

Appendix V

Proposed 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 Crown Prince, and the Crown Princess.

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.

“Crown Prince” and “Crown Princess” are the winner and the winner's consort of the most recent Crown Tournament, who have not yet been crowned with the title of King or Queen.

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 Crown Prince and Princess or have become the Crown.

The “Coronation” is the ceremony where the Crown Prince and Princess 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.

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. All officers must be members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Where the Governing Documents require an officer to have access to a regional newsletter, that newsletter is the *Northwatch*. Great Officers must also have access to *Tournaments Illuminated* at their place of residence.

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 Chirurgeon.

The “Lesser Officers” of the Kingdom are

The Kingdom Council Secretary,	}	Seneschal
The Kingdom Law Clerk,		
The Kingdom Event Information Officer,	}	Chancellor of the
The Kingdom Chatelain(e),		
The Kingdom Youth Minister,	}	Herald
The Kingdom Minister of Regalia,		
The Kingdom Publications Officer,	}	Earl Marshal
The Kingdom Submissions Herald,		
The Kingdom External Comments Herald,	}	Minister of Arts and
The Kingdom Minister of Protocol,		
The Kingdom Clerk of the Precedence,	}	Chronicler
The Kingdom Signet,		
The Kingdom Minister of the Lists,	}	Chirurgeon
The Kingdom Archer General,		
The Kingdom Rapier Marshal,	}	
The Kingdom Equestrian Marshal,		
The Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshal,	}	
The Chancellor of the Stellar University of Northshield,		
The Editor of the <i>Northwatch</i> ,		
The Kingdom Web Minister, and		
The Kingdom Water-Bearer.		

Other Definitions

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

Use of the name “Northshield” or “Kingdom” to suggest Kingdom sponsorship or sanction or that an event is a Kingdom-level event is the prerogative of the Crown after consultation with the Stallari Council.

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.

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.

I-1000

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 NORTSHIELD

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 His or Her 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-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-1120

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 Crown Prince and Princess will be held twice a year, in the months of May and October.

III-200

The location of Crown Tournaments and Coronations will be rotated, as possible, among the following areas:

Area 1 - North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba branches

Area 2 - Minnesota and Ontario branches

Area 3 - Wisconsin and Upper Michigan branches

Any branch in the Kingdom may submit a bid to the Kingdom Seneschal. However, bids from branches in the designated area of rotation will be given precedence.

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-400

The Kingdom Event Information Officer will not allow any official SCA event within Northshield on the same day as Coronation or Crown Tournament unless the Crown has given express permission after consultation with the Stallari Council.

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. Once the combatants are chosen, the pairings will be randomly drawn.

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-800

The Kingdom Seneschal will publish in the *Northwatch*, at least six (6) weeks before the Crown Tournament, the requirements for entrance in the Crown list, as established by the Governing Documents and the Kingdom.

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* at their place of residence.

2. Each must have resided in Northshield for one year immediately before the Crown Tournament and be able to demonstrate a reasonable level of participation in diverse activities in Northshield during that period.
3. No prospective consort shall be fought for by more than one combatant in a single Crown Tournament.
4. All prospective combatants and their consorts must be acceptable to the Presiding Royalty.
5. No Kingdom Great Officer or appointed replacement may fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament where the reign as Sovereign or Consort would coincide with the term of office.
6. No one under 18 years old may fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
7. No member of the Royalty may either fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.

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 Crown Prince and Princess 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.
4. Those refused entrance may appeal the decision to the current Crown.

III-1200

The Crown Tournament must meet the following conditions:

1. It must be decided by a double-elimination armored combat, the final round being at least best two out of three.
2. At least three fully warranted marshals of Northshield must be present to supervise the lists.
3. 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 Crown Prince and Princess 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 Crown Prince and Princess 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 Crown Prince and Princess 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 Crown Prince or Crown Princess is unable to fulfill His or Her duties, the other will fulfill all such duties. The Crown Prince or Princess 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 Crown Princess or Prince. No further replacements are permitted, nor may the new consort reign alone. At Coronation, the original Crown Prince or Princess will be crowned as Sovereign and the other as Consort.

IV-500

If neither the Sovereign nor the Consort are able to fulfill the duties of the Crown as defined in the Governing Documents and Kingdom law, and no Crown Prince or Princess has 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 a Crown Prince and Princess.

IV-600

If both the Crown Prince and Crown Princess 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-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. No two Great Officers may have the same legal residence.

V-1200

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

V-2000 – The Seneschal

The Seneschal 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 Crown Prince and Princess as soon as practical to inform Them of the financial policies and state 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. The Polaris Herald is the voice of the Crown in making proclamations by the Crown.

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 and mailing the *Northwatch*, the official newsletter of the Kingdom of Northshield, on a monthly schedule. The Chronicler will print official announcements and report news therein.

V-2600 – The Chirurgeon

The Chirurgeon is responsible for the organization, development, and encouragement of the study, practice, and research of the practical applications of first aid.

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-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 Crown Prince and Princess 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-3250 – The Publications Officer

The Publications Officer is a Lesser Officer to the Exchequer and is responsible for maintaining and making available Society and Kingdom publications.

V-3300 – The 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.

V-3304

The Submissions Herald is responsible for the creation and distribution of the Internal Letter of Comment.

V-3305

The Submissions Herald of Northshield is titled Keythong Herald.

V-3310 – The External Comments Herald

The External Comments Herald is a Lesser Officer to the Polaris Herald and is responsible for collecting the comments from the heralds commenting on the Internal Letters of Comment.

V-3314

The External Comments Herald is responsible for the creation and distribution of the External Letters of Comment and notifying any submitters if their submissions are not passable and why.

V-3315

The External Comments Herald is responsible for the creation and sending out of the Kingdom's Submissions letter to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms.

V-3320 – The Clerk of the Precedence

The Clerk of the 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-3360 – 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-3430 – The Equestrian Marshal

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

V-3480 – The Kingdom 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-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

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

V-3600 – The Web Minister

The Web Minister is a Lesser Officer to the Chronicler and is responsible for maintaining the Northshield web site.

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 and mailing the *Northwatch*.

V-3700 – The Water-Bearer

The Kingdom Water-Bearer is a Lesser Officer to the Chirurgeon and is responsible for organizing and promoting water-bearing throughout the Kingdom, and specifically for organizing water-bearing at Kingdom Events.

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-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, re-instate 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 Crown Prince and Princess 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, 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-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:

1. Any funds remaining are turned over to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, or
2. 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 & BARONESSSES

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 and/or Baroness 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 and/or Baroness.

VIII-300

The term "Baron" refers to the male gender. The term "Baroness" refers to the female gender. No two members of the same gender may be appointed as Baron and Baroness.

VIII-400

Territorial Barons and/or Baronesses will be held accountable for any term limits agreed to with the members of the Barony. If an agreement is made between the Baron and/or Baroness and the members of the Barony concerning term limits, it will be in writing and signed by the Baron/Baroness 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

Territorial Barons and Baronesses 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

Territorial Barons and Baronesses must make every effort to reaffirm their fealty or service in person to the Crown of Northshield at least once per year.

VIII-800

Territorial Barons and Baronesses must report, in writing, to the 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 and/or Baroness (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 and/or Baroness, 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 and Baroness, or the Crown.

VIII-960

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

VIII-1000

Territorial Barons and Baronesses, once titled, will retain said title until they resign, they leave their Barony to become a resident of another place, are removed by the Crown, or their term expires. The Crown may, at its discretion, create them Barons or Baronesses of the Court.

VIII-1100

In the case of an extended, but temporary, absence of the Baron and/or Baroness, he or she may request that the Crown appoint a Vicar to fulfill the duties of Baron and/or Baroness until his or her return.

VIII-1150

The Vicar may fulfill the duties of the Baron and/or Baroness 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 a new Baron or Baroness. "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

Crown Prince and Princess

Dukes/Duchesses

Counts/Countesses

Viscounts/Viscountesses

Peers of the Realm

Territorial Barons/Baronesses

Awards and Orders conferring Grants of Arms (including awards from other Kingdoms)

Court Barons/Baronesses

Awards and Orders Conferring Awards of Arms (including awards from other Kingdoms)

Awards and orders that do not convey precedence:

Award of the Nordbandr

The King's Cypher

The Queen's Cypher

Order of the Rose

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 will not appear in the Kingdom Order of Precedence although they may be used in their appropriate Orders of Precedence, i.e. 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 Crown Prince and Princess 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 Viscounts and Viscountesses may wear coronets embattled, all silver, 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.

Grants of Arms — A Grant of Arms bestowed upon a Great Officer will allow the recipient to maintain a griffin passant Or as a crest. Only current and former Great Officers who have received a Grant of Arms may use a griffin passant Or as a crest.

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

Only members of the various Kingdom Awards and Orders 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, AND 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 Crown Prince and Princess

The Arms of the Crown Prince and Princess 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 Crown Prince/ess

The Arms of the Crown Prince/ess 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 badge of the Kingdom is: Sable, a compass rose argent, a bordure Or.

X-1000 - Awards and Orders

It is the right of everyone in the Kingdom to recommend to the Crown anyone who, in his or her 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.

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.

The Crown may, at its discretion, bestow a Grant of Arms upon current or former Great Officers.

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 — The King's Cypher

The King's Cypher may be given to any individual for personal service to the Crown. The token shall include the initial (the "cipher") of the Giver and the recipient will be listed in the Northshield Order of Precedence.

X-1150 — The Queen's Cypher

The Queen's Cypher may be given to any individual for personal service to the Crown. The token shall include the initial (the "cipher") of the Giver and the recipient will be listed in the Northshield Order of Precedence.

X-1200 — The Order of the Rose

The Order of the Rose exists in Northshield for the purpose of encouraging chivalrous and courteous behavior among all members of the Society. Candidates will have held the office of Consort for at least one full reign. Membership is automatic for candidates who have completed one full reign as Consort of Northshield.

Membership in the Order does not convey a Patent of Arms.

Membership in the Order does not convey precedence.

Holders of the Order of the Rose are entitled to place after their names the initials O.R. or C.R., and recipients of the Order may be styled and announced as Companions of the Order of the Rose.

AWARDS – a structure will be presented to the first Crown, to be implemented as They may determine. This awards structure will be developed before the Coronation of the first Crown of Northshield, using the input currently being developed by the Awards work group.

ARTICLE XI—COURTS OF CHIVALRY

XI-500 — Courts of Chivalry

Courts of Chivalry are for the express purpose of investigating matters within the medieval framework of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and pertain only to conduct and subjects within the structure and definitions of the Society. The Kingdom Seneschal will supervise all Courts of Chivalry, except as in XI-900.

XI-600

Any person or group desiring the convening of a Court of Chivalry for any reason will petition the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown in writing, presenting a summary of the reasons for the Court and any evidence to be presented.

XI-700

All persons involved in the convening and proceedings of a Court of Chivalry should bear in mind the seriousness of the affair. Courts of Chivalry should not be convened for trivial reasons and should be regarded as a last resort.

XI-900

In such case as the Court of Chivalry is desired where the Kingdom Seneschal is the subject, the Crown will appoint a Peer of the Realm to assume all duties assigned to the Kingdom Seneschal by these articles.

XI-1000

The Kingdom Seneschal may conduct an investigation, and may attempt to settle the matter through informal mediation. The Kingdom Seneschal will determine if the evidence warrants a formal Court and will inform the Crown of his or her decision.

XI-1040

If the evidence does not warrant a formal Court, the Kingdom Seneschal may, at his or her discretion, settle the matter in a lesser manner; for example, by means of a reprimand, or he or she may recommend remedial action to the Crown. If the Kingdom Seneschal does not convene a Court, any of the parties may petition the Crown to direct the Seneschal to convene the Court.

XI-1080

If the evidence warrants a formal Court, or if directed by the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal will convene the Court as provided for by these articles.

XI-1100

The populace will be notified of the date and place of the Court by means of an announcement in the Northwatch, as provided for in these articles. All Courts of Chivalry will be open to the populace, except in a case where the matter may also involve a violation of modern law, in which case the Court may be held in private.

XI-1200

The Crown will preside over a Court of Chivalry, or may, at Their discretion, appoint a person to serve as Crown's Advocate to preside in the name of the Crown. It is suggested, in a case where the proceedings of a Court may extend beyond the end of a reign, that the new Crown appoint a Crown's Advocate to continue in that office, to preserve the continuity of the proceedings.

XI-1300

The judgment of a case before a Court of Chivalry is reserved to the Crown; judgments rendered by a Crown's Advocate presiding in the name of the Crown are subject to review by the Crown before becoming official.

XI-1400

The Polaris Herald, or a representative acceptable to the Crown, will be present at a Court of Chivalry to advise the Crown or Crown's Advocate.

XI-1500

The composition of a Court of Chivalry and the procedure followed in presenting evidence is at the discretion of the Kingdom Seneschal, subject to the restrictions of these articles.

XI-1600

In any case where a person or group of persons may be the subject of a Court of Chivalry, the following procedure will be followed.

1. The evidence in the Court will be heard before a jury of the Peers of the Realm, drawn by lot under the supervision of the Crown from among the numbers of the Peerage not already involved in the Court.
2. The subject of the Court will be notified of the time and place of the jury drawing as specified in these articles, and may appoint a representative to observe the drawing if he or she cannot.

3. The number of the jury is at the discretion of the Kingdom Seneschal, but at no time will a case be heard before a jury of fewer than six.

4. In a case where a Peer of the Realm is the subject of a Court, the jury will be, insofar as it is possible, made up of members of the subject's Order. Where this is not wholly possible, members of the other Orders will fill the jury.

XI-1700

The Kingdom Seneschal will notify the subject of the Court in writing that the Court is to be convened. This notice will include:

1. Copies of this Law and any other Laws pertaining to the case.
2. The names of those who petitioned for the Court to be convened.
3. The formal list of Charges to be brought before the Court.
4. An outline of the procedure for the hearing of the case.
5. The time and place of the jury drawing, said time to be not less than two weeks following the notification of the subject.
6. A list of four proposed dates and places for the Court to be held, said dates to permit publication of the chosen time and place in the *Northwatch*, and covering a span of not less than four weeks.

XI-1800

The subject of the Court will choose one of the proposed dates and places for the Court and will notify the Kingdom Seneschal in writing of this choice within two weeks of being notified of the Court. In the unusual circumstance where none of the proposed dates and places is acceptable, the subject will petition the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown in writing within two weeks of being notified of the Court, to request another date and place. The granting of said petition will be at the discretion of the Crown. If the subject of the Court fails to respond within the period specified by these articles, the Kingdom Seneschal will select one of the proposed dates and places and will notify the subject in writing that the Court will be held then and there, with or without the subject's attendance.

XI-1900

The subject of a Court shall be allowed representation and advice by such counsel as he or she chooses. The Crown will appoint a Peer of the Realm acceptable to the subject to aid in his or her defense, if the subject so requests.

XI-2000

The subject of a Court will have the right to present evidence and call witnesses in his or her defense, and will be allowed to cross-examine all witnesses called.

XI-2100

The Kingdom Seneschal will cause a complete record of the proceedings to be made by whatever means is determined to be most efficient and reliable. A copy of this record will be made available to the subject of the Court if he or she should wish to appeal the judgment.

XI-2200

Upon the conclusion of the case, the jury will present to the Crown or the Crown's Advocate their recommendation upon the disposition of the case. The Crown or the Crown's Advocate, subject to the review of the Crown, will render the judgment in the case.

XI-2300

The judgments of Banishment from the Society or Degradation from the Peerage will be stated in the form of a formal request from the Crown to the Board of Directors, as enactment of these judgments is reserved to the Board.

XI-2400

The Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., is the ultimate appeal for any member of the Society. Any judgment of a Court of Chivalry may be appealed to the Board as provided for in the Governing Documents.

XI-2500

The judgment of any Court of Chivalry will be published in the *Northwatch* as soon as possible following the adjourning of the Court.

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 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 Crown and Stallari Council.

XII-600

Only persons who are current members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. may be authorized to participate in combat activities in Northshield. Persons holding valid authorizations from other Kingdoms are authorized to participate in combat activities in Northshield, subject to the equipment standards, conventions, and authorization categories as applicable, of Northshield. Persons moving into Northshield who are authorized in other Kingdoms are allowed three (3) months to acquire authorization in Northshield.

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.