

# THE LAWS OF GOVERNMENT

## I. Structure of the Kingdom by Levels.

- A. Kingdom Level
- B. Principality
- C. Duchy Level
- D. Barony Level
- E. Keep Level

## II. Personnel Requirements by Level.

- A. Kingdom 250 adult members within the boundaries of a municipal state or province, or a lesser number by grant of the Board of Directors.
- B. Principality Any outside established non-profit medieval organization that has requested and been accepted by a 66.6% vote of the Board of Directors of the Realm Of Chivalry, to join with The Realm Of Chivalry under the sole governance of the Realm Of Chivalry, or any group that wishes to form and has been approved by the Board Of Directors, that resides outside the State of Washington.
  - 1. A principality will remain a principality for a minimum of one year. At which time it may elect to apply for Kingdom status, or a subordinate entity, Duchy, Barony, exc. as long as it meets the requirements for such, including residing outside the state of Washington.
  - 2. A principality granted by the Board of Directors may remain a principality as long as it maintains the requirements and status set by the Board of Directors Grant.
  - 3. A principality will hold a coronet recognized as Prince and Princess. They will be chosen by the populace of the principality using the same rules and regulations as set forth in choosing Monarchs, for the Realm Of Chivalry, and they will have the same powers within their principality as a monarch has in a kingdom. They will reign under the monarchs, at the kingdom level
  - 4. A Principality may form Keeps, Baronies, and Duchies as outlined in these laws for a kingdom.

5. A principality must maintain 100 adult paid members, unless otherwise granted by the Board of Directors.

(c) Duchy 50 adult members (no geographical restrictions)

(d) Barony 25 adult members (no geographical restrictions)

(e) Keep 10 adult members (no geographical restrictions)

### **III. General Rules as They Apply to All Structural Positions.**

- A. The structure entity, such as a Keep, Duchy or Barony must have the minimum of paid members stated in these Laws of Government.
- B. The smaller structure entity may band together to form a larger structure entity, while retaining their status. Ex. (A group of Keeps may band together to make a Barony, while maintaining their status as Keeps.)
- C. To start a new Keep, Duchy or Barony, the members must sign a Letter of Support to be maintained at the Kingdom level by the Keeper of the Census. Additionally, membership form for each applying member indicating affiliation with said group must be completed, signed and sent to The Realm of Chivalry.
  1. The Letter of Support must be completed and returned to the Keeper of the Census and membership forms received by The Realm of Chivalry 30 days prior to the acceptance and acknowledgment of the Keep, Duchy or Barony.
- D. The entities will then be monitored as to their membership status during the Kingdom census on a monthly basis by the Keeper of the Census.
- E. The entities that have memberships below the minimum allowed level for their structure will have three months from the census to gain enough supporters to maintain their status as a Keep, Duchy or Barony. If they are unable to bring their membership to or above the minimum allowed level, the entity shall be reduced to the next lower level or dissolved in the case of a Keep.
- F. Withdrawal from or change of affiliation is accomplished by an individual member submitting to The Realm of Chivalry a new membership form showing their new desired affiliation. A change of affiliation may take place at any time, not just at the time of membership renewal. Changes must be submitted to the Keeper of the Census in writing. The Keeper of the Census shall then notify the Kingdom, and effected entities of said change or withdrawal.
- G. The Principalities, Duchies, and Baronies are to be financially solvent.
- H. A Keep, and formally recognized entities, other than Principalities, Duchies, and Baronies are not required to be solvent financially. If a Keep or formally recognized entity is not financially solvent, then the Kingdom may maintain ledger entries, up to \$100.00, and make available, for the Keep or formally recognized entity and track and make available funds in that manner as the ledger reflects.

1. A formal or legal entity that attains more than \$100 in funds must become fiscally responsible or any funds earned in excess of \$100 will revert to the Kingdom.
2. All accounting records maintained by fiscally responsible entities shall be made available for an audit, on a quarterly basis by the Kingdom Treasurer.
3. Any fiscally responsible entity has two, (2) options for maintaining funds;
  - a. Have the Kingdom Treasurer start a separate ledger in their name. Any funds to or from this account must go through the Kingdom Treasurer. A 10% tithe will be charged for each deposit to an account that has more than one hundred dollars. If funds were withdrawn from the account to use for an event, only the profit portion of the deposit will be tithed – not the entire deposit.
  - b. Set up a separate account.
- I. The officially recognized head of a fiscally responsible entity as well as the treasurer of said entity shall be held responsible for all funds.
- J. The treasurer of all fiscally responsible groups must make a quarterly report to the Kingdom Treasurer.
- K. Within 30 days of a change in Monarchs or Seneschal, the account signature card must be changed to state their authorized signatures.

#### **IV. Membership Accounting.**

- A. Membership for accounting purposes shall go to the Kingdom that grants the charter to a subordinate group. A subordinate group may request, at the discretion of its members, to be granted a charter from a Kingdom different than the original chartering Kingdom, at which time the membership of the subordinate group shall count towards the membership of the gaining Kingdom.

#### **V. Time / Activity Requirements for Advancement.**

##### ***A. Creating a Keep.***

1. A Keep must have a minimum of 10 paid adult members.
2. A Keep must have the following officers:
  - a. An overseer of the Keep, this title shall be determined by the membership of the keep. (e.g. Sheriff, Castellan, Reive, or other appropriate title.)
  - b. A Treasurer.

- c. A minimum of a warranted marshal if the Keep is to sponsor armored combat.
- 3. The above referenced officers may be removed by a vote of 66.66% of the paid participating members of the Keep.
  - a. A vote may be made by proxy with 7 days advanced notice of the vote.

**B. *Keep to Barony.***

- 1. A Keep must have been an active Keep for a period of 1 year.
- 2. A Keep must have sponsored no less than 2 events during the 12-month period immediately preceding application for Barony.
- 3. A Barony must sponsor 1 event per year to maintain Barony status.
- 4. Upon a keep's advancement to Barony the following positions must be created and filled as approved by a majority vote in a Baronial Charter.
  - a. A Baron and / or a Baroness designate.
  - b. A Seneschal.
  - c. A Treasurer.
  - d. A Warranted Marshal.
  - e. A member of the College of Heraldry.
- 5. The above referenced officers may be removed as defined under Baronial Charter.

**C. *Barony to Duchy.***

- 1. A Barony must have been an active Barony for a period of 2 years.
- 2. A Barony must have sponsored no less than 3 events during the 12-month period immediately preceding application for Duchy.
  - a. A Barony must have successfully sponsored at least 1 Kingdom level event (included in the 3 listed above).
- 3. A Duchy must sponsor no less than 2 events per year to maintain Duchy status.
- 4. A Duchy must maintain their corps of Ducal officers (including a Duke and Duchess designate) as approved by majority vote in a Duchy Charter.

**C. *Creation of Principality.***

1. Creation of a Principality is outlined in section 2 of this document.

## **VI. Creation of Kingdoms.**

- A. A Kingdom is created by grant of charter.
- B. Kingdom Charters are granted by the Board of Directors until such a time, as there is more than one Kingdom. Charters are then granted by the Council of Crowns.
- C. A Kingdom shall initially consist of the members residing within a geographical state boundary, or belonging to a subordinate group that has pledged to support that Kingdom.
- D. To become a Kingdom, either the Board of Directors or the Council of Crowns must be presented a petition of intent signed by no less than 200 paid adult members, or a number approved by either the Board of Directors or the Council of Crowns, indicating their support. The names on said list shall be verified by the Board of Directors as to concurrency of membership and residence.
- E. The new Kingdom shall be granted, upon verification of the petition, or the status of Principality for a term of no less than one year.
- F. The Principality shall petition an existing Kingdom to act as their sponsor. The sponsoring Kingdom has the following responsibilities:
  1. Assist in the creation of regalia such as is appropriate for a Kingdom, if applicable.
  2. Assist in the creation of a corps of officers.
  3. Assist in the holding of the first Crown Tournament.
  4. Assist in the Coronation of the first Monarchs.
- G. Once the Crown Tournament has been held, the Board of Directors or Council of Crowns shall be notified in writing the criteria has been met.
- H. When the Governing Body is satisfied that the criteria has been met, and corps of officers is ready to assume their duties, then approval is given for the creation of the Kingdom via the first coronation of their Monarchs.
- I. It is the prerogative of the Monarchs to be invested as to whom shall perform the actual investiture. (Perhaps the Monarchs of the sponsoring Kingdom, or a representative of the Board of Directors, or one or all of the Council of Crowns.)
- J. The Principality becomes a Kingdom when the Monarchs have ascended to the throne.
- K. All officers of a Kingdom must reside within the geographic boundary of the state or province for which the Kingdom is chartered. This requirement may not be waived by the Monarch(s) for said Kingdom.

- L. Kingdoms must maintain the membership level at which they were chartered. Membership is counted in the following manner.
  - 1. All members of a subordinate group, regardless of physical residence are considered members of the chartering Kingdom.
  - 2. Members at large, with no group affiliations, are members of the Kingdom within whose geographic boundary they reside.

## **VII. Selection Process for Monarchs.**

### ***Application.***

- A. A member who is applying for the right to participate in the Trials for Monarch will meet the following criteria before being allowed to compete:
- B. The contender must submit a Letter of Intent to the Monarch no later than 30 days prior to the Crown Tournament. The intended Consort must be named in the Letter of Intent.
- C. The contender must have been an adult member in good standing of the Realm for at least one year and one day prior to the date of the Crown Tournament.
- D. The consort must have been an adult member in good standing of the Realm for at least one year and one day prior to the date of the Crown Tournament.
- E. In the event that the contender or consort has attained the age of eighteen during the six months prior to the date of Crown Tournament, said person shall be considered to have met this requirement if they have been a member on a parent or legal guardian's paid membership and have become a separately paid member within 30 days of attaining the age of eighteen years.
- F. Each aspirant must be free of a felony conviction.

### ***Trials for Monarch.***

- G. The Crown Tournament will consist of the following competitive events:
  - 1. A Tournament of Arms (Armored Combat, Double Elimination)
  - 2. An Artistic Endeavor consisting of a two or three-dimensional artistic piece appropriate to the contender's persona. This piece will not have been entered and judged in a Realm of Chivalry competition, by the contender, or champion. There must be an approved scoresheet for judging. These sheets will be counted and tallied by the Monarchs and the Seneschal.
  - 3. A Bardic Competition consisting of an original or period piece appropriate to the contender's personae. This piece will not have been entered and judged in a Realm of

Chivalry competition, by the contender, or champion. There must be an approved score sheet for judging. These sheets will be counted and tallied by the Monarchs and the Seneschal.

4. A Tournament of Games (double elimination) chosen at random, per match from the following list below. When more than two contenders are competing, the double elimination will be by separate opponents per round.
    - a. Competition rules Chess
    - b. 9-Man Morris (Mereles)
    - c. Alquerque
    - d. Byzantine Chess
    - e. Draughts (checkers)
    - f. Backgammon
  5. A Competitive Heraldry Examination consisting of a test of knowledge (no true/false, multiple-choice questions) dealing with common heraldry as listed in appropriate sources and practiced by the Realm College of Heraldry.
- H. The contestants for Monarch can have a champion for only one area of endeavor. The reigning Monarch(s) may not act as champion(s).
1. The champion of any contestant must be an adult member in good standing of the Realm for at least 6 months prior to the date of the Crown Tournament.
  2. The champion of any contestant for the combat portion of the Crown Tournament must be an authorized fighter to compete. Authorization on the day of the tournament is not permissible. The champion must have been qualified at least 30 days prior to the tournament.
- I. The responsibilities for creation control and administration of the test will fall to the following organizations within the Realm and the Monarch.
1. Heraldry (College of Heraldry)
  2. Bardic Competition (Minimum of 3 Realm Masters/Mistresses)
  3. Artistic Endeavor (Minimum of 3 Realm Masters/ Mistresses)
  4. Combatant Endeavor (Marshallate)
  5. Games (Chivalry of the Realm)
- J. In the event that the above-indicated organizations cannot meet the minimum required number of judges; the Monarchs shall complete the complement of judges either personally or with individuals of their choosing.

- K. The Monarchs shall be given all test copies, and answer keys, no later than two weeks prior to Crown Tournament. These copies shall be reviewed to insure that all copies are the same, are in compliance with established standards, and that the answer key(s) are correct.
- L. The Tournament of games shall permit a contest between two contestants to last no more than 30 minutes with a 5-minute time limit for each move. After which time a winner shall be declared in accordance with standard competition rules. In the event of a stalemate, or in the case where no clear winner in a round can be determined, the game shall be considered a draw and another game played immediately to determine a victor.
- M. Points for placing shall be awarded as follows:
- 1st Place 5 points
  - 2nd Place 4 points
  - 3rd Place 3 points
  - 4th Place 2 points
  - Competed 1 point
- N. In the event of a tie of the total points, the competitors (or champions from the prior armored combat) will compete in armored combat and the victor of a best two of three round fight will be the winner.
- O. The victor in overall points, or the tie-breaking armored combat, shall be named Crown Prince / Princess and shall have the right to name his / her consort to the Coronet.
- P. Should there be only one competitor for the Crown the following shall occur:
1. That competitor shall be named as Regent for the following year.
  2. A Regent named in this manor shall have the same rights as a Monarch.
    - a. If the Regent has successfully served in that capacity, the Regent shall be granted the rank of Viscount/Viscountess upon the ascension of the succeeding Monarch or Regent.
    - b. Successful completion of the reign shall be determined per the appropriate section under Rights of the Monarch.
- Q. Should there be no competitors for the Crown the following shall occur:
1. The Heir Apparent to the Throne (2nd place finisher from the previous year) shall be asked to sit as Prince Regent.
  2. If the Heir Apparent declines, the line of succession from the previous year shall be followed to determine a Regent. (3rd place finisher, then 4th place,
  3. If there is no one willing or able to succeed to the throne as Regent, then the Peers of the Realm for that Kingdom shall select one from within their ranks to act in this capacity.



4. If there are no competitors for two consecutive years the Kingdom shall be dissolved and the membership reverted to the Parent Kingdom.

#### **VIII. Time Limits and Requirements for Monarchs.**

- A. The reign for the King will be 1 year from Coronation which will be within the 3 months immediately following Crown Tournament.
- B. A Monarch or Regent may not compete to succeed themselves.
- C. If the Monarch cannot fulfill his or her obligation, then his or her consort shall reign alone for the duration. If this is not possible, then the second place finisher in the trials will act as Regent for the duration of the reign.
  1. As Regent, he/she may not create Knights / Masters / Mistresses of inspiration but may create peerages as a result of the Chivalry Trials.
  2. If the Regent has sat the throne for six months or more, he/she may create two peers of inspiration.
  3. If the Regent has successfully served in that capacity for a period exceeding six months, and with the approval of the Council of Crowns, the Regent shall be granted the rank of Viscount/Viscountess upon the ascension of the succeeding Monarch or Regent.
  4. Successful completion of the reign shall be determined per the appropriate section under Rights of the Monarch.
- D. A Monarch may not remove his / her consort from the Monarchy for whatever reason.
- E. Upon completion of the trials the victor will have two months in which to choose a champion.
  1. The Kingdom Champion shall be selected in a Trial by Combat, presided over by the Crown Prince / Princess.
  2. Those wishing to compete for Champion must submit a letter of intent to the Crown Prince / Princess, and be accepted, before competing.
- F. If a Regency is needed, mid-reign because a Monarch AND their consort are unable to complete their reign and the Heir Apparent is unable or unwilling to complete the reign, the peers shall choose a Regent from amongst from their ranks by nomination and then a simple majority open vote. A majority of peers with paid membership must be present for the vote to take place. (The term "peers" is to include royal peers and chivalry)

#### **IX. Rights of a Monarch.**

- A. Removal of a combatant from the field of combat for safety or chivalry reasons.

- B. Create permanent awards.
- C. Create any size of retinue they deem appropriate.
- D. Create no more than two peers, in any combination of Knights or Masters / Mistresses of inspiration.
- E. To hold royal courts.
- F. To hold Kingdom events.
- G. Grant charters to guilds, and supported entities.
- H. To receive personal gifts from the populace other than monetary.
- I. To declare a royal family. Members of said Royal Family carry no rank or title beyond the reign of the Monarchs creating said family.
- J. To establish a theme for the reign, this cannot conflict with the objective of the Realm.
- K. To use the Kingdom's name.
- L. Create an ambassador to another Kingdom.
- M. To receive gifts on behalf of the Kingdom.
- N. To grant charters and advance Keeps and Baronies.
- O. To be granted the rank of Count / Countess upon successful completion of their reign.
- Q. To be a member of the Council of Crowns for the duration of the reign.
- R. To summon a Council of Crowns should the need arise.
- S. To create or declare royal preferences for the duration of the Monarch's reign. These royal preferences are to be of social value only and shall not be illegal or conflict with any portion of these Bylaws.
- T. The Monarch may select the corps of officers that they wish to hold office during their reign. Persons selected for office must qualified to hold that office in accordance with this document. Persons selected for office may decline the offer without penalty. The exception to this rule is the Seneschal of the Kingdom who will be elected by a majority of the participating paid adult members of the Kingdom responding.

## **X. Responsibilities of a Monarch.**

- A. Make sure that the Kingdom has all it's appointed officers and that they fulfill their duties.
- B. To help sponsor another Kingdom if necessary.

- C. To settle social disputes within the Kingdom, not requiring Board Decision.
- D. To call for a Court of Chivalry when necessary or demanded by a participating paid adult member of the populace.
- E. A Court of Chivalry must be held in a public area and be open to all members of the Chivalry.
- F. To preside over any Courts of Chivalry called by the members of the Kingdom.
- G. To abide by the decisions rendered by a Court of Chivalry or Council of Crowns, that dose not violate civil or Realm Laws.
- H. To preside over any High Courts called by the members of the Kingdom.
- I. Is responsible to hold the following events:
  - 1. **Coronation.** The ruling Monarch must attend their own coronation, and that of their successor.
  - 2. **Crown Tournament.** The ruling Monarch must attend this event and is responsible for the organization and hosting of this event.
  - 3. **Chivalry Trials.** The ruling Monarch Must attend this event.
- J. The Monarch is responsible for the safe keeping of the Kingdom regalia, this includes:
  - 1. The crowns
  - 2. The coronets
  - 3. The sword
  - 4. The scepter
  - 5. The other items belonging to the Kingdom.
- K. An inventory of regalia shall be conducted by the exiting Monarchs or Regent prior to coronation. Said inventory to be maintained by the Seneschal. Any and all missing regalia, must be replaced by the responsible outgoing Monarchs or Regent.
- L. The Monarch is responsible for overseeing the financial officer of the Kingdom. The ruling Monarch will be held accountable for keeping the Kingdom out of debt. They have the right to review any and all records pertaining to the finances of their Kingdom.
- M. The Monarchy is fiscally responsible for any personal expenses incurred with respect to their position.

## **XI. Rights of a Royal Consort.**

- A. Create permanent awards.
- B. Create any size of retinue they deem appropriate.

- C. To hold royal courts.
- D. To hold Kingdom events.
- E. To receive personal gifts from the populace other than monetary.
- F. To declare a royal family. Members of said Royal Family carry no rank or title beyond the reign of the Monarchs creating said family.
- G. To use the Kingdom's name.
- H. To receive gifts on behalf of the Kingdom.
- I. To be granted the rank of Count / Countess upon successful completion of their reign.
- J. To be a member of the Council of Crowns for the duration of their reign.
- K. To create or declare royal preferences for the duration of the Monarch's reign. These royal preferences are to be of social value only and shall not be illegal or conflict with any portion of these Bylaws.

## **XII. Removal of a Monarch.**

- A. A Monarch may be removed for cause by malfeasance of funds as outlined in the appropriate section regarding finances, or commission of a felonious act directed against The Realm of Chivalry, the Kingdom or an attendee at an event or function, or intentional violation or disregard of the By Laws of the Realm of Chivalry.
- B. Said Monarch shall respond to the Board of Directors, or the Council of Crowns.
- C. The Board of Directors shall determine if there are sufficient grounds for mundane civil or legal action.
- D. A vote of confidence may be called for by petition of the members of a Kingdom.
- E. Said petition must be presented to the seneschal and must contain the signatures of no less than 66.6% of the adult paid members of the Kingdom.
- F. Upon receipt of the petition, the Seneschal must report said receipt to either the Board of Directors or the Council of Crowns.
- G. The Seneschal must notify the Monarch(s) in writing of the pending vote.
- H. The Board of Directors, or Council of Crowns shall administer the vote of confidence in a manner exactly similar to the vote of confidence for a Board member.

- I. It requires 2/3 of the adult paid membership of the Kingdom to vote a Monarch out of office. The vote may apply to one or both of the Monarchs.
- J. A Monarch removed for cause, or by lack of confidence shall be replaced in accordance with the line of succession previously outlined.
- K. Refusal to abdicate in response to cause, or vote of confidence shall result in immediate revocation of membership privileges.
- L. All Kingdom Regalia must be returned to the Kingdom Seneschal within 30 days or the Board of Directors shall instigate litigation.

### **XIII. Kingdom Operations.**

- A. ***Kingdom Expenses.*** The following items are allowable expenses to a Kingdom.

- 1. *From Membership Funds.*

- a. Membership moneys may be spent if the following criteria are met.
      - a1. Everyone directly benefits from it equally.
      - a2. Everyone has equal access.
      - a3. Equipment will be purchased that is used exclusively for events.
      - a4. Hard goods become property of the Kingdom. Inventory shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Monarch or Seneschal on an annual basis.
    - b. Necessary expenses relating to expendable supplies for use by the various Kingdom officers that cannot be otherwise procured (includes postage for Kingdom mailings, envelopes, etc.).
    - c. Licensing and municipal government expenses.
    - d. Membership cards and member benefit related expenses.
    - e. Safety equipment (fire extinguishers, first aid equipment, etc.)
    - f. Publications (GAC, Bylaws, GLUC, Etc.)
    - g. Event expenses if no other funds are available.
    - h. Membership Funds will be held by the Kingdom Treasurer.

- I. Once a kingdom reaches a paid membership of 150 or more for more than six months, it may purchase and own a computer to be used solely for kingdom businesses.
  1. The computer is for use ONLY for official kingdom business.
  2. The kingdom shall provide funds for the computer to be serviced and maintained by a professional service on a yearly basis or more often if required for normal use.
  3. The computer shall be for use by the Chronicler and the Seneschal.
  4. The computer shall be retained by Chronicler or by the Seneschal unless other arrangements are made and deemed allowable by the Monarch and the Seneschal.
  5. The Chronicler and the Seneschal shall maintain the computer in good condition. Any damage to the computer shall be reported immediately to the Monarch and the Seneschal.
  6. The Chronicler and the Seneschal shall be responsible for cost of repairs to the computer if damage is incurred that is not the result of normal wear and tear.
- J. A kingdom may purchase and own a printer/copier for use only to produce the newsletter and copies of publication that is specific to the Realm, such as the GAC, Bylaws, GLUC, etc. It is not to be use by the members or non-members for printing lectures, pictures, or other printed media to be used for any other purpose, including Lyceum material.
  1. The kingdom shall provide funds for toner, drums, and paper as needed to produce the documents allowed in XIII.1.a.
  2. The kingdom shall provide funds for the printer/copier to be serviced and maintained by a professional service on a yearly basis or more often if required for normal use.
  3. The printer/copier shall be retained by the Chronicler unless other arrangements are made and deemed allowable by the Monarch and the Seneschal.
  4. The Chronicler shall maintain the printer/copier in good condition. Any damage to the machine shall be reported immediately to the Monarch and the Seneschal.
  5. The Chronicler shall be responsible for costs of repair to the printer/copier if damage is incurred that is not the result of normal wear and tear.

2. *From Event Monies.*

- a. Event monies may be spent (or expenses reimbursed) based on the following criteria:

- a1. Is the purchase required for the event?
  - a2. Will the purchased item only benefit those attending the event?
  - a3. Will any equipment purchased be able to be used for other events?
- b. The procuring of a site or sites for the event.
- c. Cost of utilities and additional permits / insurances.
- d. Procuring and preparation of consumable items, only if agreed upon in advance that the monies are to be used for this purpose.
- e. Advertising expenses.
- f. Personal expenses incurred by the sponsor of an event may not be reimbursed.
- g. Non-expendable office equipment may not be purchased for an event.
- h. Event monies will be held by the Kingdom Treasurer or the sponsoring entity as allowed in the laws of the Realm.
- i. No monies are to be spent on site tokens, prizes, or any other trinkets without prior approval at a kingdom meeting.

### 3. *From Publication Monies.*

- a. Publication monies will be spent if the following criteria are met:
  - a1. Is required for the production of the publication.
  - a2. Will only be used for the production of the publication.
- b. Related expenses, including photocopying, expendable (non-capital) office supplies, postage, use of facilities, etc.
- c. Capital equipment such as photocopiers, computers, scanners, subscriptions to other publications, and cameras may not be purchased using publication monies.
- e. If a branch wishes to trade copy with another branch, the postage and photocopying may not come from publication monies unless such a fund is maintained separately from subscription monies and is funded by either fund raising or voluntary contribution.

- f. The Publication monies will be held by the Publishing Officer or the Board of Directors as described by the Laws of the Realm, and is subject to audit by the Kingdom Treasurer.

#### 4. *Fund Raising*

- a. A fundraiser may be held by any person or subordinate group within the Realm Of Chivalry if the following rules are adhered to:

- a1. It must be stated who is raising the funds.

- a2. The clear intent of the fundraiser must be indicated.

- a2a. What is to be purchased?

- a2b. “Who” shall have access to the item(s) once procured?

- a3. Monies are to go to the Kingdom treasury, or the Board of Directors Treasurer as appropriate, the fundraiser must indicate to which fund the monies are going.

- a3a. General Operations.

- a3b. Events.

- a3c. Publications.

- a3d. Special Funds.

- a4. All fundraising done outside a sanctioned event must have prior approval from the Board.

- b. Creation of new kingdom regalia.

- 1) Funds may be raised for a Monarch Regalia Fund. The purpose of this fund is to:

- a. Maintain current regalia (crowns, thrones, etc.) in clean, well-maintained condition.

- b. Purchases new regalia if approve by the B.O.D., the Monarch, and the Seneschal.

- i.) Any regalia item that would cost more than \$150 shall be voted on by the populace by a mailed ballot. 75% of the received votes must approve before the purchase is allowed.

- c. As It is the purpose of the Monarch and Consort to represent the kingdom and the realm to the populace AND the wider world, and it is our intent to demonstrate our devotion to the realm and the kingdom as well as the gravity of the Office of Monarch and Consort, the attire of Monarch and Consort should reflect their rank. As clothing costs can sometimes be substantial, the Monarch Regalia Fund shall supply up to \$100 for the Monarch and up to \$100 for the Consort to have court clothing made which bears the kingdom device and in the kingdom colors. This shall be \$100 per reign. The Monarchs shall be encouraged to wear such attire to court, and when representing the realm in the wider



world. These clothes become the property of the Monarch or Consort.

1) Acceptable clothing includes:

- Tunics or shirts
- Dresses, “gates of hell”
- Hose or pants

2) This fund shall NOT cover:

- Hats and headwear other than crowns
- Underclothes
- Jewelry
- Footwear
- Eyewear

3) All receipts must be turned into the kingdom seneschal within 30 days of expenditure.

4) It is the intent that these clothes would be finished before coronation of the Monarch and Consort for whom the clothes is made.

- c. Upkeep, short of total replacement, of existing regalia.
- d. Computing, office or other capital equipment that will be used by a Kingdom or subordinate branch officer, and is to be used solely for that purpose.
- e. There can be no special privileges connected to a fundraiser (e.g. donate and get in free, etc.).
- f. There can be no duress or coercion relating to a fundraiser.
- g. Prior approval needs to be made for the fundraising expenses reimbursed.

#### **XIV. Other Kingdom Funds Concerns.**

- A. The creation and maintenance of a fund for the exclusive use of Kingdom officers or the Monarchs/Regent- is hereby expressly forbidden.
- B. There shall not be, at any event, a list of members or non-members that are not required a site fee if the general membership is not likewise excused, with the exception of aspirants / applicants at Chivalry Trials, and Crown.
- C. Individual regalia may not be obtained with group funds unless said funds were raised specifically with that intent. This is to include, but is not limited to, all County, Baronial and Ducal coronets, all banners and all awards.
- D. All persons with access to the Kingdom Accounts must be Bondable.
- E. Land may be purchases by a kingdom only if the following conditions are met:
  - 1. Unanimous decision by the B.O.D., the Monarchs and the Seneschal.

2. Vote of 75% or greater by the responding populace as polled by mail. This includes ONLY those who respond in the required amount of time. This does not mean 75% of the entire population. It means 75% of those who return their ballots within the allotted time.
3. The land is within the kingdom purchasing it.
4. Funds are available, without placing the kingdom in debt.
5. The land is for use ONLY for sanctioned kingdom events.
6. Enough money must be left, within the treasury after the purchase to be able to pay for 2 years of liability insurance.
7. Liability insurance must be maintained on the property.

- F. When a member or non-member's membership or event payment check is returned for Not Sufficient Funds (NSF), the person who wrote the check shall be responsible to pay the full amount of the check in addition to the fee the Kingdom or Keep was charged for a returned Check, plus five dollars.
- G. For any event for which a Family Cap is used to encourage family participation, a "Family" shall consist of 2 adults and their children under the age of 18, who are said adults' biological or adopted children, or are under the adults' legal permanent guardianship (i.e. not simply being watched by, babysat by, or the guests of said adults).

## **XV. Kingdom Officers.**

- A. The following officers are required to maintain Kingdom status and are considered to be the Great Officers of the Kingdom
  1. Monarch(s) or Regent. The Monarch or Regent is the overall head of the Kingdom whose rights and responsibilities are fully defined in these Laws of Government.
  2. Prince and Princess Head of a principality. Chosen with the same guidelines as Monarch, with the same rights and responsibilities as monarchs except limited to within their Principality only. They will be governed by the King and Queen of the Kingdom. They will be chosen only by the members of their principality.
- B. Seneschal. The Seneschal is the administrative and legal head of the Kingdom. The Seneschal needs to be able to be Bondable.
- C. Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the Kingdom books and ledgers. Said Kingdom Treasurer may not hold any other positions as treasurer within the Realm of Chivalry. The kingdom treasurer must report to the Board Treasurer on an annual basis. The Board Treasurer needs to be Bonded.
- D. Marshal. The Marshal must be certified by the Realm High Marshal and is responsible for the enforcement of the rules and regulations, as defined in the Guide for Armored Combat.
- E. Herald. The Herald is the Court Herald to the Monarchs and as such is responsible for the organization of Court(s) and field heraldry. Book heraldry is the purview of the Realm College of Heraldry.

- F. Chirurgion. The Chirurgion is the primary source for the organization and regulation of first aid responders in the Kingdom.
- G. Chronicler. The Chronicler is responsible for the production and issuance of the Kingdom publication. The chronicler must report financial records monthly to the Kingdom Treasurer, and maintain a \$250.00 publishing fund. Monies needed beyond that will be granted by the Kingdom Treasurer.
- H. Emissary. The Emissary is the official public relationship officer of the Kingdom, bridging the way for newcomers to The Realm.
- I. Keeper of the Census. The Keeper of the Census shall be responsible for maintaining and accumulating membership information and records for use by the Board of Directors, Kingdom and subordinate groups on a monthly basis also known as the taking of a census.
- J. All Greater Officers, with the exception of Monarchs and Regent, are required to have a minimum of one deputy.
- K. Kingdoms may create whatever subordinate offices, officers, or deputies that they deem necessary for the upkeep and well being of the Kingdom.
- L. All officers are volunteers. No one may hold more than one of the above listed offices concurrently.
- M. Kingdoms may charter guilds as necessity and interest dictate. Said guilds must have a guild head and a charter approved by the Monarch(s).
- N. All Greater and Lesser Kingdom Officers, with the exception of the Kingdom Seneschal, shall be appointed by the Crown from a list of applicants created and maintained by the Kingdom Seneschal.
- O. The position of Kingdom Seneschal shall be applied for instead of appointed and selected by a vote of the populace.
- P. A Greater Officer, with the exception of the Kingdom Seneschal, may be removed by the Monarch.
- Q. A Vote of Confidence may be called for by a petition signed by 66.6% of the populace and the Kingdom Seneschal removed by a minimum 66.6% Vote of Confidence by the responding populace.
- R. The Monarch, in conjunction with a majority of the other greater officers, for a just and stated cause, may immediately suspend the Kingdom Seneschal to be confirmed by a mandatory vote of confidence (66.6%) of the responding populace.
- S. There shall be no term limit for a Greater Officer, with the exception of the Monarchs or Regent.
- T. You must be a member in good standing for 6 months in order to hold any office within the Kingdom. The Officer shall be removed from office if membership has lapsed for a period of 30 days. It is the Seneschal's duty to enforce this. The vacancy will be filled by the normal selection process.

## **XVI. High Courts.**

- A. A High Court may be convened by a petition from the members of the Kingdom. Said petition must be signed by 66.6% of the adult paid members of the Kingdom.
- B. The High Court of a Kingdom shall consist of the following:
  - 1. The Monarchs.
  - 2. The seneschal.
  - 3. A representative of the Chivalry.
  - 4. A representative of each Barony and Duchy within the Kingdom.
- C. A member of the High Court cannot be the person, or persons, being investigated.
- D. The High Court must be held within 60 days of receipt of the petition.
- E. The High Court must be held as open, public proceedings with the location, date and time of the court being published and available to all members of the Kingdom in advance.
- F. The High Court may impose whatever punishment it deems appropriate to the offense, up to and including banishment or the filing of mundane legal charges. However the High Courts decision must be submitted to the Board of Directors for any legal action.
- G. The Seneschal of the Kingdom, with the Monarch(s) shall consult with the Board of Directors if considering mundane legal actions against a person or persons.
- H. If the member(s) of the Kingdom being summoned before the High Court fail to appear, then they shall be adjudged and applicable actions taken by the Court in absentia.
- I. The Monarch can grant dispensation and reschedule the court date for extremely extenuating circumstances, at his or her discretion.
- J. A member may not miss the second court date for any reason without being adjudged and sentenced in absentia.

## **XVII. Banishment.**

- A. As an alternative to banishment, the ruling Monarchs may place a person under probation for a designated period of time, with conditions for successful completion being communicated in writing and completely understood by the probate. Should the conditions of the probation be not adhered to or broken, the ruling Monarch may impose such penalty up to and including banishment as deemed necessary.

- B. A banishment or probation may be appealed to the Council of Crowns. Decisions of the Council of Crowns may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is Final.
- C. Said banishment must be published in the Kingdom newsletter.
- D. A letter of banishment shall be signed by the Monarchs and one of the following: 1) a witness, consisting of a kingdom officer OR 2) a notary – if by a notary, it shall be duly notarized in a standard manner. This letter shall be sent by certified mail to the person banished. The Kingdom Seneschal shall undertake the necessary paperwork.
- E. A Monarch may impose a banishment or set a probationary period as a judgment resulting from his own discretion, a Court of Chivalry, High Court, or Board Decision.
- F. A person banished from a Kingdom may appeal said banishment to the successors of the Monarch adjudging or renewing the banishment, or to the Board of Directors.  
 A person banished from a Kingdom shall have their banishment end when the first of the following is met (i.e. whichever comes first):
  - 1) 1) The time period of the banishment as set forth by the banishing body (whether Monarch or Court) expires
  - 2) If no time period is set forth by the banishing Monarch, the banishment shall end when an appeal to any succeeding, reigning Monarch overturns the banishment
  - 3) If no time period is set by a banishing Court (High Court or Court of Chivalry) or by the Board of Directors, the banishment shall end when an appeal to any succeeding, reigning Monarch overturns the banishment
  - 4) The requirements/tasks/conditions laid down by the banishing body are met by the subject of the banishment to the satisfaction of the banishing body
  - 5) An appeal to the Board of Directors overturns the banishment.
- G. Permanent banishment from The Realm of Chivalry may be imposed only by the Board of Directors.
- H. A permanent banishment is a permanent revocation of membership.
- I. A permanent banishment may only be adjudged for felonious acts.
- J. The head of a subordinate group, Keep, Barony, Duchy, or a Principality, may impose a ban or exclusion of attendance for functions sponsored by said group if in the determination of said leader it is in the group's best interest. Said exclusions of attendance may be appealed to the Kingdom granting the subordinate group's charter.

## **XVIII. EVENTS.**

- A. **Sponsoring Events.** Official events may be sponsored by any legal or formal entity of The Realm of Chivalry.
- B. **Autocrating an Event.** An event must have an autocrat, as defined in Section 22.1 of The Laws Of Government.

- C. **Kingdom Level Events.** The following are considered official Kingdom level events:
1. Chivalry Trials;
  2. Crown Tourney;
  3. Kingdom Champion Tourney; and
  4. Coronation.
- D. **Location of Event.** The event location shall be determined by the autocrat, and sponsoring group. Said location must be within the confines of the Kingdom or have the specific approval of the Monarch.
- E. **Event Funds.** Events may be funded either by (a) the sponsoring group or (b) assisted by the Kingdom subject to approval of the populace at a stated Kingdom meeting.
1. If startup or operational funds are provided by the sponsoring group, the sponsoring group retains the ability to keep all net profits if said sponsoring group is fiscally responsible. As long as no Kingdom funds are used, non-fiscally responsible sponsoring groups may retain up to \$100 in net profits, with all monies over \$100 to be reverted to the Kingdom, unless said funds are used to establish the fiscal responsibility of the sponsoring group.
  2. The sponsoring group shall return to the Kingdom any and all startup or operational funds provided by the Kingdom.
  3. If Kingdom funds are used; a fiscally responsible group shall pay to the Kingdom 10% from the net profits from an event and retain the balance.
  4. If Kingdom funds are used, a non-fiscally responsible group shall return to the Kingdom all of the net profits from an event.
  5. If a damage deposit was required for an event site and if that deposit was returned to the sponsoring group (Kingdom, Keep, etc) due to damage done by a member or their child that was due to malice or total failure to control their child – as determined by the autocrat and the Monarch – the said member may be held liable for the cost of the deposit to the sponsoring group.

## **XIX. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.**

- A. **Guide for Armored Combat (GAQ).** All Armored Combat shall be governed and administered as outlined in the Guide for Armored Combat within The Realm of Chivalry. (GAC)

### ***Modifying the Guide to Armored Combat.***

1. The Guide to Armored Combat, The Guide to Light Un-Armored Combat, and the Archers Regulation Code will be modified on a biyearly basis.
2. The Realm High Marshal has the responsibility to maintain the Guide to Armored Combat.
3. Requests for clarification or revision should be submitted to the Realm High Marshal, through the office of the Kingdom Marshal, on an ongoing basis. The Realm High Marshal will gather the proposed revisions, requests for clarification, or other appropriate documentation so as to consolidate them prior to month of March.
4. The Realm High Marshal shall hold a meeting of all interested Marshals and Qualified Fighters to discuss recommend and vote on proposed changes to the Guide to Armored Combat.
5. The Realm High Marshal will compile changes to the Guide for Armored Combat and apply them as required based on the above voting procedure.
6. The Guide to Armored Combat, with the changes and revisions, will be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Realm High Marshal for review (for legal issues only) during the April meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. **Guide for Light Un-Armored Combat (GLUC or Big Book of Boffer).** All Light Un-Armored Combat shall be governed and administered as outlined in the Guide for Light Un-Armored Combat within The Realm of Chivalry. (GLUC)

C. **The Archers Regulation Code.** All Archery shall be governed and administered as outlined in the The Archers Regulation Code within The Realm of Chivalry. (ARC)

D. **The Code(s) of Chivalry.** The creation of, testing for, rights, privileges and responsibilities of the Chivalry shall be governed and administered as outlined in the Code of Chivalry within The Kingdoms of the Realm of Chivalry.

E. **The Rules for Heraldic Submission.** The implementation and administration of Book Heraldry shall be performed as outlined in the Rules for Heraldic Submissions within The Realm of Chivalry. (RHS)

F. **The Book of Ceremonies.** The ceremonies of the kingdom in written form to be used in all formal ceremonies.

## XX. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. A paid member may:

1. Register a device through the College of Arms
2. Hold offices
3. Vote on Board member selections
4. May suggest Laws Of Government revisions and vote on them
5. Apply to earn Chivalric ranks and titles
6. Compete in Crown tournaments

7. Must be 18 years old
8. Cannot participate in any voting if membership has lapsed for more then 30 days

## XXI. DEFINITIONS.

- A. **Autocrat.** An autocrat of an event is the person or persons responsible for the scheduling, location, organization, operation, and post-event reporting. The autocrat is responsible for all funds spent and received with respect to the event.
- B. **Council of Crowns.** The Ruling Monarch and Royal Consorts of all of the established Kingdoms of the Realm of Chivalry. In the event that there is only one Kingdom, the Council of Crowns shall consist of the Ruling Monarch and Royal Consort of the Kingdom and all Royal Peers who are members in good standing and not under investigation nor in conflict of interest with the stated intentions of the Council.
- C. **Encampment.** Is an obviously defined group of temporary living quarters at an event.
- D. **Event.** An event is a social gathering of the membership of The Realm of Chivalry and guests for the purpose of promoting the purpose and ideals of The Realm and is held in garb. This may include public demonstrations of the arts, crafts and sciences promoted within The Realm.
- E. **Formal Entity.** A social group recognized by the Monarch, i.e. guilds, households, orders.
- F. **Legal Entity.** A fiscally responsible formal entity recognized by the Board of Directors as such, i.e. Keep, Barony, Duchy, Kingdom.
- G. **Member in Good Standing.** An adult member that has current dues and has not had the "good standing" status removed as a result of a probation and is not under permanent banishment.
- H. **Monarch.** The victorious contender at a Crown Tournament for a Kingdom. This person may receive the title of King, Queen, Crown Prince or Crown Princess as appropriate.
- I. **Official Event.** An official event is one, which is sponsored by a formal or legal entity and open to the general populace. An official event must be advertised in the appropriate Kingdom publication. Official events may not restrict access by any individual or group.
- J. **Probation.** A Monarch may place a person or persons under "probation" as a result of a Court of Chivalry, High Court, or as a mutually acceptable result of dispute mediation. Persons placed under probation must have the terms of that probation given to them in writing and must include the duration of the probation, which cannot exceed the duration of the Realm Monarch's reign, the conditions of the probation (e.g. they cannot use two handed weapons, they must cease the use of foul language, etc.) and the penalty for having filed probation. Said probation may include the suspension of "good standing" from the person's membership status for the duration of the probationary period. The intent of this probationary period is to give the Monarchy a chance to mediate a problem and seek social solutions rather than being forced to impose the extreme punishment of banishment.
- K. **Proxy Vote.** A vote submitted in writing or email, dated, for a single, specific vote or ballot, by a paid adult member in good standing, whom cannot be present at the time of a vote.



- L. **Regalia.** Any items, accessories, or device that is reserved for a specific office, group, or person; i.e. officers devices, white belts over 1 ½ inches white baldrics, gold unadorned chains, heavy unadorned silver chains, etc.  
Monarch and Royal Consort Regalia: Items reserved for use solely by the reigning monarchs and consorts (i.e. crowns, banners, the kingdom sword, etc.). The Seneschal shall keep a current list of all said regalia.
- M. **Regalia Funds.** To be used solely for purpose of cleaning and maintaining the crowns, Crown Prince and Princess's coronets, the Kingdom banner, and the Kingdom sword. This fund may also be used to make the ceremonial sashes and baldrics to be given at the investiture of new peers and to acquire gold chains for said peers. If this fund is to be used for any other regalia matter, it must be voted on and approved at a kingdom meeting.
- N. **Royal Consort.** The person so named in the letter of intent by the victorious contender at a Crown Tournament for a Kingdom. This person is the only person whom may receive the title of Queen, King, Crown Prince or Crown Princess as appropriate.
- O. **Successful Completion of a Reign.**
1. No outstanding petitions for a High Court.
  2. No outstanding petitions for a Court of Chivalry.
  3. Completion of the entire reign, coronation to coronation with the exception of inability to complete the entire reign due to circumstances beyond the Monarch's control. (Job relocation, verified illness, etc.)
    - a. At least six months of the reign must be completed.
    - b. Council of Crowns must approve.
  4. Cannot have been removed by vote of confidence or for cause.
  5. Must have remained member in good standing throughout the reign.
  6. Must have attended the four required events during their reign (Their coronation, Chivalry Trials, Crown Tournament, and the Coronation of their successors.
- P. **Sumptual.** A law, or laws, defining the use and display of regalia. The sumptuary laws pertaining to regalia that should be in common across all Kingdoms of the Realm are found in this document and in the supporting documents.
- Q. **Unofficial Event.** An unofficial event is one, which does not meet the definition of an official event or falls within one of the following descriptions: fighter practice, guild meetings, and gatherings of subordinate groups. This list is not exclusive. Donations may be sought at an unofficial event to cover the cost of supplies, but may not in any other way charge a fee

## XXII. AMENDMENT OF LAWS OF GOVERNMENT.

- A. These laws may be amended, altered, or repealed on a biyearly basis, as follows:
- B. The Board of Directors shall compile from the membership or create alterations, amendments or repeals at the third quarterly meeting.
- C. Said amendment, alteration or repeal will then be submitted for publication and submission within a thirty day period for all adult paid members review, comment and approval.
- D. Said amendment, alteration or repeal will be approved or rejected by a majority vote of the responding membership. All votes must be received by the Board of Directors no later than two weeks prior to the fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.
- E. Amended laws are considered in effect as of the fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and the membership so informed in the Kingdom publication.

### **XXIII. INTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

- A. **INTENT OF THE FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS.** The intent of these restrictions is to remind us that whilst The Realm of Chivalry is important to each and every one of us, it is a hobby for fun. The most important expenses that are incurred are those relating to events. It is at these events that we create the dreams, goals and aspirations that make us what and who we are. Remember, that if a fundraiser does not raise sufficient funds for its purpose, then perhaps the purpose was not important enough to the membership at large. This is an important concept and one that will hopefully be maintained over the years.

### **XXIV. SABATICAL**

- A. Any member that finds it necessary to take a leave of absence from the Realm Of Chivalry yet wishes to return at a later date may do so without penalty of loosing their titles or registered devices by completing the following:
  - 1. Submitting a letter of intent or need, or a public statement of intent or need.
  - 2. Paying all back membership dues.
  - 3. Complete requirements as stated in the Rules For Heraldry Submission.
  - 4. Completing the requirements as stated in the Code of Conduct for the orders of Chivalry.
- B. If, after 7 years, the person taking the sabbatical has had no contact with the Realm –contact meaning: attending events or Realm/kingdom/barony/keep meetings, discussions on the Realm/kingdom/barony email list – their sabbatical shall be considered at an end and the titles, ranks, etc are forfeit.

### **XXV. Lifetime Memberships**

- A. Lifetime membership \$250.00 payable all at once, or quarterly payments of \$70.00 = \$280.00.

## **XXVI. ANYTHING NOT COVERED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

It is the deliberate intent that anything not specifically covered by this document, nor the supporting documents, comes under the purview of the Monarchs of the various Kingdoms of the Realm. These documents are meant to outline the flavor that is The Realm of Chivalry, and it anticipated that some regional differences will occur. Whilst this does give the Monarchs a great deal of power, it must be tempered with the idea that no Crown is secure if the people of the Kingdom do not back it. That is why there is a mechanism for the removal of a Monarch, should that extreme be necessary.

ADOPTED this day 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018

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