

# OUTLANDS KINGDOM LAW



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## I. LAWS

- A. These Laws may be amended, added to, or deleted by the Crown.
- B. All changes to Law must be signed by the Crown.
- C. Any change, deletion, or addition shall be proclaimed at Court at a published S.C.A. event within the Kingdom of the Outlands and shall become law as soon as it is signed and proclaimed as described above. It must then be published in the Outlandish Herald in the earliest possible issue to become law. No subject shall be considered to be breaking a new law until that law is signed, proclaimed at an SCA event and published in the Kingdom newsletter.
- D. Any changes to the Laws shall be reviewed by the Kingdom Seneschal who will ensure that the Laws are consistent with Corpora and will witness the document.

## II. RIGHTS, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE CROWN

- A. The Crown of the Outlands hereinafter referred to as “the Crown” shall consist of the positions of Sovereign and Consort held by the King and Queen. All references to “Successors” shall be deemed to refer to the Heirs to the Throne of the Outlands and shall consist of the positions of Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
- B. The Crown must continue to reside within the boundaries of the Kingdom throughout their tenure both as Successors to the Crown and for the duration of their Reign. Failure to do so shall be considered as forfeiture of the Reign for the one, or both, living outside the Kingdom.
- C. The Crown shall, with coordination of the Kingdom Financial Committee, decide the site of the Crown Tournament and Coronation to be held during their successors reign.
- D. The Crown shall maintain a regular means of quick communication and dependable transportation.
- E. The Crown shall confer awards upon individuals or official groups. Only members of the S.C.A. may receive armigerous awards. No award, whether armigerous or not,

may be conferred upon a subject of any realm outside the Kingdom of the Outlands without the prior consent of the Crown to whom the individual is subject.

- F. The Crown shall call courts as may be necessary for the governance of the Kingdom.
- G. The Crown shall monitor the status and welfare of each barony and take appropriate action as necessary.
- H. The Presence of the Crown shall be ten (10) feet around their Persons or their thrones. No one may enter this area without rendering courtesy as is right and proper.
- I. The Crown sets the Order of the March for their Courts and for Kingdom events.
- J. It shall be presumed that all persons who complete a full reign as Crown of the Outlands have met the requirements for elevation to the peerage. The granting of Royal Peerage may therefore be accompanied by a Patent of Arms. Any Peer who wishes to rebut this assumption may petition the Successors prior to the granting of the Patent.
- K. Each Consort shall be admitted into the Order of the Rose at the end of his/her first full reign. Companionship in the Order of the Rose shall carry neither arms nor precedence and an individual may be admitted only once.
- L. The Crown shall, within sixty (60) days of the end of their reign, file with the White Stag Principal Herald and Kingdom Chronicler a list of all awards given during their reign.
- M. The Crown shall be responsible for the safe upkeep and condition of the kingdom regalia entrusted to them. They shall ensure the regalia is turned over to their successors in a timely fashion and that all items shall be returned in the same condition as when they initially received them excluding normal wear and tear.

### III. SELECTION OF ROYALTY

- A. The rules of the Crown lists shall include the Rules of the Lists and the Kingdom fighting conventions, as approved by the Sovereign of the Kingdom in consultation with the Earl Marshall.

- B. Entrants and consorts shall present themselves before the Crown the day of the Crown Lists in a manner showing their preparedness to serve as Crown. The Crown, on a case-by-case basis, may consider emergency absence of the prospective consort.
- C. To be eligible for the Crown Lists, the entrant and prospective consort must meet all of the following requirements in addition to those stated in Corpora:
1. Be acceptable to the Sovereign.
  2. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age by the scheduled Coronation.
  3. Have resided within the boundaries of the Outlands for the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to the day of the Crown Lists.
  4. Have regular means of quick communication, dependable transportation, and sufficient income to support the Crown should they win.
  5. Be knowledgeable of the structure and laws of the Kingdom of the Outlands and the Society.
  6. The entrant must be an authorized fighter of good standing.
  7. Be current members of the Society for Creative Anachronism as evidenced by proof from the Registrar.
  8. The entrants shall swear the Sword Oath, which must include affirmation that the entrant and consort fulfill all requirements for entry into Crown Tournament and that they will maintain themselves in an honorable manner during the tournament.
- D. The Sovereign may remove any fighter from the field should, in the opinion of the Sovereign, the fighter's conduct be unchivalrous. The Sovereign should take consultation with the marshals before removing any fighter from the Lists.
- E. An entrant, or prospective consort, may petition the Crown to be allowed to withdraw at any time. If a prospective consort is allowed to withdraw, the entrant who carries that person's favor is thereby disqualified.
- F. Entrants and Consorts must have a name and device registered with the College of Arms, or submitted to the Outlands College of Heraldry. Submitted is defined as complete heraldic paperwork having been received by the Castle Herald no later than

the 1st of the month of Crown Tournament. All entrants and consorts with registered arms shall display their heraldry in an appropriate and period manner during Crown Tournament. If the name and/or device have been returned by the College of Arms or the Outlands College of Heraldry within the last six months, the Crown may at its discretion waive this requirement.

- G. Prospective Entrants and Consorts must submit a letter of their intent to vie in the Crown Tournament Lists. Letters must include both entrant's and consort's SCA registered or submitted name, legal name, home address, phone contact, Email address, membership number and expiration date. Other information required as well as a deadline for letters to be received is at the discretion of the Crown. Failure to include this information in the Letter of Intent may give reason for the Crown to deny entry in the Crown List Tournament.

#### IV. SUCCESSION OF THE CROWN

- A. The Crown Successors of the Outlands shall be crowned according to the customs of the land.
- B. The Crown shall call a Curia Regis should either of the Crown Successors fail to appear and there is sufficient evidence to suggest that this failure was through personal malfeasance. Should the decision of the Crown at the Curia Regis be that the Crown Successor failed to appear through personal malfeasance, a Court of Inquiry shall be called.
- C. If the prospective Sovereign shall abdicate or be disqualified, the Crown shall call a new Crown Tournament as soon as one may reasonably and legally be announced and published to the populace This shall determine a new couple to be invested as Crown Prince and Princess at the court following the list. The abdicated/disqualified prospective Sovereign may not participate in this tournament. If the prospective Consort shall abdicate or be disqualified, the prospective or new Sovereign shall choose a new Consort who meets the qualifications as stated in Section III.C.
- D. Should the Crown refuse to yield the regalia to the Crown Prince and Princess in a reasonable time, the matter shall be brought before the Board of Directors for their

adjudication. Should the Board overrule the Crown, then the Crown shall surrender all of the regalia to the Crown Prince and Princess at the earliest available event acceptable to all parties. Should the Board rule with the Crown, the Crown Prince and Princess shall be disqualified, and the procedures listed above shall be followed.

## V. PROVISION FOR THE ABSENCE OF THE SOVEREIGN AND/OR CONSORT

- A. If, at any time and for any reason, the Sovereign and Consort are unable to complete their reign, the duties of the Sovereign shall revert to the most recent Sovereign willing and qualified to serve as Regent. To be qualified, the Regent must be a paid member, reside within the Kingdom, and have dependable transportation and means of quick communication. The regency shall not be considered a reign and the Regent shall not bestow or approve awards nor proclaim Law.
- B. If a Crown Prince and Crown Princess have not already been determined, the Regent shall ensure scheduling of the Crown Lists as soon as may be reasonably and legally proclaimed and shall exercise the ceremonial authority of the Sovereign in managing the Lists. Investiture of the new Sovereign and Consort shall take place at the closing court following the Lists.
- C. In the event there is no Consort, the Sovereign shall choose a new qualified Consort and shall serve out the remainder of the reign.
- D. In the event there is no Sovereign, the Consort shall assume the duties, rights and responsibilities of the Sovereign upon investing a new qualified Consort and shall serve out the remainder of the reign. In this event, however, the Kingdom Earl Marshall shall supervise the fighting on the field.
- E. The new Consort's investiture must be performed at a published Society event.
- F. Until the new Consort is invested, the remaining King/Queen shall have only the powers of a Regent.

- G. Abdication or disqualification of the Sovereign or the Consort does not constitute a full reign for that party. This disallows the right to County or Ducal titles which may have been forthcoming from his or her reign.

## VI. EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. The second full weekend of the month is reserved for Kingdom Events. Local Seneschals may petition the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal to hold events on those Kingdom weekends not scheduled by the Kingdom, to be decided on a case by case basis. Kingdom events are defined as any event the Crown determines is of great importance to the welfare of the Kingdom. Examples of Kingdom events include, but are not limited to, Crown Tournaments, Coronations, Baronial Investitures, Kingdom Arts and Sciences, StagsCon and Battlemoor. No other Outlands events may be placed on the Kingdom calendar on the same days as Kingdom events.
- B. Crown Tournament shall be held in March and September.
1. There shall be a Princess Protector rapier tournament on the weekend of Coronation.
    - a. All prospective entrants must be acceptable to the Crown Princess.
    - b. The Victor of the Lists will be styled “The Princess Protector”.
    - c. The specifics of the list shall be determined by the Queen, and the previous Princess Protector.
  2. There shall be a Kingdom Warlord tournament on the weekends of the Crown Tournaments. The Crown, in consultation with the current Kingdom Warlord, shall determine the organization of such.
    - a. The Victor of the Lists shall bear the title “Warlord of the Outlands” until the next Warlord tournament.
    - b. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.
- C. Coronation shall be held in May and November.
1. There shall be a Queen’s Champion tournament on the weekend of Coronation.

- a. All prospective entrants must be acceptable to the Queen.
    - b. The Victor of the Lists will be styled “The Queen’s Champion”.
    - c. The specifics of the list shall be determined by the Queen.
  2. There shall be a Queen’s Rapier Champion tournament on the weekend of Coronation.
    - a. All prospective entrants must be acceptable to the Queen.
    - b. The Victor of the Lists will be styled “The Protector of the Queen’s Heart”.
    - c. The specifics of the List shall be determined by the Queen.
- D. There shall be an arts and sciences event each year. The Minister of the Arts and Sciences shall organize the event in accordance with the wishes of the Crown. Other Kingdom arts and sciences events may be scheduled at the request of the Crown and the Minister of the Arts and Sciences.
- E. There shall be a target archery competition held each year at Battlemoor to choose the Royal Archer. The Crown, in consultation with the current Royal Archer, shall determine the organization of such.
1. The Victor of the tournament shall bear the title “Royal Archer of the Outlands” until the next Royal Archer tournament.
  2. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.
- F. There shall be at least one bardic competition held each year to choose the Windhover Bard. The Crown, in consultation with the current Windhover Bard, shall determine the organization of such.
1. The entrants shall perform a minimum of two distinct pieces of different styles, one of which shall be spoken word poetry.
  2. The Victor of the competition shall bear the title “Windhover Bard” until the next Royal Bard competition.
  3. The title shall carry such duties and honors as are the pleasure of the Crown to give.

## VII. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE POPULACE

- A. Any subject has the right to display the Kingdom ensign at any Society event.
- B. Any subject of the Crown may write to the Crown on any matter. All official communication shall be in writing, signed and dated or via electronic means as the Crown deems appropriate.
- C. Reasonable care shall be taken that blatant mundanities are not in obvious display at events.
- D. Only persons who are current members of the Society for Creative Anachronism are authorized or are allowed to be authorized to participate in combat activities within the Kingdom of the Outlands.
- E. Membership is determined as written in the Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc., and when funds are deposited and verified by the corporate office. Faxed copies of membership forms to the Corporate Office do not constitute verification of membership and shall not be used as proof of membership.

## VIII. OFFICES AND OFFICERS

- A. All officers in and for the Kingdom of the Outlands must live in the Kingdom of the Outlands. Local officers, with the exception of those listed below, must live within the recognized boundaries of the area they serve, or have permission of their Kingdom superior. The following will still be required to live within the boundaries of the area they serve:
  - 1. Baron and/or Baroness
  - 2. Seneschal
  - 3. Exchequer/Reeve
- B. Regular, routine reports of Kingdom Officers to their superiors shall be copied to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal.
- C. All officers shall generate written reports to their superiors and subordinates at least quarterly. Omission of one quarterly report shall be considered grounds for suspension or dismissal.

D. The Great Officers of State shall be the Kingdom Seneschal, the White Stag Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, and the Chirurgeon.

E. All Great Officers of State shall:

1. Fulfill their duties as outlined in Corpora.
2. Make contact with the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal at least once every month by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
3. Maintain a current roster of subordinate officers.
4. Maintain correspondence and a record of all activities carried on in the performance of their duties which is to be turned over to the successor to said office within thirty (30) days of relinquishment of office.
5. Make written reports to subordinate officers, with copies to the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal, at least once every quarter. Omission of a quarterly report shall be considered grounds for potential suspension or removal from office.
6. Make a written state of the office report to the Crown and their Heirs to be presented within 1 month after each Crown Tournament.

F. The Lesser Officers of State shall be the Kingdom Hospitaller, the Minister of Children, the Scribe, the Marshal of Fence, the Archer General, the Equestrian Marshal, the Minister of Lists, the Chamberlain, and the Webminister.

G. All Lesser Officers of State shall:

1. Be responsible to a Great Officer of State.
2. Make contact with their corresponding Great Officer of State at least once every month by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
3. Maintain correspondence and a record of all activities carried on in the performance of their duties which is to be turned over, within thirty (30) days of relinquishment of office to the successor in said office.

H. All Lesser Officers of State with deputies or subordinates shall:

1. Maintain a current roster of any subordinate officers.

2. Make contact with their subordinates at least once a quarter by any communications method that is convenient and appropriate.
3. Educate and inform their subordinates of any updates and changes in their office.

#### I. Specific Duties

1. The Kingdom Seneschal shall:
  - a. Interpret Kingdom Law and Corpora and advise the Crown on this interpretation;
  - b. Be responsible for the maintenance of the Laws;
  - c. Call such meetings, require such reports, and oversee such events as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Kingdom;
  - d. Assist incipient branches within the Kingdom in their preparation for official status and recommend to the Crown those incipient branches which are ready for official status;
  - e. Monitor official branches within the Kingdom to determine if they are maintaining the standards required of an official group and notify the Crown and Board of Directors when those branches fail to maintain the standards;
  - f. In conjunction with the Kingdom Chronicler, be responsible for establishing the Kingdom Calendar through conferring with the Chronicler before each publication of the Outlandish Herald;
  - g. Be responsible for the solicitation of bids for all official Kingdom and interkingdom events held in the Outlands;
  - h. Be ultimately responsible for all official inter-kingdom events held within the Outlands;
  - i. Make periodic communiqués to the populace through the pages of the Outlandish Herald;
  - j. As a member of the Council of the Exchequer, be responsible for establishing Kingdom Financial Policy and authorizing Kingdom expenditures;
  - k. Monitor the Office of the Hospitaller who shall:

1. Be responsible for the introduction and education of new members in the culture and customs of the Society;
2. Prepare, maintain, and disseminate such materials as necessary.
1. Monitor the office of the Minister of Children who shall:
  1. Serve as a source for period activities for children;
  2. Prepare, maintain and disseminate such materials as appropriate for period activities for children.
2. The White Stag Principal Herald shall:
  - a. Be the voice of the Crown to the populace;
  - b. Be responsible for the submission of names, devices, and badges to the College of Arms of the SCA;
  - c. Advise the Crown and the populace on matters of protocol and the creation of ceremonies;
  - d. Be responsible for the maintenance of the order of Precedence and the list of Awards;
  - e. Organize and maintain the College of Heralds;
  - f. Monitor deputies within the Outlands College of Heralds;
  - g. Be responsible for the field and court heraldry at Crown Tournaments and Coronations;
  - h. Monitor the office of the Scribe who shall:
    1. Maintain a listing and monitor the activities of the College of Scribes;
    2. Ensure the accuracy of scroll format and text;
    3. Update the Scribe's Handbook as needed;
    4. At the conclusion of each reign report the names of scribes who have created scrolls for the Kingdom during that reign.
    5. Publish once per reign a notification stating that all special or non-standard scroll texts must be approved by the Kingdom Scribe's Office.
3. The Earl Marshall shall:

- a. Represent the Sovereign during the Sovereign's absence in supervising the fighting on the field;
  - b. Interpret and maintain the marshallate standards and regulations of the Kingdom;
  - c. Confer with the Earl Marshals of the other Kingdoms to establish marshallate standards which will be observed at inter-kingdom combative events;
  - d. In conjunction with the Kingdom Chirurgeon, review fighting injuries, determine causes and develop standards for the protection of the fighters;
  - e. Direct the Office of the Minister of the Lists who shall:
    1. Maintain a list of the authorized fighters;
    2. Maintain records from Kingdom tournaments;
    3. Be responsible for the Lists officer activity at Crown Tournament and Coronation;
  - f. Direct the Office of Archer General who shall:
    1. Set, maintain, and enforce the safety standards and equipment specifications for archery;
    2. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of archery marshals;
  - g. Direct the Office of the Marshal of Fence who shall:
    1. Set, maintain, and enforce the equipment specifications, fighting conventions, and marshallate rules of fence;
    2. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of fencing marshals;
  - h. Direct the Office of the Equestrian Marshal who shall:
    1. Set, maintain, and enforce the equipment specifications, requirements, and marshallate rules for equestrian activities;
    2. Be responsible for the authorization procedure of equestrian marshals;
4. The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:

- a. Maintain and interpret Kingdom rules for Arts and Sciences competitions;
  - b. In conjunction with the Kingdom Seneschal, be responsible for the solicitation of bids for Kingdom Arts and Sciences events;
  - c. In conjunction with the Kingdom Chronicler, solicit articles for submission to the Outlandish Herald;
  - d. Encourage and help organize the study, practice, and research into the medieval arts, sciences, and technology within the Kingdom of the Outlands;
  - e. Be responsible for the organization of Kingdom Arts and Sciences events.
5. The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall:
- a. Be ultimately responsible for the accurate and timely reporting of the finances of the branches of the Kingdom and of the Kingdom as a whole;
  - b. Chair the Council of the Exchequer, consisting of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Exchequer which shall establish the Kingdom financial policy and authorize all expenditures and withdrawals of monies from the Kingdom accounts;
  - c. Encourage revenue-raising programs for the Kingdom accounts;
  - d. Report to the populace on a quarterly basis, through the pages of the Outlandish Herald, the status of the Kingdom's finances;
  - e. Disseminate Kingdom Financial Policy;
  - f. Monitor the office of Chamberlain, who shall:
    1. Be responsible for creation, maintenance, storage, and repair of Regalia;
    2. Maintain an inventory of Kingdom regalia and ensure the transition of regalia from Crown to Crown;
    3. Complete a reckoning of property at the end of each reign;
    4. At their discretion and with consultation of the Crown, create a Regalia Committee to assist in obtaining new items of regalia,

replacement items, and providing help to the Crown in the care of regalia items.

6. The Kingdom Chronicler shall:
  - a. Be responsible for the publication of the Outlandish Herald;
  - b. Advise and assist with the publication of any official documents;
  - c. Monitor the office of Webminister, who shall:
    1. Be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the kingdom web presence
7. The Kingdom Chirurgeon shall:
  - a. Encourage the education of the populace in first aid and preventive measures;
  - b. Maintain records of injuries and any on site treatments which occur at official S.C.A. events.
  - c. Maintain the Chirurgeon's Guild of the Outlands.
8. Local Officers shall:
  - a. Make contact with their corresponding Kingdom Officers of State at least once every month by any communication method which is convenient and appropriate.

## IX. TERRITORIAL BARONS AND BARONESSES

### A. Appointment

1. The Crown shall solicit recommendations for the office of Territorial Baron/ess, whenever it is necessary. The office may be filled by a couple or by a single person.
2. At an event published in the Kingdom newsletter, the populace shall be polled regarding selection of new nobility. The Kingdom Seneschal or his/her representative shall be present to witness said polling.
3. Comments by the populace must be considered by the Crown before the Crown makes the final decision of appointment.

### B. Removal

1. To consider the removal of a Baron/ess, the Crown shall direct the local seneschal to call a meeting of the populace at an event published in the Kingdom newsletter. The Crown shall be in attendance to hear the comment of the populace and to present the views of the Crown.
2. Subsequent to this meeting, comments by the populace must be duly considered by the Crown before the Crown announces the final decision of retention or removal of the Baron/Baroness.

C. Rights, Duties, and Privileges: The Territorial Baron/Baroness shall:

1. Be, for the people of the Barony, the chief example(s) of chivalry, courtesy, and virtue appropriate to gentlemen and women and shall encourage these virtues in their people;
2. Represent, and be an advocate for, the people of the Barony before the Crown;
3. Extend hospitality and welcome to new and prospective members;
4. Petition the Crown for the privilege of awarding any of their Barony's armigerous or precedence advancing awards to residents of their Baronies. Non-armigerous Baronial awards may be awarded at the pleasure of the Barons and/or Baronesses to residents of their Baronies. Presentation of Baronial awards to non-residents of the Barony requires the permission of the Crown.
5. Within the first month of each new Crown's reign, all territorial barons/esses shall submit a report to the Crown on the state of their Barony. This report should include events and meetings held and scheduled, the workings of the offices and guilds of the Barony, special projects and any other pertinent information.

## X. COURTS AND CURIAS

- A. The courts of the Kingdom shall consist of the Curia Regis, Court of Inquiry, and the Court of Chivalry.

- B. These courts are Society functions and are to be held at Society events within the Kingdom.
- C. These Courts shall be shall be organized and conducted at the pleasure of the Crown for the purpose of dispute resolution and arbitration.
- D. In order to insure the Courts are fair and representative of the facts, the principals of a dispute presented within a Court of Inquiry and a Court of Chivalry have the right to cross-examine witnesses, introduce evidence and in general, present their case.
- E. The Curia Regis:
1. The Crown may invite as many participants for the Curia Regis as They deem fit.
  2. The Crown may authorize a representative to conduct the Curia Regis in Their stead.
  3. May be called at any Society event.
  4. May make one of the following recommendations:
    - a. Issue shall be dropped
    - b. Issue shall be dealt with without proceeding to a Court of Inquiry
    - c. Issue shall be taken to a Court of Inquiry
- F. The Court of Inquiry:
1. Shall be comprised of those persons appointed by the Crown after consultation with the principals involved.
  2. Shall be conducted as formally or informally as the Crown desires;
  3. Shall be published in the Outlandish Herald as a Society event.
  4. May make one of the following recommendations:
    - a. Issue shall be dropped
    - b. Issue shall be dealt with without proceeding to a Court of Chivalry
    - c. Issue shall be taken to a Court of Chivalry
- G. The Court of Chivalry:
- The Court of Chivalry is the Kingdom's highest court. It is the only court which may recommend the degradation from the peerage or banishment from the S.C.A. to the Crown and then to the Board of Directors. The Court of Chivalry Shall:

1. Be comprised of nine judges who are members of the S.C.A.,
  - a. Five of which must be the Kingdom Seneschal (presiding judge), the Earl Marshall, and representatives of the Orders of the Chivalry, the Laurel, and the Pelican. The representatives of these peerage orders shall be chosen by the Crown.
  - b. If any of the above judges cannot attend, they will choose replacements from within their officers to represent them.
  - c. The Crown shall appoint three armigerous representatives and one Royal Peer to complete the Court.
  - d. No principal involved in the dispute may sit on the Court;
2. Not be called on any matter unless a Court of Inquiry has so recommended. In no case is the Crown compelled to call a Court of Chivalry based upon that recommendation.
3. Not be convened until all parties to the dispute, all members of the court, and the Society Seneschal have been notified of the upcoming Court of Chivalry and its cause.
  - a. The date and location will be decided by the Crown taking into consideration the convenience of all concerned;
4. Be announced in the Outlandish Herald as a Society event;
5. Be held publicly;
6. Have the Kingdom Seneschal, with the Crown in attendance, preside over the Court;
7. Have the White Stag Herald, or representative, as the recording officer of the Court, and he/she will be responsible for any physical evidence presented;
8. Be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of the judges;
9. Deliver a verdict and recommended sentence:
  - a. A verdict and recommendation rendered by a two-thirds majority of the Court is binding on the Crown.
  - b. If the Court does not reach a two-thirds majority the charges and specifications shall be considered “not proven”.

10. Have its decisions and the Crown's judgment placed before the Board of Directors if the person sentenced wishes to appeal.
  - a. If there is an appeal, the Crown has the option to withhold sentence until after the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

## XI. OTHER BRANCHES

- A. Other branches are shires, cantons, and colleges.
- B. Colleges be inactive for up to three consecutive months as they are normally associated with a mundane college or university.
- C. Proposed branches shall be styled "incipient" until they have been advanced to official status.
- D. Petitions for advancement below baronial level must be submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal, through their branch Seneschal. Petitions signed at meetings and events are sufficient, providing that reasonable attempts have been made to contact the entire populace.
- E. Petitions for advancement to baronial status must be submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal, through their branch Seneschal. Petitions should include results of a polling of their populace. Polling letters must be sent to the address of record for every paid member of the Society residing within the established borders of the group.
  1. The Kingdom Seneschal will then solicit recommendations from the appropriate Kingdom Officers.
  2. These recommendations along with his/her own recommendation will then be attached to the petition and sent to the Crown for their approval.
  3. Approval, if granted, will be proclaimed at an official event and printed in the Outlandish Herald.
  4. Official status shall be dated as of the proclamation.
- F. Subsidiary branch officers must establish communications with their appropriate superior officers.