws are discussed and/or changes made.
- 3.5 Principality Events: Coronet Tournaments/Investiture.

## 4. Standards

- 4.1 Email shall be the primary form of communication within Insulae Draconis.
- 4.2 The Principality shall ensure an electronic mailing list is maintained. This list shall be open to anyone who subscribes, provided they follow the mailing list rules.
- 4.3 The Insulae Draconis newsletter, *The Baelfyr*, shall be published in electronic format.
- 4.4 The Principality maintains control and ownership of the Insulae Draconis website. Domain name registration and website hosting expenses are the responsibility of the Principality.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 20 of these laws is a glossary which provides further definitions.

## 5. Administration of Principality laws

5.1 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple must consult Parliament prior to making additions, deletions and/or alterations to Principality laws. Any changes to Principality law take effect only after they have been:

- Agreed with their Majesties
- Agreed with the Kingdom Seneschal
- Published in the Principality Newsletter
- Published on the Insulae Draconis web site
- Proclaimed at an Official Court.

5.2 Who can call a Parliament?

- The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple or
- A quorum of four (4) Greater Officers may demand Parliament be convened.

5.3 Parliament is open to all. If recognised by either of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple, anyone may speak at the Parliament.

5.4 Notification:

- For a parliament on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a month:
  1. Notice must appear in *The Baelfyr* of the same month or earlier.
  2. Notice must appear on the Insulae Draconis email list at least two (2) weeks before the Parliament.
- For a parliament before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a month:
  1. Notice must appear in *The Baelfyr* of the preceding month or earlier.
  2. Notice must appear on the Insulae Draconis email list at least two (2) weeks before the Parliament.

5.5 If the Royal Couple and/or a Quorum of Greater Officers determine, in their opinion, that there is an urgent need to hold a Parliament, then e-mail notification must be sent to those listed below with at least two (2) weeks' notice:

- All Greater and Lesser officers of Insulae Draconis or their designated representatives.
- All Insulae Draconis branch Seneschals or their designated representatives.
- The Insulae Draconis email list.

5.6 Notice must consist of the following:

- Place where Parliament is to be held
- Time and date Parliament will be held
- Proposed agenda.

5.7 The Insulae Draconis Seneschal shall make the changes as directed by the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple and submit them to the Kingdom Seneschal and Crown for approval. Upon approval, the amended Principality laws will then be published in *The Baelfyr*, announced at a Principality Court and published on the Insulae Draconis website. Amendments will not be deemed official until all four (4) of the above actions happen.

5.8 The Principality laws will be made available on the Insulae Draconis website. Hard copies will be provided upon written request to the Insulae Draconis Chronicler. The Chronicler may charge for printing and postage costs.

5.9 For Parliament to be valid, one (1) of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple, Seneschal (or duly designated representative) and at least three (3) Greater Officers (or their duly designated representatives) must be present. Greater Officers are requested to make every effort to attend Parliament. Those who cannot attend are requested to send a designated representative in their stead.

5.10 While it is not a requirement, the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple is advised to act with the consensus of the Parliament.

## 6. Insulae Draconis Royal Couple

6.1 Each competitor in the Coronet List must be fighting for a prospective consort.

- 6.2 The reign of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple shall be for a period of nine (9) months.
- 6.3 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple (in cooperation with the Insulae Draconis Seneschal) shall publish notification of the Tournament's location, date, and time in *The Dragon's Tale* and *The Baelfyr* at least two (2) months prior to the Tournament date.
- 6.4 Qualification - Each Entrant into a Coronet Tournament must:
- 6.4.1 Be acceptable to the Crown and Insulae Draconis Royal Couple.
  - 6.4.2 Be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the Tournament.
  - 6.4.3 Be resident in Insulae Draconis for the six (6) months prior to the Tournament and attended at least one (1) event listed in *The Dragon's Tale* in that time.
  - 6.4.4 Have regular means of quick communication, including e-mail, and sufficient income to support their reign should they win.
  - 6.4.5 Be knowledgeable of the structure and laws of the Principality, the Kingdom of Drachenwald and the Society, and be willing to uphold and abide by them.
  - 6.4.6 Be an authorised fighter and present a valid fighter authorisation card.
  - 6.4.7 Be current members of the Society.
  - 6.4.8 Have active email accounts. Both email accounts must be subscribed to the mailing list for *The Baelfyr* that is maintained by the Principality Chronicler's Office.
- 6.5 An Entrant cannot fight for more than one Consort. No prospective Consort may be fought for by more than one fighter.
- 6.6 Optionally, the incumbent Royal Couple can request that each competing couple present a modest A&S project that has been composed or crafted by their own hand(s), completed within the twelve (12) months prior to the Coronet Tournament. If requested, these will be presented/performed on the morning before the Coronet Tournament, and the physical items will then be put on display for the populace to peruse at their leisure. The request for these items must be announced at least one (1) month before the Letters of Intent submission deadline. These entries are merely a prerequisite to participation and are not part of the actual Tournament.

## 7. Requirements for Participation

- 7.1 At least one (1) month prior to the Tournament, entrants must submit a letter of intent to the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple and Seneschal. This can be done via the web-form on the Principality website or via email. Entrant and Consort must state in their letter their desire to compete in the Tournament; provide their mundane names, addresses, telephone numbers and electronic mailing addresses. It is helpful if proof of authorisation is included.
- 7.2 The Entrant and Consort must be present at the Tournament. If either is absent at the Tournament, both will be immediately disqualified.
- 7.3 The Victor and Consort must maintain their memberships to the Society and subscription(s) to *The Baelfyr*, without lapse, throughout their tenure. They must also maintain a residence within Insulae Draconis.

## 8. Insulae Draconis Royal Couple Duties

- 8.1 Be present at their Investiture, the next Insulae Draconis Coronet List, and the Investiture of their successors.
- 8.2 Attend and chair Parliament, though they may delegate the charring duties as they wish.
- 8.3 Uphold, and abide by the Society laws and governing practices in force, including Corpora, Drachenwald Kingdom Law and the Principality Law.
- 8.4 Enrich Insulae Draconis' atmosphere, they should attend as many events as possible within the Principality during their reign.

- 8.5 Maintain files (paper, CD etc.) of important correspondence, appointments, awards, and other miscellaneous. These files will be transferred to their successors.
- 8.6 Submit to the Principality Herald and Chronicler a list of all awards given within fifteen (15) days after each event.
- 8.7 Relinquish during the reign any administrative office.
- 8.8 Maintain and keep regalia. Transfer all regalia to the successors and provide an updated inventory to the successors and Exchequer.
- 8.9 Encourage the arts and sciences, service, and martial activities throughout Insulae Draconis.
- 8.10 Provide recognition to those deemed worthy of such honour for service and/or achievements within Insulae Draconis.
- 8.11 Encourage courteous behaviour and chivalrous virtue by being the highest example of courtesy and chivalry in public.
- 8.12 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple may not succeed themselves nor may they participate in any Crown or Coronet tourney.
- 8.13 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple are expected to help replenish the travel fund through fundraisers and/or contributions during their reign.

## **9. Rights and Privileges of the Insulae Draconis Royalty**

- 9.1 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple will hold Court and present awards.
- 9.2 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple have the right to grant Principality awards during a court to those whom they feel are worthy of recognition.
- 9.3 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple will be allowed privilege of sanctum, which is defined as a clear area within a radius of ten (10) feet from the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple.
- 9.4 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple may appoint a Retinue consisting of such guards, advisers and assistants as they need, and make other royal appointments as they see fit.
- 9.5 The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple are allowed to accept or refuse personal gifts made to them or to Insulae Draconis. Those gifts that are not personal in nature will become regalia and are the property of Insulae Draconis.
- 9.6 The Insulae Draconis Seneschal shall carry out a poll of all royal peers in the Principality in advance of the end each Coronet's reign to give their opinion as to whether the stepping-down Coronets should be awarded a Patent of Arms, should they not already bear a Patent, and be awarded a Viscounty. The results of the poll shall be forwarded to the Crown about four (4) weeks in advance of the next Coronet Investiture.

## **10. Failure of Succession**

- 10.1 In the case that either of the Royal Couple should abdicate or die, the other shall assume the full powers of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple for the remainder of the reign.
- 10.2 In the case that both the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple should abdicate or die, the previous Victor or Consort, in that order, shall become Regent. The Regent shall have all duties and privileges of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple granted under Corpora and these laws, except the right to make or bestow awards and orders, the right to make or change law, and the right of sanctum. If the previous Victor or Consort is not available or refuses, then the Insulae Draconis Seneschal shall become Regent.
- 10.3 If the schedule for the next Coronet Tournament is greater than four (4) months from the time the Regent takes office, then they shall schedule and hold a Coronet Tournament at the earliest possible date, and invest the Victor and Consort as Insulae Draconis Royal Couple immediately. The Insulae Draconis Royal Couple shall serve until the next scheduled Coronet Tournament.

## **11.Failure of Tournament**

11.1 If for any reason a Coronet Tournament fails to result in a Victor, then the Principality Seneschal shall become Regent and re-schedule the tournament to occur within three (3) months. This time frame allows a site to be found and the event announcement to be published in *The Dragon's Tale* and *The Baelfyfyr*.

11.2 During the time between the scheduled Coronet Tournament and the victory of heirs, the 'regent' procedures outlined in 10.2 come into effect.

11.3 If a second tournament in a row fails, then the Crown shall appoint a Vicar who is most likely a peer of the realm residing in Insulae Draconis, but the Crown may decide otherwise.

## **12.Principality Events.**

12.1 The principality shall receive fifty (50) percent of the profits from all Principality events as defined in this section.

12.2 Coronet Tournament: There shall be an Insulae Draconis Coronet Tournament held every nine months, which will fall in the months of February, November, August, and May. These lists will be held, preferably, the second or third weekends of these months. This schedule should be followed as closely as possible.

12.3 Raglan Faire: The Principality's premier event normally held every August at Raglan Castle, Wales.

## **13.Principality Officers**

13.1 The Principality shall have the following offices: Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Marshal, Chronicler and Chatelaine. The Principality may also have an Historian. Each officer is required to make an oath or solemn promise to the Crown of Drachenwald through the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple as soon as possible after the ascension of a new Royal Couple of Insulae Draconis.

13.2 All Insulae Draconis Officers should take and train a deputy for their office who shall be their designated successor. Nothing in this section prohibits an Insulae Draconis officer from having more than one deputy; however, one should be named as the designated successor.

13.3 Vacancies: In the event that an office becomes vacant, the Seneschal shall advertise in *The Baelfyfyr* for a new Insulae Draconis officer. Applications will be received for a period of one (1) month. The departing officer and the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple will then review all applications to make their decision. The applicant's name will then be submitted to the pertinent Kingdom Officer for approval. If the Crown has removed the departing officer, then the appropriate Kingdom Officer and warranting authority shall make the decision.

13.4 With the exception of the Seneschal, Herald, Marshal and Exchequer, all other Principality officers may hold shire or canton positions with two (2) provisions: they cannot hold a local office that has direct reporting requirements to them at the Principality level, and they must receive permission from the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple.

13.5 The terms of office for Principality Officers begin as needed.

13.6 Greater Officers may be removed from office according to the procedures given in the Governing Documents of the Society and Kingdom Law.

13.7 Duties and obligations of the Insulae Draconis officers.

13.7.1 Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

13.7.2 Maintain Society membership throughout office term and reside in Insulae Draconis.

13.7.3 Maintain or have immediate access to Kingdom and Principality newsletter subscriptions.

- 13.7.4 Promote and encourage development and knowledge within the specialty of the office.
- 13.7.5 Maintain an archive of official correspondence and documents. This archive should be transferred to the new officer within one (1) month of the transition.
- 13.7.6 Seek and train a deputy to replace them.
- 13.7.8 Require and co-ordinate reports from their subordinate officers in a timely fashion so that they may report to their appropriate kingdom officer. Each officer shall be in contact with their subordinate officers on a regular basis but not less than once per quarter.
- 13.7.9 Enable Insulae Draconis Officers to report to their respective Kingdom level officers each quarter, local officers must file their reports quarterly; normally in April, July, October and January as determined by officer policies. Semi-annual reports, for those who only require these, are normally due in January and July.
- 13.7.10 All branch officers are required to send copies of their reports to their branch seneschal and any ruling nobles of their branch. For example: Principality officers will copy their reports to the Coronet and Principality Seneschal, and any baronial officers within Insulae Draconis shall copy their reports to the branch Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) as well as the Baronial Seneschal. In all other branches, the offices shall copy their branch seneschal on their reports.
- 13.7.11 Copies of warrants executed at Principality level should be copied to the Principality Seneschal within a month of each Coronet Tournament.

## **14. Greater Officers**

### **14.1 Seneschal**

- Is the chief administrative officer for Insulae Draconis.
- Advises the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple on matters of Corpora, Kingdom Law, and Principality law.
- Assists the Royal Couple in composing Parliament Agenda.
- Ensures that the electronic copies of the Principality laws are up-to-date. Responsible for distributing the Principality laws to anyone requesting them via electronic means (E-Mail).

### **14.2 Herald**

- Responsible for ensuring Insulae Draconis Order of Precedence is correct.
- Track all submission of names and devices submitted.
- Develop/encourage/maintain book, court, and field heraldry.
- Shall assist the Royal Couple in finding a herald for Principality events.



- Organise and present Insulae Draconis business in court.

#### 14.3 Chatelaine

- Coordinate and distribute information to newcomers, guests, and interested people.
- Encourage and foster growth by coordinating public relations materials, such as flyers, and making them available to all our branches. Make information on what has resulted in branch growth in the past available to all branches.

#### 14.4 Minister of Arts and Sciences

- Foster and develop exhibitions of Arts and Sciences by way of assisting local MoAS Officers and encouraging Arts and Sciences displays as well as competitions.
- Perform duties as the Keeper of Regalia and work with the Council of Regalia for the prudent care and upkeep of Insulae Draconis Regalia.
- Perform duties as Regional Arts and Sciences Officer, including keeping a list of all local Insulae Draconis MoAS Officers.
- Assist the Kingdom MoAS with projects as required by Kingdom MoAS.
- The Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences will, where possible, organise regular events to encourage and enhance the skills of the populace. These may be specifically a University or streams within another event.

#### 14.5 Marshal

- Under the direction of the Earl Marshal, the Insulae Draconis Marshal is responsible for all heavy weapons activities in Insulae Draconis.
- The Insulae Draconis Marshal shall enforce the Rules of the Lists and Conventions of Combat of the Kingdom.
- The Insulae Draconis Marshal may authorise fighters and marshals. All new authorisations must be reported to the Minister of the Lists.
- Maintains a core of authorising marshals to meet the needs of Insulae Draconis.
- Is responsible for organising the format of the Coronet Tournament of succession and ensuring that all the fighters in the Coronet Tournament have current authorisation cards which show authorisation in all relevant weapons forms.

#### 14.6 Exchequer

- Shall be responsible for the Insulae Draconis Treasury
- Maintain the financial policy(ies) in accordance with Society and Kingdom requirements.
- Submit a financial statement to the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple and *The Baelfyr* at the beginning of each new Insulae Draconis reign.
- Work with the Council of Regalia for prudent care of Insulae Draconis regalia, deputising a Receiver of the Chamber as a Lesser officer if desired.

#### 14.7 Chronicler

- Supervise other newsletters within Insulae Draconis. Distribute courtesy copies as required.
- Complimentary copies of *The Baelfyr* shall go to the Sovereign and Consort of the Kingdom, Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Chronicler, each royal heir to the Kingdom, Kingdom archivist and SCA Archivist.

## 15. Lesser Officers

### 15.1 Web Minister

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Web Minister
- Shall maintain and publish the Insulae Draconis website, which includes a current copy of Principality laws, Insulae Draconis event calendar, officer contact details, an updated Archive of Protectors, and links to the Society and Drachenwald websites.
- Shall maintain the official Principality event calendar.

#### 15.2 Rapier Marshal

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.
- Under the direction of the Kingdom Rapier Marshal, the Insulae Draconis Rapier Marshal oversees all aspects of rapier combat in Insulae Draconis.

#### 15.3 Equestrian Marshal

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal.
- Under the direction of the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal is responsible for overseeing all equestrian activities in Insulae Draconis.

#### 15.4 Lieutenant General of Archers

- Is a lesser officer under the Kingdom Captain General of Archers.
- Under the direction of the Drachenwald Captain General of Archers, the Insulae Draconis Lieutenant General of Archers is responsible for overseeing all Target Archery activities in Insulae Draconis.

#### 15.5 Signet Clerk

- The Insulae Draconis Signet Clerk is a lesser officer under the direction of the Kingdom Signet Clerk.
- The Insulae Draconis Signet Clerk shall help co-ordinate scrolls for awards given out by the Royal Couple of Insulae Draconis

#### 15.6 Receiver of the Chamber

- The Receiver of the Chamber is a lesser officer under the direction of the Principality Exchequer
- The Receiver of the Chamber shall assist the Exchequer with regard to the Principality Regalia

#### 15.7 Social Media Officer

- Shall be a Lesser Officer, under the direction of the Principality Web Minister.
- Shall be responsible for overseeing all Social Media presences within the Principality.
- Shall be responsible for enforcing Social Media Policies.

## 16. Principality Regalia

16.1 There shall be a Council of Regalia. It shall consist of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Exchequer, and the Receiver of the Chamber. Its duty will be to consider the artistic, historical and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment.

16.2 The regalia shall remain the property of Insulae Draconis, but shall be in the keeping of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple. Reasonable care and maintenance of this regalia shall be the responsibility of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple. The use of this regalia shall be solely the prerogative of the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple. This regalia may include, but is not limited to: coronets, chains of office, sceptres, staves, weapons, shields, banners, cloaks and robes.

16.3 With the Council's approval, regalia no longer needed by the Principality will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. If no bids are received, the items will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

16.4 Any loss or damage to Insulae Draconis regalia, other than normal wear and tear, may require the responsible royal or royals to either replace it or reimburse the Principality.

## 17. Advisory Committee

17.1 Current Insulae Draconis Royalty, previous Insulae Draconis Royal couples and Viceregal couples may be invited to be part of a Principality advisory committee. The purpose of this committee is to give advice and counsel to the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple on the unique position that they hold. This committee is an advisory position only.

## 18. Principality Awards

18.1 Awards are granted by the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple in recognition of activity in the field specified by the Award, i.e. Service, Excellence of Example, Arts & Sciences and Martial Activity.

18.2 The Order of Sun and Chalice may given out only once per reign by the Insulae Draconis Royal Couple. All other awards are unrestricted in the number of times they can be awarded, although recipients can only receive each award once unless otherwise specified.

18.3 All the award recipients are expected to have shown/ be showing a due degree of courtesy to all and a willingness to assist others in their field to learn and develop within that discipline.

## 19. The Awards

19.1 Order of the Sun and Chalice: This award can be given only once per reign to a person or persons that have demonstrated excellence in all their activities and set a good example of how to behave and grow within the Society. The members of this Order may be called upon by the Royal Couple to provide advice and opinions on matters regarding the governance and progress of the Principality.

19.2 Order of Ffraid (pronounced Fried): This award is given to those showing great contributions of service to the Principality as a whole, be it in event running, teaching classes, running demos and tourneys or other forms of service.

19.3 Order of the Silver Martlet: This award is given to practitioners of the Arts and Sciences in recognition of their talents, willingness to pass on knowledge to others and courtesy to all.

19.4 Order of the Fox: This award is given to those who have shown merit and progress in any of the Martial activities, this includes Armoured Combat, Rapier and Target Archery. Courtesy must have been shown to all and assistance provided to others when asked.

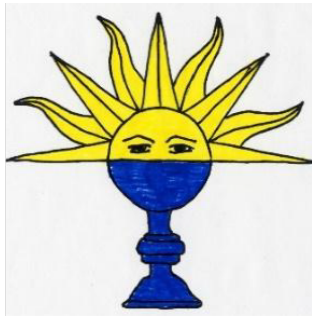
19.5 The Order of Robin: This award is given to those who distinguish themselves by personal acts of courtesy and chivalry. This award is to recognise day to day acts of courtesy which are a cornerstone of our society. It is encouraged that this award be given to subjects of all ages. The order is named in memory of Lord Robin of Dalriada.

19.6 The Order of the Winged Pouch: This award is given to those children who distinguish themselves through acts of arts and sciences, martial activities, service or courtesy. This award is to encourage our youth to participate in all aspects of the society and may be given multiple times to the same recipient.

19.7 Order of Luna: This award is given to those visitors who reside within the principality for a defined temporary period of time (several months) and who enrich our principality by setting an example to all through their courtesy, their service, and their willingness to pass on knowledge and skills.

19.8 All of the Awards will have attendant badges and tokens, as follows.

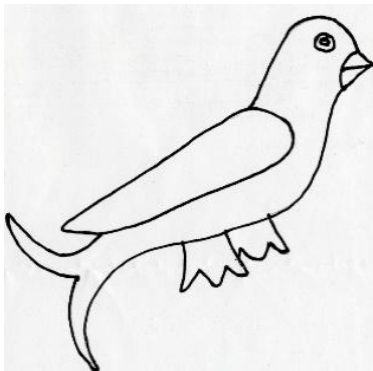
- Order of the Sun and Chalice: To-  
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ken - a goblet pilgrim badge.  
- (Fieldless) In pale a demi-sun in splendor Or issuant from a chalice azure.



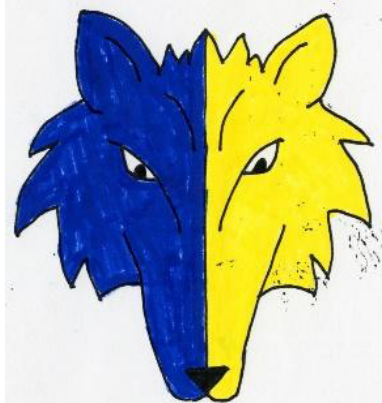
- Order of Ffraid:  
Token - an acorn pilgrim's badge.  
Badge - (Fieldless) An oak sprig per pale sable and azure fructed inverted Or.



- Order of the Silver Martlet:  
Token - a bell pilgrim's badge.  
Badge - (Fieldless) A martlet contourny argent.



- Order of the Fox:  
Token - a heart shaped pilgrims badge.  
Badge - (Fieldless) A fox's mask per pale azure and Or.



- Order of Robin:  
Token - to be a robin proper.  
Badge - (to be inserted when registration with the College of heralds is complete).

- Order of the Winged Pouch:  
Initial token - a pouch that future tokens may be attached to. Subsequent tokens - to be as decreed by their Highnesses for that reign.
- Order of Luna – (Proposed Badge of a crescent moon and token to be confirmed)

## 20. Glossary

In this document, the following terms are used with the meanings given below:

- **Society:** The entirety of the Society for Creative Anachronism (a worldwide group of affiliated organisations).
- **SCA, Inc. or SCA:** The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a California not-for-profit corporation
- **SCA-UK CIC** an affiliated organisation to the SCA covering the UK, Ireland and Iceland.
- **Board:** The Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.
- **Governing documents:** The Organisational Handbook, which contains: The Introduction, Corpora, The Articles of Incorporation of the SCA, Inc., the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., and any amendments and appendices.
- **By-Laws:** The By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or its equivalent in an affiliated organisation.
- **Corpora:** The policies governing historical re-creation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.
- **Subscribing member:** A Sustaining or International member of the SCA, Inc. or its approved equivalent in an affiliated organisation.
- **Society Member:** Membership in the Society is defined in the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., or in the approved organisational documents of any corporation affiliated with the SCA, Inc.
- **SCA, Inc. Waiver Card:** A card that indicates that a properly executed waiver is on file at the corporate office. This card may also contain membership information.
- **Armigerous award:** An award that can convey Arms by Award, Grant, or Patent.
- **Consort:** The member for whom the combatant fights in a Royal Lists.
- **Coronet:** The Victor and Consort of a principality, acting together.
- **Court of Chivalry/ Court of Inquiry:** A panel, defined according to Kingdom Law, convened to investigate issues and possibly recommend action to the appropriate Society authority.
- **Crown:** The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together.
- **Officer:** A Society member serving in an appointed office as defined in Corpora, or as an appointed deputy in such an office, or in another office as may be defined by Kingdom Law, at any level of the Society, or in the role of organiser of a Society event (commonly referred to as “Autocrat” or “Steward”), or as one who holds Territorial Baronial rank, or as Crown or Coronet or heir to a Crown or Coronet.
- **Peerage:** Collectively, the members of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, the Order of the Pelican and the Order of Defence are referred to as the Peerage. A member of any of these Orders is a Peer.
- **Period:** The era used by the Society as the base for its re-creation activities. The Society is based on the life and culture of the landed nobility of pre-17th Century Western Europe, focusing on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
- **Realm:** A kingdom (including any principalities), or a principality.
- **Royal Lists:** Properly constituted armoured combat tournament to determine the successors to current royalty. They are known as “Crown Lists” for kingdoms, and “Coronet Lists” for principalities.

- **Royal heirs:** The Victor in the Royal Lists and the Victor’s Consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom) or Investiture (principality).
- **Royal Peer:** An individual who has reigned over a kingdom, or a principality and has received a patent of arms is referred to as a Royal Peer.
- **Royalty:** The persons who hold the offices of Sovereign or Consort of a kingdom, or Victor or Consort of a principality. The heirs to those positions are also considered royal, but Corpora uses the terms “royalty” and “reigning royalty” interchangeably, and only to refer to Sovereigns, or Victors, and Consorts.
- **Sovereign:** The Victor in a Crown Tournament, after their Coronation.
- **Subject:** Any person who physically resides within the borders of a realm for more than half the year. Those who do not maintain a residence meeting this definition may be considered subjects of the realm where they participate most frequently if they obtain written acknowledgment from the royalty of that realm. Those who participate in Society activities primarily in a realm other than the one where they reside may be considered subjects of that realm if they obtain written permission and acknowledgment from the royalty of both realms. Decisions of the Coronet in such matters depend upon the approval of the Crown.