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### DEFINITIONS

The Avantgarde: The official newsletter of the Principality of Avacal

Board (BoD): Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc.

Consort: The member who was fought for in the Coronet Lists and was invested as royalty.

The Coronet: The Prince and Princess of Avacal, acting together. They reign subject to the overall guidance of the Crown.

Corpora: The document defining those policies governing historical recreation within the Society, and those policies applicable to the entire Society.

The Crier: The official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir.

The Crown: The Sovereign and Consort of An Tir, acting jointly.

Curia: A council of the Coronet, officers and Coronet advisors meeting to assist in administering the Principality. Curia is open to the populace

Member: Paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Noble Estate: A body comprised of the Royalty, the Royal Peers, and the

Territorial Barons and Baronesses of An Tir, meeting to advise the Crown as needed.

Principality: A geographical area of the Kingdom which has the right to select a reigning Prince and Princess by armored combat.

Proclamation: A directive of the Crown or Coronet that shall have effect only during the reign of the proclaiming Royalty.

Regent: The person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.

Royal Heirs: The victor in the Royal Lists and the victor's consort for the period between the victory and the Coronation (kingdom) or Investiture (principality).

Royalty: The Sovereign, Consort, Crown Prince and Princess, Principality

Tanist and Tanista: The heirs to the Coronet.

## **ARTICLE I. THE LAW**

I.A. The word of the Coronet is law is subject to modern law, the governing documents of the Society and the Crown of An Tir.

I.B. Any amendments must be reviewed and signed by the Coronets of Avacal, the Principality Seneschal, and reviewed and signed by Their Majesties of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal prior to proclamation. Amendments shall be published in the Principality newsletter, the Avantgarde, and in the Kingdom newsletter, the Crier, and proclaimed at a legal Society event before they are fully in effect.

I.C. This is the current Laws of Avacal and all earlier versions are repealed.

I.D. The Laws of Avacal shall be published in their entirety once each year in the Principality newsletter. A complete and current copy of the Law shall be maintained on the Principality web site.

I.E. The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in the Laws of the Principality of Avacal and shall be treated as though they are part of Principality Law. They are subject to the policies & laws put forth by Kingdom Law:

- A. Avacal Calendar Policy
- B. Avacal A&S Competition Guidelines
- C. Avacal Financial Policy

## **ARTICLE II. THE CORONET**

### ***II.A. General:***

The duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are detailed in Corpora, what follows is particular to Avacal. The responsibilities and privileges of the Coronet are similar in scope within the Principality of Avacal as is the Crown within An Tir.

### ***II.B. Maintenance and Succession***

II.B.1 Should the results of a Coronet Tournament be declared invalid for any reason, a Coronet Tournament shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture Event. This tournament shall be limited to eligible fighters who competed in the invalidated Coronet Tournament. The winner of the tournament and the person they fought for shall be invested immediately.

II.B.2 If the Coronet fails to complete their reign, the Tanist and Tanista shall act as regents until their investiture. If there is no Tanist and Tanista, the Armoured Champion of Avacal shall serve as Regent. If the Armoured Champion cannot carry out the Regent duties, the Champions shall select the most suitable royal peer to serve as Regent. The Regent's sole responsibility is to host a Coronet List as soon as practically possible and to immediately invest the winner and consort as Prince and Princess. The Regent may not change law or give awards. Failure to reign includes: failure to attend Principality events unless such failure to attend is beyond the control of the Prince or Princess and no failure of intent to reign is demonstrated; abdication; failure to perform the duties of the Coronet as judged by the Crown of An Tir with the advice of the Seneschal and the four Champions.

II.B.3 Should a Prince or Princess be unable to complete their reign, it is acceptable to have the remaining Prince or Princess complete the reign.

### ***II.C. Responsibilities:***

The Coronet must attend all Principality events. The Coronet must swear fealty to the Crown at the time of Kingdom Coronation in some fashion acceptable to that Crown. If the failure to swear fealty at this time is beyond the control of the Coronet, they will make arrangements to swear fealty in some fashion acceptable to the Crown as soon as possible thereafter.

#### **II.D. Privileges:**

The Coronet and their heirs shall not be charged event fees. The Coronet shall be reimbursed for reasonable mailing, photocopying, telephone and travel costs incurred in conjunction with their reign, upon submission of receipts to the Avacal Exchequer. Total costs submitted within a given reign may not exceed \$1500. The Travel Fund is not to drop below a balance of \$300. This fund will be supplemented by funds from the General Operating Account should this occur.

### **ARTICLE III. CHAMPIONS OF AVACAL**

#### **III.A. General:**

III.A.1. The four Champions of Avacal are: Champion of Sword (heavy or rattan combat), Champion of Arrows (light or missile combat), Champion of Arts & Sciences, and Champion of Rapier.

III.A.2. Each Champion will serve a term of one year.

III.A.3. No person may serve as two Champions at the same time. No person may enter more than one Champions Tourney at one time.

III.A.4. If the Champion is unable to serve, the Coronet shall choose a suitable person to serve and oversee the next tourney.

III.A.5. A Champion must gain permission from the Coronets prior to the Coronet tournament if they wish to enter or be fought for in the Coronet Lists.

III.A.6. To enter competition for any Avacal Championship, entrants must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as Champion.

III.A.7. Entrants must have an Avantgarde Subscription and maintain it during their tenure as Champion

#### **III.B Duties**

III.B.1. The Champions must swear an oath of fealty and service to the Coronet

III.B.2 The Champions have the duty to advise the Coronet. They shall support and defend the Principality of Avacal, and serve the Coronet to the best of their ability.

III.B.3 The Champions are expected to attend all Principality Events, unless granted permission by the Coronet not to do so.

III.B.4. The Champions must oversee the tournament to choose their successor at the Investiture Events (See section 6). They are responsible for the regalia of their office and must pass it on to their successor.

III.B.5. The Armoured Champion has a role to play in the maintenance and succession of the Coronet. (As per Article III.B.2).

III B.6. The Light Champion must be able to take the field in support of the Coronet in war.

#### **III.C. Rights**

III.C.1 The Champions have the right and duty to attend the Coronet at Court and at war, and *have* a place near the Coronets' table at feasts. The Champion of Sword is to stand armed at the Prince's Throne, and the Champion of Rapier is to stand armed at the Princess's Throne.

III.C.2. Champions shall not be charged site fees at Principality Events. This does not include feast fees.

## **ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

### ***IV.A. General***

Principality Officers will act within Avacal as Kingdom Officers act within the Kingdom. The job descriptions of these officers are in Corpora and Kingdom Law. Officers are expected to keep in touch with both their superiors and subordinates. Officers shall serve a two year term of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their Kingdom superior. Warrants for all Greater Officers of State and their regional subordinates are required to be presented to each Coronet on the occasion of Their Investiture for review and renewal of warrant of office.

IV.A.1 Six months prior to the end of each two year term Officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in the Principality Newsletter. This advertisement shall run continuously for no less than 3 months. Principality Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

IV.A.2. The Great Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chatelaine, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Herald, the Chronicler, the Web Minister, the Scribe and the Chirurgeon.

IV.A.3. The Lesser Officers of State in Avacal shall be: the Principality Calendar, the deputy for New & Incipient Branches, Chamberlain, the Minister of the Lists, the Provost Marshal for Rapier Combat, the Royal Archer, the Warlord of Avacal, the Principality Bard, the Principality Gamesmaster/mistress, the Principality Regalia, and the Lord/Lady Regent of Their Highnesses University of Avacal

IV.A.4. The job descriptions and structure of the Principality Officers shall mirror that of the Kingdom of An Tir.

IV.A.5. Principality Officers must have a current membership in the SCA, Inc., and must maintain it during their tenure as officer.

IV.A.6. Principality Officers must maintain a subscription to the Principality Newsletter, the Avantgarde, at their place of residence.

IV.A.7 Principality Officers shall attend the four Principality events and report at Curia meetings. The Coronet may grant permission to be absent in extraordinary circumstances. In such cases, a suitable replacement must be arranged by the absent officer to carry out the duties associated with the event and a report should be submitted at Curia.

### ***IV.B. Terms***

All other officers within Avacal, whether Baronial, Canton, Shire, College etc., shall serve two year terms of office so long as their duties are carried out in a manner satisfactory to the Coronet and their appropriate superior. Six months prior to the end of their two year term officers must begin to advertise the availability of their position in their local newsletter and at their monthly business meeting. Officers may apply to serve a consecutive term and if so, their request will be judged alongside those of any other applicants. No individual may serve in the same capacity for more than four consecutive years.

#### **IV.C. Reporting**

IV.D.1. The calendar year is divided into the following reporting quarters:

- a) First Quarter = January, February, March.
- b) Second Quarter = April, May, June.
- c) Third Quarter = July, August, September.
- d) Fourth Quarter = October, November, December.

IV.D.2. All branch officers are to report on the previous quarter to their Principality superior or designated reporting deputy by the first of the following months: February, May, August, and November.

IV.D.3. Principality Officers and Reporting deputies are to report to their kingdom superiors by the fifteenth of the following months: February, May, August, and November. In the case of Principality officers, copies must be sent to the Coronet and Principality Seneschal.

IV.D.4. If there is no Principality or designated reporting officer to report to, an officer must report directly to their Kingdom superior.

IV.D.5. A copy of each report shall be provided to the branch seneschal, and the Baron and Baroness or Royal Patron of the branch.

IV.D.6. A Kingdom Officer can require greater reporting frequency from any officer within their purview if the needs of the office dictate.

IV.D.7. Failure to report by the required deadline will result in a warning from the principality superior and an expectation to report no later than two weeks thereafter. If a Branch receives their first warning and fails to provide the next report on time, the officer will be asked to vacate their position and a replacement found. If a branch officer is put on probation for 2 reporting periods, a late or missing report will mean the dismissal of that officer. Exceptions to this clause may be made on a case-by-case basis before the deadline.

#### **ARTICLE V. AWARDS, ORDERS AND HONOURS**

V.A. Elders of Avacal: former Champions of Avacal who have fulfilled their duties and completed their term as Champion shall be styled an Elder of Avacal. This is bestowed at the time of the investiture of their successor.

V.B. The Gilded Gryphon is Avacal's service award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.C. The Order of the Golden Flame is Avacal's arts and science award, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.D. The Order of the White Claw is Avacal's award for representing the Principality in an extraordinary way, in your chosen field, outside of Avacal, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.E. The Order of the Red Oak is Avacal's award for being a shining example of chivalry and courtesy on a consistent basis and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.F. The Order of the Heart and Gryphon is Avacal's award to honour excellence in period dress, thought, speech, behaviour and encampment, and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.G. The Order of Fortitude is Avacal's award to honour excellence in martial activities be it archery, rapier or heavy combat and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.H. The Order of the Red Gryphon of Avacal is bestowed once per reign by the Coronet. It is given to honour those who emulate the ideals and embody the essence of Avacal, An Tir, and the Laurel Kingdoms.

V.I. The Order of the Silver Lute is Avacal's award for excellence in the performing arts and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.J. Order of the Gilded Feather is Avacal's award given to children who have served the principality in some form and is bestowed by the will of The Coronet.

V.K. The Silver Gryphon is given to the combatant and consort who finish second in Coronet Tournament.

V.L. Those entrants who gain second place within their designated Championship competitions shall be honoured with the following:

V.L.1 Iron Maul: Given to the runner up in Sword Champions Tournament

V.L.2 Iron Arrow: Given to the runner up in the Arrows Champion Tournament

V.L.3 Iron Gauntlet: Given to the runner up in the Rapier Champion Tournament

V.L.4 Iron Quill: Given to the runner up in the Arts & Sciences Champion Tournament

V.M. The Throne's Favor is given by the Coronet to a subject or group for a significant contribution to the Principality through conspicuous service.

## **ARTICLE VI. AVACAL CALENDAR**

### ***VI.A. Principality Events***

VI.A.1. The Principality events shall be the two Coronet Tournaments, two Coronet Investitures, Quad War, Avacal-Tir Righ War and Coronet Councils scheduled at the pleasure of the Coronet.

VI.A.2. Within the borders of Avacal, no event may conflict with a Principality Event. The Principality Events will be held on the most practical weekends nearest to these dates:

VI.A.3. Last weekend in February: Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Arts & Sciences (see section [VI.A.5](#)) and Avacal Champion of Rapier will be chosen at this event.

VI.A.4. First weekend of June: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

VI.A.5. Long weekend in August: Quad War & Investiture. The hosts of this event will rotate between the Baronies of Avacal as detailed in the Calendar Policy. Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista. The Champion of Sword and the Champion of Arrow will be chosen at this event.

VI.A.6. Last weekend in November: Coronet Tourney. At the close of the tourney, the winner and consort will be invested with the titles of Tanist and Tanista.

VI.A. 7 Weekend before An Tir-West War: Avacal-Tir Righ. The hosts of this Inter-Principality event will be decided by Their Highnesses Avacal and Their Highnesses Tir Righ.

### ***VI.B. Principality Event Rotation***

Coronet Tournaments and November Investiture will be hosted equally by all branches of Avacal on an alphabetical rotation basis as detailed in the Calendar Policy. Changes to this rotation must be approved by The Coronet.

### **VI.C. Division of profit.**

Thirty percent of any profit made on a Principality Event may be kept by the host group; 60% is due directly to the Principality Exchequer within 60 days; and 10% is due to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer. Avacal-Tir Righ being the exception and to be decided by the two principalities in negotiations prior to the event.

### **VI.D. Coronet Tournaments**

VI.D.1. Entrants to the Coronet list must have lived within the borders of Avacal for 6 months preceding the Tourney, and expect to remain a resident for the duration of their reign.

VI.D.2. Each competitor and prospective consort must hold a valid membership on the day of the Royal Lists, and must maintain that membership until their term of Royalty is over. Within ten business days after being declared victor in the Coronet Tourney, the Victor and Consort must present to the Kingdom Seneschal proof that their memberships are current through at least the end of the prospective reign.

Positive confirmation consists of: A valid membership card, appearance of the name with a valid membership on a printout from the Corporate Office, a membership label issued by the Corporate Office showing the name and Expiration date, or Receipt of online membership (as downloaded from the renewal website), or a postcard or letter from the Corporate office confirming that the membership has been received

VI.D.3 All entrants and their consort must have a subscription to the principality newsletter, the Avantgarde.

### **VI.E. Champions Tournaments**

VI.E.1. Entrants to the Champions tournaments must be resident in Avacal at the time of the tourney, and expect to remain a resident for the duration of their term.

VI.E.2. The Arts and Sciences Championship shall be run by the Minister of Arts & Sciences in conjunction with The Coronet and the current Champion. The format and rules of the competition shall be as stated in the document "The Avacal Arts & Sciences Championship Guidelines", dated August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or AS XLIV as signed by The Coronet, the Minister of Arts and Sciences and the Avacal Champion of Arts & Sciences. This document can only be revised by The Coronet and the current Arts & Sciences Minister.

VI.E.2.a. Any person wishing to enter the Arts & Sciences Championship Tournament must declare their intent and provide a list of their planned entries to The Coronet, the Champion and the Arts & Sciences Minister, in writing, no later than January 15th of same year as the Championship Tournament.

### **VI.F. Maximum number of branch events**

VI.F.1. Baronies may not exceed a maximum of three official events per Calendar year; shires and cantons may not exceed a maximum of two official events per Calendar year. Principality events do NOT count toward the maximum number of events a branch may hold. Branches that do not use their maximum may donate their remaining event(s) to another group. Incipient shires may have one event set on the Calendar by their sponsoring branch; this event does NOT count as part of their maximum number of events for the sponsoring branch.

## **ARTICLE VII. Their Highnesses University of Avacal (THUA)**

VII.A. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is an extension of The Sovereign and Consort of Avacal (the Coronet) intended to foster and develop the pursuit of mediaeval research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal.

VII.B. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is overseen, on the behalf of The Coronets, by a Lord/Lady Regent. The Regent is a Principality Officer, S/He and all THUA chancellors are warranted by The Coronet. Their Highnesses University of Avacal is governed by the Tenets of Their Highnesses University of Avacal. These tenets can only be changed by the Coronet.

VII.C. The Coronet holds the title, Lord and Lady of the University of Avacal.

**ARTICLE VIII. Collection, recording, and remittance of the Non Member Surcharge.**

VIII.A. Branches within Avacal hosting an Official Event (defined herein as an Event advertised in the Crier, the newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir) are required to collect, record and remit the Non Member Surcharge (NMS) to the Kingdom Exchequer or designate pursuant to Society, Kingdom and Avacal law and no later than thirty (30) days from the last day the Event was held.

VIII.B. It is the duty of the Event Steward and the Exchequer of the hosting branch to collect, record and remit the NMS payment and supporting documentation (such documentation as determined time to time by the Greater Officers of Avacal, the Seneschal and the Exchequer, acting together) within thirty (30) days of the last day the Event was held.

VIII.C. Failure of the Event Steward and Branch Exchequer to collect, record and remit the NMS and supporting documentation within the time limit imposed herein will result in the hosting branch being declared 'delinquent'. A delinquent branch will be barred from placing further Official Events on the Avacal Calendar until receipt of said outstanding NMS and supporting documentation. Upon receipt of both the outstanding NMS and supporting documentation, the branch will no longer be deemed delinquent and the bar from placing Official Events on the Avacal Calendar will be lifted.

**ARTICLE IX. Principality Committees**

IX.A. The Council of the Exchequer is the financial committee for the Principality.

IX.A.1. The Council of the Exchequer shall consist of:

- (1) The Coronets.
- (2) The Heirs (when applicable).
- (3) The Principality Seneschal.
- (4) The Principality Exchequer.
- (5) Designated representatives of the above as acceptable to the Coronets.

IX.A.2. Two thirds of the members of the Council of the Exchequer shall be required for a quorum.

- (1) The Coronet is considered one member for a quorum, and a decision by either shall be considered the Coronet's decision.
- (2) The Heirs are considered one member for a quorum.
- (3) Actions by the Council of the Exchequer shall require consent by a majority of the votes of the quorum; however no expenditures shall be authorized which benefit specific individuals or that do not further the Society's non-profit purpose.

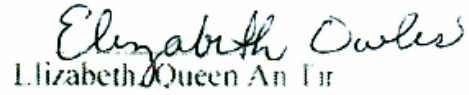
IX.A.3 The Council of the Exchequer shall:

- (1) Set budgets for the operation of the Principality.
- (2) Approve extraordinary expenditures.
- (3) Set Avacal Financial policy with approval by the Crown & Kingdom Exchequer.
- (4) Meet at:
  - (a) Coronet Tournaments after the Heirs have been chosen.
  - (b) Investiture before the Investiture of the new Coronets.
  - (c) Other times as requested by the Coronets, the Principality Seneschal or the Principality Exchequer.

This document made by Our Hands on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November Anno Societatis 44, being the year 2009 Gregorian:



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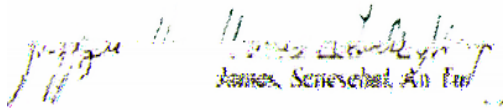
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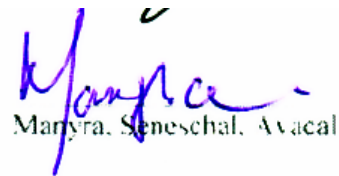
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