

Laws of The Principality of Cynagua

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ARTICLE I: THE LAW

Section 1– Source of Law

The Word of the Coronet is Law within the Principality. The right of the Coronet to ordain Law within the Principality is limited only by the Crown and Laws of the West, the governing documents and decisions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and the laws of the mundane political entities having jurisdiction within the Principality.

Section 2 – Amendments

The laws of the Principality may be amended by the Coronet by proclaiming and publishing specific changes, additions, or deletions to specific Articles and Sections. Other proclamations shall be understood to be in effect only during the reign of the Coronet and shall lapse upon the Investiture of Their Successors.

Section 3 – Proclamations

Any proclamation or amendment of the laws shall be understood to be in effect from the moment it is spoken, but no subject of the Principality shall be accountable for breaking the law due to ignorance, until that law or proclamation has been published.

Section 4 – Publication

Publishing of the proclamations and amendments will be done by the printing the proclamations or amendments in the Principality newsletter and in The Page.

Section 5 – Availability

A complete and current draft of the laws will be compiled by the Office of the Seneschal and made available to the populace at the Spring Coronet Tournament.

ARTICLE II: TOURNAMENTS AND INVESTITURES

Section 1 – Scheduling

There will be two Coronet Tournaments and two Investitures each year. Spring Coronet Tournaments will be held on the Sunday of the last full weekend (Friday through Monday) of May (i.e. Memorial Day Weekend) and October Coronet will be held on the Saturday closest to October 31st. Winter Investiture will be held on the last Saturday of January and Summer Investiture will be held on the Saturday closest to July 14.

Section 2 – Entry to Lists

Each authorized fighter, belted or unbelted, residing in the Principality is privileged to compete in the Coronet Lists provided they are in compliance with the Rules of the Lists, the Laws of the Principality, the Laws of the Kingdom, the Corpora of our Society, the mundane entity having jurisdiction, and have not been excluded by the Coronet for reasons it deems valid.

Section 3 – Eligibility

Each competitor in the Coronet Lists must agree to the following conditions to be eligible to compete in the Coronet Lists:

- A. The victor will reign.
- B. The victor will attend the next two Investitures, and the next Coronet Tournament.
- C. The competitor has a Companion who will reign.
- D. The Competitor and Companion are paid members of the SCA, Inc., and reside at an address which receives the Kingdom newsletter.
- E. The Competitor and Companion are aware that these positions will require expenditures in excess of membership fees, which may include, but not be limited to the following: site fees, telephone costs, transportation cost and other expenses related to reigning.
- F. The Competitor or Companion must have resided within the Principality at least thirty days prior to the Coronet Tournament and/or be acceptable to the Coronets.
- G. Each competitor in a Royal List must be fighting for a prospective consort of the opposite sex unless the Coronet has elected to permit a competitor to fight for a prospective consort of the same sex.

Section 4 – Combat Conventions

The Coronet Lists combat conventions shall be the same as those of the Kingdom Crown Lists.

Section 5 – Succession

Neither of the Coronets may succeed themselves to either throne.

Section 6 – A Plaisance

Should the Coronet Sovereign or the Consort choose to fight upon the field for His or Her own pleasure, the Herald shall announce that the fight is a plaisance.

Section 7 – Titles

The victor and their Consort of the Coronet tournament shall bear the titles of Lord of the Swan and Lady of the Swan until their Investiture.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers

Officers of the Principality will consist of the following:

- A. The Great Officers, and such deputies as they may choose to appoint.
- B. Established Lesser Officers, and such deputies as they may choose to appoint.
- C. Such other Lesser Officers, and their deputies as the Coronet may choose to appoint for the duration of Their reign.
- D. And each of these Greater and Lesser Officers will be responsible for their regalia, signing a receipt for said regalia at the time they assume their office and passing the regalia to the succeeding officer at the time they step down. (Copies of the signed receipt should be delivered to the Coronet and the seneschal at the time an officer position changes over.)

Section 2 – Reports

Each Great Officer and each Established Lesser Officer shall give a written report on the State of their Office to the Prince and Princess of Cynagua, the Lord and Lady of the Swan and the Seneschal of Cynagua, thirty days prior to Cynagua Principality Investiture or at the time of the scheduled Cynagua Officers Meeting, whichever occurs first. At the request of the Prince and Princess of Cynagua and/or the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the "Council of the Purse" shall be convened no later than thirty days prior to Cynagua Principality Investiture or at the time of the scheduled Cynagua Officers' Meeting, whichever occurs first.

Section 3 – Great Officers

The Great Officers shall be the following:

- A. The Seneschal, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Principality.
- B. The Sable Swan Herald, who shall be responsible for heraldic devices, orders of precedence, ceremony, and announcements at events.
- C. The Principality Marshal, who shall have jurisdiction over fighting and the field of honor.
- D. The Chancellor of the Exchequer who shall be responsible for accounting for the monies of the Principality and the vassal branches of the Principality; and shall have custody of the monies of the Principality.
- E. The Minister of the Arts and Sciences, who shall be responsible for the encouragement and display of the medieval arts and medieval sciences in the Principality.
- F. The Chronicler, who shall be responsible for maintaining the Principality newsletter; and the publishing and circulation thereof.
- G. The Constable who shall be responsible for security and shall act as liaison with the mundane/general public.

Section 4 – Lesser Officers

The Lesser Officers shall be the following:

- A. The Minister of the Lists, who shall be responsible for the scheduling of fights in the Coronet Lists, and shall maintain records of the names of the qualified authorized fighters in the Principality. The Minister of the Lists shall serve under the Marshal as a chief deputy.
- B. The Chatelaine, who shall act as an interface to the public media, and who shall encourage recruiting activities in the Principality. Furthermore, while the Gold Key Deputy is responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) at all Principality events, the Chatelaine is ultimately responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb as the Gold Key is the deputy of the Chatelaine.
 - 1. The Chatelaine may appoint a Gold Key deputy with the consent of the Coronet and upon approval of the Kingdom Gold Key Officer. If there is no Gold Key deputy, the Chatelaine shall assume the responsibilities of the Gold Key deputy.
 - 2. The Gold Key deputy will be directly responsible to the Chatelaine to assist the Chatelaine with offering loaner garb to the mundane/general public and shall report directly to the Chatelaine.
 - 3. The Gold Key deputy shall be directly responsible for the storage and offering of loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) to the mundane/general public at both Cynagua Coronets, both Cynagua Investitures and the Cynagua-Mist War where Cynagua is hosting the war. The Deputy shall keep a record of who is borrowing which pieces of “loaner garb” so that it can be recovered if the person does not return it before the end of an event.
 - 4. The Gold Key deputy shall be responsible for maintaining a written record, i.e. a written inventory, of the loaner garb (i.e. period costumes) and shall submit a copy of this record semi annually at the Cynagua Officers Meeting.
 - 5. The “loaner garb” (i.e. period costumes) are the property of the principality of Cynagua. The Chatelaine and Gold Key deputy must confer with the Principality Seneschal (or a deputy assigned by the Seneschal for the purpose) prior to disposing of any loaner garb. Any property that is disposed of must be accounted for on the inventory records. It must be indicated both how it was disposed of and the reason why.
- C. The Minister of the Bow, who shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to archery and light or missile weapons combat in the Principality. The Minister of the Bow shall serve under the Marshal as a chief deputy.
- D. The Sable Swan Scribe, who shall encourage, foster, and coordinate the production of scrolls as they pertain to the populace of the Principality, and is the chancellor of the College of Cynaguan Scribes. The college shall produce scrolls for the royalty to present as commutations of certain awards as well as charters, formal declarations, and credentials for formal representatives to foreign court.
- E. The Minister of the Mint, who shall have the responsibility and privilege of producing coinage, as requested by the Prince and Princess.
- F. The Keeper of the Regalia, who shall store, maintain, inventory, and transport the regalia of the Principality.

- G. The Mentor of Youth Activities, who shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to children within the Principality, in conjunction with the Kingdom Chancellor Minor and Youth Activities office.
- H. The Equestrian Minister, who shall be responsible for the encouragement, development and research into medieval equestrian arts. They are also responsible for the maintenance of rules to enforce the governing of the use of all horses at Principality events. This office will serve under and be answerable to the Principality Marshalate.
- J. The Rapier Marshal, shall encourage and coordinate activities pertaining to rapier combat in the Principality. The Rapier Marshal shall serve under the Marshal as a chief deputy.

Section 5 – Other Lesser Officers

Other Lesser Officers shall take office when the Coronet chooses to appoint a person to fill the following offices:

- A. The Chancellor, who shall be responsible for advising the Coronet of SCA and modern-era matters. This officer may remain in office as long as the Royalty who appointed him/her shall reign.
- B. The Prince's or Princess' Chamberlain, who shall be responsible to assist the Prince and/or Princess in all matters, and shall offer such counsel as seems meet.
- C. Such other offices as the Coronet may establish.

ARTICLE IV: AWARDS

Section 1 – The Ruxton

Upon recommendation by the Peers of this Principality, the "Ruxton" is bestowed by the Coronets of Cynagua on those members of the populace who have performed extraordinary service to the Principality. Extraordinary service is defined as that service which is above and beyond all general standards of duty as exemplified by holding offices or Autocrating events, without thought of personal gain or glory, over an extended period of time.

Section 1.1

The Ruxton shall come with an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already have one.

Section 1.2

There will be a maximum of two awards given per reign.

Section 1.3

There is no token for this award, as the award itself is given for service normally "unseen" and not normally visible to the public's view.

Section 2 – The Cambium Award

The Cambium Award (cambium: a thin formative layer between the xylem and phylum of most vascular plants that gives rise to new cells and is responsible for secondary growth-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary) may be awarded by Their Highnesses upon recommendation by one or more of the peers residing in the Principality, to a person who exhibits a cheerful willingness to actively participate in the establishment and preservation of the ambiance (milieu vital) of the Current Middle Ages by:

- A. Adopting a persona.
- B. Wearing apparel appropriate to the time/space of the persona.
- C. Demonstrating at least a beginning level of understanding of the mode, manner, mores, and mood of the persona.
- D. Expressing an interest in learning the culture as expressed by the language, arts, crafts, sciences, religion, social structure, or habits of the persona.

Section 2.1

The token of the Award shall be a small wooden heart pendant from a gold (yellow) ribbon.

Section 3 – The Order of La Courtesia

The Order of La Courtesia may be offered to those the Coronet finds deserving of great honor for exhibiting the following behavior:

- A. Courtesy and friendliness; not only manifested by gallantry in the presence of the known and titled, powerful, but in the presence of the as yet unknown, the meek and humble.
- B. Grace and forbearance in times of stress as well as in times of peace.

Section 3.1

The token of the Order shall be a crystal snowflake, pendant from a silver (white) ribbon.

Section 4 – The Order of the Friendly Castle

The Order of the Friendly Castle may be offered to those the Coronet finds deserving of great honor for the qualities of "high hospitality" by:

- A. Cheerfully providing shelter, feeding or clothing members of the populace to the fullest extent their means allow.
- B. Graciously sharing their information and knowledge with anyone who would seek it.

Section 4.1

The token of the Order shall be a token of a heraldic "friendly castle" (a two towered castle with an open portal) with a swan perched above the castle, suspended from a sable (black) ribbon.

Section 5 – Order of the Hearth Stone

The Order of the Hearth Stone may be awarded by the Prince and Princess to a person who continuously exhibits a medieval camp and pavilion, thereby enhancing the Current Middle Ages for all.

Section 5.1

The token of the Order shall be a piece of landscape jasper within a setting of silver.

Section 6 – Order of the Black Swan

The Order of the Black Swan is to be awarded by the Princess to those combatants who fought and reached the final round of the Coronet Lists, but failed to prevail.

Section 6.1

The perpetual token of the Order shall be a triangular silver medallion with a silver swan holding a sword, pendant from a silver chain. This individual medallion shall be handed down to the most recent runner-up, whether he be a new or old member of the Order.

Section 6.2

A smaller permanent token of the same design shall be given to each new member.

Section 6.3

The Princess shall award the perpetual token as soon as she deems it possible after the Coronet Lists, and shall award the permanent token to each new member at that time also.

Section 7 – The Order of the Swan's Heart

The Order of the Swan's Heart is to be awarded to the Consort of the runner up in the Coronet tournament.

Section 7.1

The token of this order shall be a heart fashioned from a stone of worth and pendant from an argent ribbon. This token shall be awarded to each new member.

Section 8 – Cynaguan Medal of Honor

The Cynaguan Medal of Honor is given by the Coronet to those fighters who have demonstrated valor, bravery, and skill in times of war.

Section 8.1

The Medal shall be a metal swan talisman, pendant from a green and red ribbon.

Section 9 – Order of the Crystal Swan

The Order of the Crystal Swan shall be the exclusive Order bestowed upon and honoring all past Consorts of Cynagua. Each Consort shall induct Their predecessor into the Order at Their Investiture.

Section 9.1

The token for this award shall either be one acceptable to the Coronet, or a small pendant of a "crystal swan" strung on a ribbon of white, black or gold.

Section 10 – Order of the Cygnet

The Order of the Cygnet is given by the Coronet to the younger members of the realm (under the age of 16 years) for their contributions to the Principality.

Section 10.1

The token for the order shall be a black wooden swan suspended from a black ribbon.

Section 11 – Scutiferus Cynaguae

The secondary service award in the Principality shall be called the Scutiferus Cynaguae (Shieldbearer of Cynagua) and be awarded by Their Highnesses for exceptional service to the Principality. The award shall only be given to individuals.

Section 11.1

The token for this award shall be a small bronze shield suspended by a black ribbon.

Section 11.2

The collective recipients of this award shall be known as the Scutiferuli Cynaguae (Shield bearers of Cynagua).

Section 12 – The Roll of Captains

Their Highnesses may honor the Captain of Their guard by ordering his/her name inscribed upon the Roll of Captains, that his/her service to the Coronet shall be remembered.

Section 12.1

The person entered into this Roll shall receive a token bearing a helmet with torse and mantling, suspended from a black ribbon.

Section 13 – The Cynaguan Order of Grace

It is the sole prerogative of the Consort of Cynagua to bestow this award to those persons felt to be exceptional in courtesy and chivalry.

Section 13.1

There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 13.2

The token for this order will be a gold tone "C" with a crystal suspended from its base.

Section 14 – Order of the Melan Pteron Cynagua

The Melan Pteron Cynagua is awarded by the Coronet for Achievement in the arts and sciences. The Coronet can only offer this award to a person for any art or science performed within the Principality or for the benefit of the Principality.

Section 14.1

This award shall consist of a token which is in the form of a black feather.

Section 15 – Order of the Gilded Swan

The Coronet may honor those fighters in the Principality who have added to the pageantry on the field of honor by the display of period armor while on the field of combat.

Section 15.1

The token for the Order is a bronze pendant of a helm with torse and mantling which is in the shape of a swan.

Section 15.2

No more than two new members shall be admitted to this Order per reign.

Section 16 – Torse Cynagua

The Coronet may award the Torse Cynagua to a fighter who has shown particular courtesy, chivalry and/or valor in the Coronet lists. This award is to be given out at the Coronet tourney after the lists and may be given only once per reign.

Section 16.1

The token for this award shall be a torse of Argent, Sable, and Or ribbons.

Section 17 – Den Grimme Aelling

This award is to be given by the Coronet for the support and effort given to the Principality by peoples that do not reside in the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 17.1

The token for this award is a late hatching egg, upon a silver coin, suspended from a sable ribbon.

Section 18 – The Solea Argentea

The Coronet may honor those members of the populace who have contributed their time, efforts and knowledge to the promotion and enrichment of the Equestrian Arts throughout the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 18.1

The token for this award is a silver horseshoe.

Section 19 – The Quill

The Quill of Cynagua serves to honor those who have contributed time and expertise to the promotion and enrichment of the scribal arts. The Coronet charges the Sable Swan Scribe to be prepared to recommend active scribes to the Coronet upon request, in order that these scribing efforts may be acknowledged. Active shall be defined as recent work on successfully completed Principality Official documents, such as award scrolls, charters, letters of marque and specific letters of import. The Quill of Cynagua shall be awarded at the pleasure of the Coronet.

Section 19.1

The award token shall take three forms: a bronze feather, recommended to be awarded upon the presentation in court of the scribe's first completed document; a silver feather, for continuing support of the Principality through scribal arts; and a gold feather for outstanding and unremitting service in the scribal arts over time. The form (bronze, silver, gold) shall be specified in the court report and published in the awards list.

Section 20 – The Black Swan's Archer

Their Highnesses may honor those members of the populace who have excelled in the skill and knowledge of Archery, whether it is on the archery field or in war, with The Black Swan's Archer.

Section 20.1

The token for this award is a roundel of polished Yew.

Section 21 – The Ordo Gladius Ater

The Ordo Gladius Ater is to be given by the Coronet to those who have demonstrated exceptional skill and knowledge in all aspects of Rapier.

Section 21.1

The token for this order shall be a gold toned triangular pendant, embossed with a black rapier pointing upwards.

Section 22 – The Circlet of Gallantry

The Coronets may bestow this award to those of their populace who they feel display a vigorous or courageous nobility of spirit and/or behavior. There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 22.1

The token for this award is a head wreath adorned with a red ribbon.

Section 23 – The Circlet of Honor

This award is bestowed by the Coronet to those who are a source or cause of respect, by displaying a nobility of mind or integrity, and adhering to a strong ethical code. There will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 23.1

The token for this award is a head wreath adorned with a white ribbon

Section 24 – Princess' Token

In recognition of the cheerful help from persons for the Princess during her reign, the Princess may give a token.

Section 25 – The Heart of the Princess

There are those members of the populace that go so far above and beyond the normal course of loyalty, service and duty that their deeds touch the heart of the Princess. The Princess may honor those extraordinary efforts with “The Heart of the Princess.” Similar to the Queens Order of Maintenance, the award was created to honor the one or two persons the Princess feels were vital to her ability to reign. It is not required nor even expected that this award will be given each reign.

Section 25.1

This award is given by the Princess' hands, and there will be no more than two awards given per reign.

Section 25.2

The token for this award is a pendant of a pewter heart with a swan on it.

Section 26 – The Coronet's Favor

Given to recognize those who contribute to the well-being of Their Highnesses and of the Principality of Cynagua. The token of this award is a medallion depicting a swan.

Section 27 – The Prince's Token

In recognition by the Prince for those persons who have given Him help and assistance throughout his reign, the Prince may reward them with a personal token of his making.

Section 28 – Order of the Heart of the Black Swan (Au Coeur del le Cygne Noir)

There are many who serve the Coronet and the Principality of Cynagua; however, there is an individual whose dedication to the Prince goes so far above and beyond the normal course of Loyalty, Service and Duty that the Prince must recognize this essential and meaningful service. As such, it is right and proper that the Prince honor this extraordinary individual with induction into the Order of the Heart of the Black Swan (Au Coeur de la Cygne Noir). This award may be given no more than two times per reign.

Section 29 – Order of the Black Wing

The Order of the Black Wing is given by the Coronet to those who teach the various forms of service, the arts and sciences, the combat arts, or any other knowledge and/or skill that accentuates life in these current Middle Ages.

Section 29.1

The token of this Order is a metal wing, given as either a pin or hanging from a ribbon.

Section 30 – The Swanilīn dēs Wîges

The Swanilin is to be given by the Coronet to those members of the Principality who are 17 year and younger who have shown exceptional skill within one of the three Virtues of the Society - Creativity, Service and Prowess.

Section 30.1

The Swaniġn dēs Wġges is to be given by the Coronet to those younger members of the realm who have demonstrated skill and knowledge in any area covered by the Marshallate. Activities include but are not limited to Youth Armored Combat, Youth Rapier Combat, Target Archery, and Equestrian. The token for this award shall be a hatching Cygnet armed with a spear.

Section 30.2

Swanilin dēr Kunst is to be given by the Coronet to those younger members of the realm who have enriched the Principality by their increased skill and knowledge in the Arts and/or Sciences. The token for this award shall be a Cygnet bearing a paintbrush.

Section 30.3

Swanilin dēs Ambetes is to be given by the Coronet to those younger members of the realm who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to serve, whether it be to a locality or the Coronet. The token for this award shall be a Cygnet bearing a book.

ARTICLE V: TRADITIONS

Section 1 – Arts/Sciences Championship

The Minister of Arts & the Minister of Sciences, acting in concert, will be responsible for scheduling a series of eight (8) competitions (four art and four science competitions) over the course of the year to determine the individual with the foremost skill in the medieval Arts and Sciences. Starting with Spring Coronet and ending with Winter Investiture, an Arts competition, as well as a Sciences competition will be held at each Principality event. These will serve as the basis for the yearly Arts & Sciences Championship, or “Lumen Cynagua.” To be eligible for the Championship, a competitor must enter a minimum of four (4) of these eight (8) competitions. While multiple items may be entered in a competition, only the highest score in each competition will count toward the Championship. The competitor with the highest total of four scores will be named Champion. The competition will be open and limited to those residing in the Principality throughout the entire year. The winner will be awarded the “Lumen Cynagua” in court at the Spring Coronet following the last competition, i.e. Winter Investiture, and styled Champion of Arts and Sciences as well as the Principality Artisan for the following year.

Section 2 – The Princess’s Champion (or Prince’s Champion should the Prince be Consort)

The Princess of Cynagua, or Prince if he is Consort, has the right to choose, by appointment or by list, a Champion to bear arms for Their protection and the implementing of Their will.

Section 3 – Lord Defender of Cynagua

Section 3.1

There come times when the Coronet Sovereign is unable to be present, yet the weight of His/Her sword should be felt by those who have given cause. So it is that one has been chosen as Lord Defender, to wield his/her sword for the Coronet Sovereign.

Section 3.2

At the command of the Coronet Sovereign there will be one lists tournament a year to determine the Lord Defender of Cynagua. That list will be held at May Coronet and will be restricted to unbelted fighters.

Section 3.3

Each competitor in the lists must agree to or meet the following conditions in order to be eligible to compete: A. The competitor must be an authorized unbelted fighter. B. The victor will be awarded the title of Lord Defender of Cynagua. C. The victor must swear fealty to the Coronet Sovereign and those who succeed Him/Her. D. The competitor must be a subscribing member of the SCA, Inc. E. The competitor must be a resident of the Principality of Cynagua. F. The Rules of the Lists will apply in all cases.

Section 3.4

The Lord Defender may not succeed him or herself.

Section 3.5

Should the Lord Defender be unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Coronet Sovereign shall appoint a successor to fill the position until the next Lord Defender Tournament.

Section 4 – Escort for the Lady of the Swan

It was determined by Prince Maelgwyn that we should do honor to and not forget the contributions of the Ladies of Cynagua who have ruled, either on the Throne of the West or Cynagua. Therefore, a tradition was established that, at the wish of the Lady of the Swan, she may honor the Cynaguan Ladies of the Rose and Members of the Order of the Crystal Swan by requesting their escort at Her Investiture. By such escort, the beauty and grace which Cynagua's Noble Ladies have added to the Principality may pass to Her Incipient Highness, that She may take from their example and do honor to them also.

Section 4.1

When such an escort is planned, it will be the right of the highest-ranking ladies first, to accept or decline, (i.e. first our Duchesses, then Countesses, then Viscountesses will be included in the ceremony).

Section 4.2

There is no limit to the number of escorts the Lady of the Swan may have, provided the Ladies currently reside within the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 5 – The Bard of Cynagua

The Bard of Cynagua shall encourage, foster and coordinate activities pertaining to the Bardic Arts within the Principality. The Bard of Cynagua will step up at the last court of the Prince and Princess who are stepping down at Summer Investiture, swear fealty to Prince and Princess (and Their successors throughout the Bards term of office), hold the office for a term of one year and may not succeed himself/herself.

Section 5.1 Duties

The Bard will be responsible for developing and performing an original song or verse honoring Cynaguan prowess in battle prior to each Mists-Cynagua War. The Bard is also responsible for developing and performing an original song or verse to be presented to each outgoing Prince and Princess and each incoming Prince and Princess at each Investiture as well as a song or verse dedicated to the Principality, the Coronets, or the Coronet Tournament at the Invocation of each Coronet Tournament. Each of these works are to be included in the “Bardic Tome” of Cynagua and handed down from bard to successive bard.

Section 5.2 Selection

The Bard of Cynagua will be chosen by a contest held each Spring at the Coronet Tournament. Three (3) voting judges (to wit, the current Bard of Cynagua, the Prince and Princess of Cynagua, and the Lord and Lady of the Swan) shall select the competitor who by art and skill surpasses all others. Each judge shall cast one vote and the winner shall be determined when one competitor receives a majority of the three (3) votes during the deliberation process at the completion of the competition.

Section 5.3 Competition

The bardic contest should consist of four (4) parts:

- A. An original composition honoring Cynagua, its Prince, and/or Princess.
- B. A recitation from a period source.
- C. A presentation of the competitor’s bardic masterwork, i.e. their best presentation.
- D. Bard’s Choice (a topic or form selected by the current Bard of Cynagua).

Section 5.4 Runner-up

Should the Bard of Cynagua be unable to complete his/her term as Bard, the runnerup of the last Bard of Cynagua contest shall be installed as the Bard of Cynagua to finish the term.

Section 5.5 The Order of the Winged Harp

Upon successful completion of the Bard of Cynagua's term, he/she shall be inducted into the Order of the Winged Harp, which shall be comprised of past bards of Cynagua who successfully completed their terms. The token of the Order shall be "Argent, a winged Irish harp Or", in the form of a pendant.

Section 6 – Prima Spada of Cynagua

Section 6.1

In the course of events when the Coronet Sovereign is unable to be in attendance, but the presence of their sword must be felt by those who have caused contention, let it be the duty and privilege of the Prima Spada to step forward and wield his/her blade for the Coronet Sovereign in Rapier matters.

Section 6.2

There will be a tournament held annually at Fall Coronet to decide the Prima Spada of Cynagua. The lists will be restricted to authorized Rapier combatants.

Section 6.3

Each participant in the lists must agree to or meet the following conditions in order to be eligible to compete:

- A. The Participant must be an authorized rapier combatant.
- B. The winner will be given the title of "Prima Spada of Cynagua."
- C. The winner must swear fealty to the Coronets of Cynagua and those who succeed them.
- D. The participant must be a paid member of the S.C.A. Inc.
- E. The participant must be residents of the Principality of Cynagua, unless they have specific dispensation from the Coronets of Cynagua to compete.
- F. The Rapier "Rules of the Lists" will apply in all cases.

Section 6.4

The Prima Spada may not succeed him/herself.

Section 6.5

If the Prima Spada cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Coronets shall appointment a replacement to hold this position until the next Fall Tournament is held.

Section 6.6

The token for the Prima Spada is a cape in the colors of the Principality, embroidered with the device of the Principality of Cynagua.

Section 7 – Cynaguan Archery Champion

- A. There will be an archery tournament held once a year between Spring Coronet and Winter Investiture to determine the holder of this title.
- B. It is the duty and privilege of the Cynaguan Archery Champion to bear his or her bow either on the field of combat and/or in tournaments to represent the Coronet Sovereign as the Principality's Archery Champion.
- C. The Archery Champion of Cynagua is responsible for holding a tournament and determining the format of the year's competition (in consultation with Their Highnesses and the Minister of the Bow) to determine his or her successor.
- D. The Tournament may be open to all comers; however, only those competitors who have resided within the Principality at least thirty days prior to the Archery Tournament may compete for the title of the Archery Champion of Cynagua.
- E. The victor of this tournament will be awarded the title at Winter Investiture and will be retained for one year.
- F. The Archery Champion of Cynagua may not succeed him/herself.
- G. The regalia for the Champion shall be a ceremonial cloak, quiver and a baldric; at the end of the Cynaguan Archery Champion's year of service, the regalia possessed by the champion will be relinquished at Winter Investiture and the Coronet will bestow this same regalia to the succeeding Archery Champion.

Section 8 – The Cynaguan Guard

The Cynaguan Guard is an honor offered to unbelted fighters selected solely at the discretion of the Coronet. Members of the Cynaguan Guard are given to wear a black leather baldric on which the Coronet of Cynagua's Arms are displayed. The Coronet may appoint a Knight Counselor to the Cynaguan Guard to assist the Guard in pursuing both prowess and chivalric virtue.

Section 9 – The Cynaguan Artisan

The Cynaguan Artisan is an honor offered to those individuals who are not members of the Order of the Laurel who are pursuing the Arts and Sciences; these Cynaguan Artisans are selected solely at the discretion of the Coronet. Cynaguan Artisans are bestowed a favor designating the honor bestowed upon them. The Coronet may appoint a Laurel Counselor to assist the Cynaguan Artisans in pursuing their Arts and Sciences.

Section 10 – The Standard Bearer of Cynagua

Their Highnesses may honor a fighter residing within the Principality by naming that person as the Principality Standard Bearer for that Reign.

Section 10.1

Those so honored may be awarded a token of a banner, suspended from a ribbon of black and yellow.

Section 11 – The Cynaguan Court

The Cynaguan Court is an honor offered to all those who wish to support the Coronet and is selected solely at the discretion of the Coronet. Members of the Cynaguan Court are bestowed a personal favor bearing a design of the Coronet's choosing.

ARTICLE VI: COUNCILS, COURTS AND GUILDS

Section 1 – Council of the Purse

There shall be a Council of the Purse consisting of the Coronet, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Seneschal to determine matters of finance and the distribution of funds. Three of the four members of the Council must agree in order to reach a decision.

Section 2 – Kingdom Status Advisory

The Peers of the Principality will act to advise the Coronet as to the Principality's readiness to advance to Kingdom status, based on information provided by the officers of the Principality.

Section 2.1

The final decision to petition the Board of Directors for Kingdom status shall be made solely by the Coronet acting on the advice of the Officers and Peers of the Principality.

Section 3 – Principality Guilds

To encourage the growth of the Arts and Sciences, Guilds may be established by the Coronet, choosing a person of considerable skill to be recognized as a source of information on a particular Art or Science, and charged with the responsibility to, within his/her means, conduct classes in said Art or Science and otherwise disseminate his/her skill to the populace. New Members shall be elected by the Prince and Princess until such time as the guild has three members, then the three guild members shall set the criteria for further election of journeymen within the Guild.

Section 4 – Regalia Commission

Commission of Regalia is comprised of the Coronet, the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the Seneschal, the Exchequer, the Keeper of the Regalia and two Cynaguan Royal Peers as appointed by the Coronet. The Commission's duties include being responsible for the maintenance, retirement and acquisition of regalia. The Council of the Purse (the Coronet counted as two votes, the Seneschal and the Exchequer) shall serve as the voting members of the

Commission while the Lord and Lady of the Swan, the Keeper of the Regalia and the appointed two Cynaguan Royal Peers will serve in an advisory capacity. All items of regalia are considered the property of the Principality of Cynagua and may be disposed of only with the approval of the Commission. Approval for the acquisition, maintenance or retirement of new regalia shall require only a simple majority vote of the Commission. Any article of regalia given to the Coronet without prior or subsequent approval during the current reign by this Commission will be deemed a personal gift.

Section 4.1

The Coronet will appoint a total of two Cynaguan Royal Peers (i.e. prior princes and princesses of Cynagua) to serve in an advisory capacity on the Regalia Commission at July Investiture prior to stepping down. Each of these two Cynaguan Royal Peers will serve a two-year term. These terms shall be staggered so that they do not end in the same year. At the end of the two-year term, the reigning Coronet may re-appoint them for an additional two year term or replace them at the Coronet's pleasure.

Section 4.2

The Keeper of Regalia shall conduct an inventory of all regalia immediately prior to its transfer from the Coronet (or Their representative) to the Lord and Lady of the Swan (or Their representative). The Lord and Lady of the Swan will accept custody of regalia placed in Their care by signature receipt of the inventory. The Keeper of Regalia shall make a timely written report to the Regalia Commission at the conclusion of the transfer process. Note: some regalia may not be transferred until the Investiture of the new Prince and Princess, but the majority of the regalia and the trailer should be transferred at an event or other meeting place convenient to the incoming and outgoing Royalty prior to Investiture, so a complete inventory may require the presence of the Regalia Minister at both times.

Section 4.3

The Seneschal, Exchequer and Keeper of Regalia shall determine if damage done to the regalia is due to normal wear and tear or if the Coronet should be financially responsible for the damage to regalia entrusted to the Coronet, i.e. the actual cost of the repairs. If regalia entrusted to the Coronet's care has been lost, the Coronet shall be financially responsible for the replacement value of the lost regalia.

ARTICLE VII: SUCCESSION

Section 1 – Failure to be Invested

Should the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Investiture, all steps that are necessary shall be taken by them, the Coronet, and the Crown, to

invest them as Prince and Princess. Said investitures shall be conducted at an official SCA event and within the Principality.

Section 2 - Intent not to Reign

Section 2.1

Should either or both the Lord and Lady of the Swan intend not to reign, and sufficient evidence of said intent not to reign be presented to the Coronet, a Curia Regis shall be called to investigate and consider the matter. Notice of the meeting of the Curia Regis shall be given to the Lord and Lady of the Swan, in writing, except when there are less than one hundred twenty (120) hours/five (5) days before the Investiture Ceremony.

Section 2.2

Should the decision in the Curia Regis be that the Lord and Lady of the Swan do intend to reign, the Coronet shall take such steps as are necessary that the Lord and Lady of the Swan shall be invested.

Section 2.3

Should the finding of the Curia Regis be that the Lord and Lady of the Swan do not intend to reign the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan shall be instructed to attend the Investiture Festival as scheduled, or else to abdicate. Said instructions shall be in writing if there have been more than 96 hours/4 days notice of the decision of the Curia Regis before the Investiture Ceremony.

Section 2.4

Should the Coronet victor elect to abdicate, either directly or through his or her failure to respond to the Coronet's instructions that he/she attend, or his/her failure to attend the Investiture Ceremony without notice, except under Section 1.1, a Coronet List shall be called at the beginning of the Investiture. This list shall be limited to fighters who competed in the previous Coronet List, except for the victor of the previous Coronet List, who shall be barred. The Victor of the new list and his/her consort shall be invested immediately.

Section 3 – Failure to Complete the Reign

Section 3.1

Should either the Prince or Princess be unable to complete the reign, the other shall assume the duties of both for the remainder of the reign.

Section 3.2

Should both Their Highnesses, for any reason whatsoever, be unable to complete Their reign, the Coronet shall pass to the Crown of the West, until another Coronet Tourney is able to be scheduled. Said list shall be held at an official SCA event within the Principality. The winner of this list will be invested immediately.

Section 3.3

Should either the Prince or Princess be unable to attend the Coronet list where Their successor is decided, through no fault of Their own, then the Prince or Princess who was able to attend shall perform all necessary acts (see Section 3.1).

Section 3.4

Should both Their Highnesses be unable to attend the Coronet list where Their successor is decided, through no fault of Their own, then the Crown shall complete all necessary acts. If the Crown is unable to do so, then a committee shall be formed to perform all acts necessary. This committee shall consist of the following Principality Officers: Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer.

Section 3.5

If both the Coronets are unable to attend the Investiture of Their successors, then the Crown shall complete the Investiture (see Section 3.2). If both the Coronet and the Crown are unable to attend the Investiture, then the Investiture shall occur at the first possible SCA event held within the Principality.

Section 4 - Abdication

Section 4.1

In the event of an abdication by the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, a written Declaration of Abdication shall be submitted to the Coronet and the Seneschal of the Principality. Should it be the opinion of the Seneschal or the Coronets that the Lord and/or Lady of the Swan, by reason of injury or death, are unable to make such a written Declaration of Abdication, the declaration will be made by the Coronet of Cynagua.

Section 4.2

In the event of an abdication by the Prince and/or Princess, a written Declaration of Abdication shall be submitted to the Crown of the West, and to the Seneschal of the Principality. Should it be the opinion of the Seneschal or the Crown that the Coronet, by reason of injury or death, are unable to make such a written Declaration of Abdication, the declaration will be made by the Crown of the West.