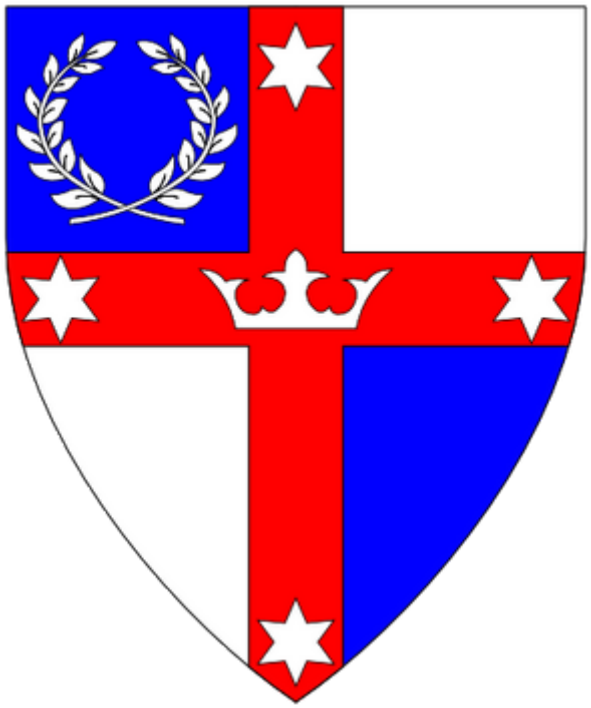
Book of Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac



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Introduction to this revision

This revision has an extensive change log available.

Primarily, the changes stem from amendments to SCANZ's constitution that required some changes to the way that some officers were appointed and thereby their reporting lines and how issues with them were managed.

With the creation of a corporate Health and Safety Officer role for SCANZ, and soon SCA Ltd, the roles performed by the Kingdom Constable and Kingdom Chirurgeon have been elevated to corporate level where they more correctly sit, so are removed from the Kingdom Officer list - your health and safety and security are real responsibilities, not responsibilities to your personas. Injuries and incidents don't stop affecting you at the end of closing court.

We took this opportunity to do a more comprehensive review, and address laws which were not supported by Corpora, add the new awards, remove outdated laws that don't work with the way things are now, and allow for alternative Crown selection options in the future. We've tried to use consistent terminology throughout, and avoid gendered terms to account for our array of Crown pairings.

Headings and numbering have been added and adjusted where needed to support reference-able rules.

Yours in Service,

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1 Definitions

1.1 SCA

1. SCA Inc. means the Society for Creative Anachronism Incorporated, incorporated in California, USA.
2. SCA Ltd means the Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd, the company representing the SCA in Australia.
3. SCANZ means the Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Incorporated.
4. SCA means the collection of affiliated organisations which includes SCA Inc., SCA Ltd and SCANZ.

1.2 Lochac

1. Lochac means the Kingdom of Lochac, a branch of the SCA which encompasses all SCA activities and groups within Australia and New Zealand.
2. In this document, “kingdom” or “the kingdom” shall also be understood to mean the Kingdom of Lochac unless clearly noted otherwise.

1.3 Laws

“Law” or “Laws” used without qualifiers means the Law or Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac; i.e. this document.

1.4 Corpora

Corpora means “The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.”, one of the governing documents of SCA Inc. It contains the policies governing historical re-creation within the SCA globally.

1.5 Member

A member is a subscribing member of SCA Ltd or SCANZ, an event member, or a member of a formally affiliated organisation.

1.6 Pegasus

1. Pegasus is the official newsletter of Lochac, SCA Ltd and SCANZ.

2. In this document, “the kingdom newsletter” shall be understood to mean Pegasus.

1.7 Kingdom website

The kingdom website is lochac.sca.org.

1.8 Official event

An official event means an SCA event as defined in Corpora.

1.9 Steward

Steward means the subscribing member of the SCA who is the person responsible for an official event.

1.10 Sovereign

Sovereign means the contestant of Crown Tournament who won, and was subsequently crowned as King or Queen.

1.11 Consort

Consort means the person who entered Crown Tournament with the person who won Crown Tournament and was subsequently crowned as King or Queen.

1.12 The Crown

The Crown means the Sovereign and Consort of Lochac, acting together

1.13 Royal titles

1.13.1 King/Queen/Crown

The titles “King”, “Queen” and “Crown” are reserved for the Sovereign and/or Consort.

1.13.2 Crown Prince/Crown Princess

The titles “Crown Prince” or “Crown Princess” are reserved for the Royal Heirs.

1.14 Regents

Regents are the persons who administer the affairs of the kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.

1.15 Royal Heirs

Royal Heirs means the winner of the most recent Crown Tournament and their consort, who have been granted the title of Crown Prince or Crown Princess but who have not yet been crowned King or Queen.

1.16 Governing documents of the SCA

The governing documents of the SCA in Lochac shall be, by order of precedence:

1. Real-world law.
2. The constitutions of SCA Ltd and/or SCANZ, as applicable.
3. The SCA Ltd-SCANZ, SCA Ltd-SCA Inc. and SCANZ-SCA Inc. operating agreements.
4. SCA Ltd and/or SCANZ corporate policies, as applicable.
5. Corpora.
6. SCA Inc. Officers' policies, as approved by the Board of SCA Inc., except those specifically excluded by the operating agreements between SCA Ltd and/or SCANZ and SCA Inc.
7. The Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac (this document).
8. Governing documents or written policies of Kingdom Officers, approved by the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, and Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ.
9. The Word of the Crown.

2 The Law

2.1 Precedence of the Law

The order of precedence of the Law shall be as defined in Definitions 1.16

2.2 Source of the Law

2.2.1 Word of the Crown

The Word of the Crown is Law, subject to the governing documents of the SCA and the modern laws of jurisdictions in which the kingdom is situated.

2.2.2 Proclamations

Proclamations of the Crown come into effect from the moment they are spoken, and are binding on all subjects of the kingdom with knowledge of the terms of the proclamation to the extent of that knowledge, during the reign of the Crown who made the proclamation. However, they do not change or rescind existing laws unless proclaimed and published as provided below.

2.3 Changes to the Law

2.3.1 Proposed Laws

1. Proposed Laws are any changes or additions proposed for these Laws.
2. The Crown must present all proposed Laws to the Kingdom Seneschal.
3. The Kingdom Seneschal will provide advice in a timely manner, and seek the approval of any proposed Law changes from the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ within 60 days.
4. Once the Kingdom Seneschal has provided confirmation of approval, the Crown may act to proclaim and publish the law change.

2.3.2 Proclamation and publication of Law changes

1. Changes to these Laws shall be announced by the Crown at an official event and shall take effect immediately as Word of the Crown, and become permanent when published and included in Pegasus.
2. In written announcements, all changes must be presented as changes, additions or deletions to specific articles or sections.

3. When announced in court, only the fact of the changes need be announced, provided the changes themselves have been published on the announcement email list prior to the event, or are available at the event for attendees to read.

2.4 Publication

1. The current Laws shall be maintained on the website of the Kingdom Seneschal and their location shall be published on the home page of the kingdom website and in each issue of Pegasus.
2. Documents describing announced changes to Laws shall be maintained and accessible on the Kingdom Seneschal's website for at least ten years after their original publication.

2.5 Combat

The rules and conventions concerning the martial activities of the Kingdom of Lochac are maintained and published by the office of the Earl Marshal.

3 The Crown

3.1 Eligibility for Crown Tournament

1. Each entrant in Crown Tournament, and their consort, must:
   (a) Be acceptable to the Committee of SCANZ and Board of SCA Ltd.
   (b) Not be disqualified from being an officer of a New Zealand incorporated society under section 47 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.
   (c) Be acceptable to the Crown.
   (d) Be at least 18 years of age on the day of the Crown Tournament.
   (e) Be current subscribing members of SCA Ltd or SCANZ.
      i. Membership must be maintained by the winner and their consort throughout their tenure as Royal Heirs and Crown.
      ii. Positive confirmation of membership consists of:
         A. a valid membership card,
         B. listing as a current member in the registry database,
         C. or receipt of online membership (as downloaded from the renewal website) plus proof that payment has been made in the form of a receipt for an electronic payment.
   (f) Have actively participated in the Kingdom of Lochac for a satisfactory period of time as judged by the Crown of Lochac.
      - For example, the Crown may choose to ask entrants to share what Lochac events they have attended/participated in the 3 to 6 months prior to the tournament.
   (g) Be able and willing to swear that should they win, they will attend their Coronation, the following Crown Tournament and the Coronation of their successors, and that they are willing and able to swear fealty to Lochac for the duration of their reign.
   (h) Not be the current Sovereign or Consort of Lochac.
   (i) Be able and willing, should they win, to obtain and maintain throughout their reign passports and any other necessary travel documents to ensure that they are free to travel to all parts of the kingdom.
2. A person may only be fought for by one combatant in a Crown Tournament. Examples:
   - Person A may fight for Person B and Person B may also fight for Person A.
   - Person A may fight for Person B and Person B may fight for Person C.

- Person A and Person B may NOT both fight for Person C.

3.2 Succession

3.2.1 Failure to attend Coronation

Should the Crown Prince and/or Princess, through no fault of their own, be unable to attend their Coronation, such steps as are necessary and acceptable to them and to the Crown shall be taken, that they may be crowned.

3.2.2 Sovereign or Consort unable to reign by cause of illness or death

If the Crown Prince or Princess becomes seriously ill or dies between the time of the Crown Tournament and their investiture as Crown, the remaining Crown Prince or Princess may reign alone, vested with the full powers of the Crown.

3.2.3 Crown Prince and/or Princess unwilling to reign

1. If the provisions of the previous subsection do not apply and the Crown Prince and/or Princess are unable or unwilling to start their reign, the Council of the Purse shall make preparations for a Crown Tournament which shall be held at the beginning of the Coronation event or, if this date shall have passed, at the earliest date practicable.
2. Entry into this tournament shall be restricted to those fighters and consorts who met the eligibility requirements listed in 3.1 to enter the previous Crown Tournament and who remain eligible, except for the victor of the previous Crown Tournament, and their consort who shall both be barred.
3. The Crown retain the right to make their acceptance of eligibility conditional on any further requirements.
4. The winner and consort of this tournament shall be crowned immediately.

3.2.4 Inability to complete reign

Should either the Sovereign or Consort become unable or unwilling to complete their reign, the other may continue to reign alone and shall retain all the power of the Crown.

3.2.5 The Regent

1. Should the Crown become unable or unwilling to complete their reign, the Champion and Lord or Lady of Lochac shall be Regent, and shall have all the powers of the Crown with the exception that the Regents may not change the Laws or give out awards.
2. The Regents may not participate as competitor or consort in the Crown Tournament to find the next Crown.

3. If the Crown has abdicated without Heirs, the Regent shall crown the winner and consort of the next Crown Tournament as Sovereign and Consort immediately.
4. If the Crown fails to complete their reign after their Heirs have been chosen, the Regent shall crown the Royal Heirs at the next scheduled Coronation event.

3.3 Selecting the Crown

1. The Sovereign is selected by being the winner of Crown Tournament, and the person they were competing for is selected as Consort.
2. The Crown shall choose the tournament form by which their successors shall be chosen.
3. Combat used for Crown Tournaments must follow the Rules of the Lists, the requirements for arms and armour, and conventions of combat for the Kingdom of Lochac.
4. The standard list for Lochac Crown Tournaments is a double elimination tournament, but other lists, such as single elimination or round robin may be chosen.
5. Each competitor, by entering Crown Tournament, declares willingness to face all opponents.
6. The winner of the Crown Tournament and their consort shall be the Royal Heirs, and bear the titles of Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess of Lochac.
7. Until their Coronation they shall have only such rights and duties as the Crown assigns to them.
8. The highest-ranked competitor in the Crown Tournament who is not the Crown or Consort shall bear the title of Champion of Lochac and their consort shall be called Lord or Lady of Lochac, for the duration of the reign of the winner of this tournament.

3.4 Coronation

At their Coronation, the Royal Heirs of Lochac shall assume the titles of King and/or Queen and shall be vested with the full powers of the Crown.

3.5 Crown Travel Fund

1. The Crown Travel Fund will reimburse the Crown's travel expenses up to an amount to be specified from time to time by the Council of the Purse.
2. Such reimbursement will be made upon presentation of receipts to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
3. Details of the current policy can be found on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's website. (`http://reeve.lochac.sca.org/policies`)

4 Officers

4.1 Kingdom Officers

4.1.1 Great Officers

There shall be seven Great Officers in Lochac. They shall be:

1. the Kingdom Seneschal
2. the Crux Australis Herald
3. the Earl Marshal
4. the Minister of Arts and Sciences
5. the Chancellor of the Exchequer
6. the Kingdom Chronicler
7. the Kingdom Chatelaine.

4.1.2 Lesser Officers

There shall be four Lesser Officers in Lochac. They shall be:

1. the Provost of the College of Scribes
2. the Keeper of Regalia
3. the Kingdom Historian
4. and the Kingdom Web Minister.

4.1.3 Term of office

1. The normal term of office for a Kingdom Officer shall be two years.
2. This term shall only be extended in exceptional circumstances.
3. No Kingdom Officer may serve for more than four years consecutively.

4.1.4 Responsibilities of Kingdom Officers

4.1.4.1 To the Crown

1. The Great and Lesser Officers are responsible to the Crown for carrying out the Laws and administering the affairs of Lochac.
2. They owe allegiance to the Crown in the performance of their offices.

3. In addition to the specific duties defined hereunder, each officer shall carry out such other duties as are appropriate to the office, or as are directed by the Crown.

4.1.4.2 Documentation of the office

As part of their responsibility to the administration of the kingdom, the Great and Lesser Officers shall produce and/or maintain written policies of their office, and seek approval of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ for any changes to the written policies of their office.

4.1.4.3 Communication

It shall be the responsibility and duty of each Great and Lesser Officer of the kingdom to maintain regular contact with, provide support to and collect reports from the local officers below them.

4.1.4.4 Deputies

1. It shall be the duty of each Great and Lesser Officer, within six months of assuming office, to obtain a deputy capable of assuming their office in case of emergency.
2. Emergency replacement deputies must be approved in the same manner as the office holder.

4.1.5 Duties of Kingdom Officers

4.1.5.1 Kingdom Seneschal

1. The Kingdom Seneschal is responsible for coordinating the administration of the kingdom's recreation activities, which includes coordinating the other Kingdom Officers as required for the smooth operation of the kingdom.
2. The Kingdom Seneschal is responsible for assisting new branches and for branch elevations.
3. The Kingdom Seneschal shall:
   (a) Receive reports from all other Great and Lesser Officers on the status of their office.
   (b) Make such reports as may be required by the Crown.
   (c) Sit on the Council of the Purse.
   (d) Sit on the Council of the Regalia.
   (e) Ensure that details of upcoming Crown events, attendance at which is required for the winners of the next Crown Tournament (as defined in Corpora IV - Royalty), are properly published via the kingdom's normal publishing processes, including appearing in Pegasus at least one month before that Crown Tournament takes place.

(f) Support the Crown with processing proposed changes to Kingdom Law, and inform the Society Seneschal and the SCA Inc Board ombudsman for the kingdom of approved changes.

4. The Kingdom Seneschal is ineligible to enter or be fought for in Crown Tournaments for any reign that would coincide with their term of office.

4.1.5.2 Crux Australis Herald

Crux Australis Herald is the principal heraldic officer of the Crown, and the head of the College of Heralds in Lochac, and shall be responsible for:

1. Provision of the Crown's voice at events.
2. Registration of names and armoury.
3. Maintenance of the Order of Precedence of Lochac.
4. Provision of new ceremony.
5. Devising of new protocol for Lochac subject to the Crown's approval.

4.1.5.3 Earl Marshal

1. The Earl Marshal is the principal martial officer of the Crown, and the head of the marshallate in Lochac, and shall be responsible for:
   (a) Development of combat conventions for the kingdom, as required.
   (b) Encouraging the development of chivalry on the field.
   (c) Maintenance, publication and enforcement of the kingdom standards for construction and use of weapons and armour.
2. The Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, shall appoint deputies in the areas of Keeper of the Lists, Fencing, Archery, Equestrian and Armoured Combat to perform duties in respect of the marshallate.
3. Further deputies with specific duties may be appointed by the Earl Marshal, in consultation with the Crown.
4. The Earl Marshal must appoint deputies for any of the disciplines they are not themselves an authorising marshal for. The Earl Marshal may subsume one or more of these roles into their own office, if they are qualified to do so, and so desire.
5. The Earl Marshal must be an authorising marshal in the kingdom in at least one of the following fields: armoured combat, rapier, equestrian.

4.1.5.4 Minister of Arts and Sciences

The Minister of Arts and Sciences shall be responsible for:

1. Encouraging period arts and sciences in Lochac.

2. Organsing the annual Lochac Arts and Sciences Competition.

4.1.5.5 Chancellor of the Exchequer

1. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is responsible for:
   (a) Coordinating the financial administration of funds for the Kingdom of Lochac and its branches.
   (b) Collecting, safeguarding and disbursing the monies of the kingdom.
   (c) Receiving financial reports from the local groups of Lochac.
   (d) Sitting on the Council of the Purse.
2. A deputy must also be appointed to to represent them for either Australia or New Zealand (whichever country they are not a resident in).
3. This deputy shall be responsible for:
   (a) Managing the kingdom finances in their respective country.
   (b) Sitting on the Council of the Purse

4.1.5.6 Kingdom Chronicler

The Kingdom Chronicler is responsible for the monthly publication and distribution of the official newsletter Pegasus for receipt by members before the first full weekend of the month.

4.1.5.7 Kingdom Chatelaine

The Kingdom Chatelaine is the bridge between newcomers and the SCA for the kingdom, and shall be responsible for:

1. Coordinating public and media relations and encouraging the growth and integration of the kingdom.
2. Maintaining communications with, and providing resources for, group chatelaines to ensure that newcomers feel welcome at events.

4.1.5.8 Provost of the College of Scribes

The Provost of the College of Scribes shall be responsible for:

1. Co-ordinating the production of such scrolls as may be directed by the Crown, and as may pertain to the Lochac kingdom awards
2. Provision of such other documents as the Crown may require.

4.1.5.9 Keeper of Regalia

The Keeper of Regalia shall serve under the Kingdom Seneschal and shall be responsible for liaising with the Crown through the Council for Regalia regarding the purchase, maintenance, storage and transport of the kingdom regalia as outlined in the Keeper of Regalia Handbook.

4.1.5.10 Kingdom Historian

The Kingdom Historian shall collect and compile materials relating to the history of Lochac and shall compose a chronicle of this history to be available to the people of Lochac.

4.1.5.11 Kingdom Web Minister

The Kingdom Web Minister shall serve under the Kingdom Seneschal and shall be responsible for the maintenance and updating of the kingdom website.

4.2 Group officers

4.2.1 Baronies

Baronies are required to have at least seven officers. The required offices shall be:

1. Seneschal
2. Reeve
3. Herald
4. Marshal (of any discipline)
5. Arts and Sciences Minister
6. Chronicler
7. Chatelaine.

4.2.2 All other groups, excluding hamlets

All other groups are required to have at least three officers. The required offices shall be:

1. Seneschal
2. Reeve
3. one of Herald, Marshal (of any discipline), or Arts and Sciences Minister.

4.2.3 Term of office

1. The normal term of office for a group officer shall be two years.
2. This term shall only be extended in exceptional circumstances.
3. No group officer may serve for more than four years consecutively.

4.2.4 Duties of group officers

1. The duties of group officers closely mirror those of their kingdom-level counterparts, but at the group level.

2. The duties are laid out in the officer handbooks and policies for each office.

4.3 Reporting

1. The reporting schedule of all officers throughout the kingdom shall be as follows:
   (a) The Kingdom Seneschal shall report quarterly, by the 1st of March, June, September, and December, to the Society Seneschal, the Lochac Ombudman, the Crown, the Heirs, Board of SCA Ltd, and Committee of SCANZ.

   (b) The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall report to the Kingdom Seneschal quarterly as required by SCA Ltd and SCANZ requirements, also taking into account the annual reporting dates specified in section 7 (Finances) of Kingdom Law.

   (c) Other Kingdom Officers shall report to the Kingdom Seneschal, and their Society equivalent officer (where applicable) quarterly, by the 15th of February, May, August, and November.

   (d) Reeves shall send a report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the deputy exchequer quarterly, by the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

   (e) Seneschals of baronies and shires shall report to the Kingdom Seneschal quarterly, by the 15th of February, May, August, and November

   (f) Other officers of baronies and shires shall report to their local seneschal quarterly, by the 1st of February, May, August, and November.

   (g) Seneschals of incipient groups, colleges and cantons shall report to the Kingdom Seneschal or their local seneschal (as applicable) quarterly, by the 15th of January, April, July and October.

   (h) Other officers of colleges and cantons shall report to their seneschal quarterly, by the 1st of January, April, July and October.
2. Failure to so report without appropriate explanation is grounds for the officer to be suspended or removed from office.

4.4 Appointment of officers

4.4.1 Appointment of Kingdom Officers

1. The Kingdom Seneschal is appointed by the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ.
2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is appointed by the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ.
   (a) The Deputy Exchequer for New Zealand or Australia is also appointed by the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ.

3. The Crux Australis Herald, Earl Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Kingdom Chronicler, Kingdom Chatelaine, Provost of the College of Scribes and the Kingdom Historian are appointed by the Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal and the outgoing officer.
4. The Keeper of the Regalia and the Kingdom Web Minister are appointed by the Kingdom Seneschal in consultation with the outgoing officer.
5. Emergency replacement deputies for all Kingdom Officers are appointed the same way as the substantive office holder.

4.4.2 Appointment of group officers

1. Group seneschals are appointed by the Kingdom Seneschal in consultation with the outgoing officer.
2. Group reeves are appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer or relevant Deputy Exchequer for that country in consultation with the group seneschal and the outgoing officer.
3. Other group officers are appointed by the relevant Kingdom Officer, in consultation with the group seneschal and the outgoing officer.
4. Emergency replacement deputies for all group officers are appointed the same way as the substantive office holder.

4.4.3 Removal of an officer

With sufficient evidence that an officer is not fulfilling the duties of that office, the relevant appointing authority may remove and replace that officer.

4.4.4 Suspension of an officer

1. An officer may be suspended by the relevant appointing authority for failing to comply with the requirements of their office.
2. The duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by that officer's appointed deputy for the duration of the suspension.
3. If there is no appointed deputy, then the duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by the seneschal at the relevant level, i.e. group or kingdom.

4.5 Requirements for holding office

4.5.1 Conflict of interest

1. No person may hold more than one Kingdom Office excepting as noted under the Earl Marshal's office.
2. No corporate officer of the SCA may hold any Great Office.

3. The Crown shall hold no other office in Lochac, or its subsidiary groups, during their reign.
    (a) Offices normally held by them shall be filled by their deputies, or such other persons as may be appointed for the duration of their reign.
4. No person may hold simultaneously a Kingdom Office and the office of seneschal or reeve in a local branch of the kingdom.

4.5.2 Membership

1. All officers - including Great and Lesser Officers and all local officers - must be members of the SCA.
2. Officers shall maintain their membership throughout their tenure.

4.5.3 Residence

1. All officers shall reside in Lochac, and shall have resided in Lochac for at least the six months prior to taking office.
2. The following officers must have resided in Lochac for at least 1 year prior to taking office:
    (a) Kingdom Seneschal
    (b) Chancellor of the Exchequer and their deputy
    (c) Seneschals of New Zealand groups
    (d) Reeves of New Zealand groups.
3. As they may need to step into the role as officer at any point, the emergency replacement deputies also need to meet these requirements.

4.5.4 Other eligibility

1. The following officers are also officers of SCANZ, and must meet the eligibility requirements for being an officer of a New Zealand incorporated society:
    (a) The Kingdom Seneschal (regardless of residence or membership)
    (b) The Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Deputy Exchequers for New Zealand and Australia (regardless of residence or membership)
    (c) Seneschals of New Zealand groups
    (d) Reeves of New Zealand groups.
2. As they may need to step into the role as officer at any point, the emergency replacement deputies also need to meet these requirements.

4.6 Territorial baronages

4.6.1 Appointment

1. The Crown shall appoint as baronage those individual(s) deemed most fit to represent the royal presence in the barony.
2. The Crown shall give consideration to the wishes of the populace of the barony and the advice of the reigning baronage before making such an appointment.
3. Territorial baronages of New Zealand baronies are officers of SCANZ and must be eligible to be an officer of a New Zealand incorporated society.

4.6.2 Vicars

In the case of an extended, but temporary, absence of the baronage, they may request that the Crown appoint a vicar to fulfil the duties of the baronage until their return.

4.6.3 Membership

Territorial baronages must be members of SCA Ltd or SCANZ for the duration of their tenure.

5 Branches

5.1 Creation of branches

The creation, advancement and management of branches within the kingdom shall be governed by the regulations laid down in the governing documents of the SCA.

6 Awards

6.1 Source of awards

1. The Crown is the font of all awards.
2. The sole power to bestow patents, grants and awards of arms rests with the Crown.
3. The Crown hereby grants to the Coronet of each principality the right to offer awards of arms to subjects of the principality, and to offer a patent of arms with the title of Viscount or Viscountess to those who have served the principality in the capacity of Sovereign or Consort for a full reign.
4. The Crown specifically reserves the right to grant patents and create peers for any other reason unto themselves.

6.2 Publication of awards

1. All bestowals of awards shall be proclaimed in court, or in some other public place at an event published in advance in Pegasus, to the Kingdom of Lochac at large.
2. It is the responsibility of the Crown giving arms or other awards, to notify both the Crux Australis Herald and the Kingdom Chronicler of the award, the date given, and the full name of the recipient within three months.
3. The officers will then ensure the information is added to the Order of Precedence and published in Pegasus.

6.3 Signatures

1. The signatures of the Crown shall not be forged on any scroll or other document without express permission of the Crown.
2. Signatures of previous Crowns may be forged on award scrolls after the end of their reign, provided the signatures used are based on that used by that Crown during their reign.
   (a) For this purpose, a copy of the Crown's reign signature must be sent to the Provost of the College of Scribes during each reign, or supplied on request if their reign has already ended.
   (b) Any former kingdom or principality royalty who are not readily contactable or who do not supply a reign signature on request may have their name written at the bottom of an award scroll by the Provost of the College of Scribes or the Provost's delegate.

6.4 Order of precedence

1. The order of precedence within Lochac is as follows:
   (a) The Crown of Lochac
   (b) The Royal Heirs of Lochac
   (c) Current territorial baronages, according to date of creation of the barony:
      i. Rowany
      ii. Innilgard
      iii. River Haven
      iv. Aneala
      v. Stormhold
      vi. Ynys Fawr
      vii. Politarchopolis
      viii. Southron Gaard
      ix. Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière
      x. Ildhafn
      xi. Mordenvale
      xii. Krae Glas
   (d) Current Great Officers of State:
      i. Kingdom Seneschal
      ii. Crux Australis Herald
      iii. Earl Marshal
      iv. Minister of Arts and Sciences
      v. Chancellor of the Exchequer
      vi. Kingdom Chronicler
      vii. Kingdom Chatelaine
   (e) Dukes and Duchesses
   (f) Counts and Countesses
   (g) Viscounts and Viscountesses
   (h) Peers of the Realm
   (i) Companions of the Order of the White Scarf and the Lochac Company of Archers

(j) Companions of the orders of distinction, conferring a grant of arms, and those bearers of a grant of arms without membership in an order of distinction

(k) Court Barons and Baronesses

(l) Members of the armigerous orders of achievement

(m) Those members of the populace holding an award of arms.

2. Rank within the orders is determined solely by the date the award was given.
3. For the territorial rulers, precedence is determined by the date of inauguration of the territory to its current group level.
4. As per the section Immigrant arms, precedence-bearing awards from other kingdoms carry an identical position of precedence to the corresponding Lochac award.
5. Awards granted to a branch, guild or other organised group that carry precedence do not convey that precedence onto the individual members of that group.

6.5 Royal peerages

1. The royal peers, as defined in Corpora, are the Dukes and Duchesses, Counts and Countesses and Viscounts and Viscountesses.
2. Royal peerages earned in the Kingdom of Lochac are accompanied by patents of arms.
3. People receiving such patents shall be assumed to fulfil the basic requirements for the elevation to the peerage.

6.6 Patents of arms

1. Bestowed peerages are the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, the Order of the Pelican, the Order of Defense, and the Order of the Mark, as defined in Corpora.
2. Elevation to these right noble orders shall convey a patent of arms.
3. Membership in each of the bestowed peerage orders confers the same level of precedence.
4. All members of the respective orders have the right to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their orders, and no member may be excluded from a conclave convened for that purpose unless under sanctions by the Crown as described in Corpora's section on sanctions.

6.7 The polling orders of distinction

6.7.1 Overview

1. The polling orders of distinction in Lochac are:
   (a) The Lochac Company of Archers
   (b) The Order of the White Scarf of Lochac.
2. These orders are no longer polled by the Crown and are closed to new members.
3. The selection of members of these orders was at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the respective orders.
4. Elevation to these orders conferred a grant of arms, if that person was not already a holder of a grant of arms.
5. These Orders are equal in precedence, and shall rank below the peerage and above the grant-level orders of distinction.

6.7.2 Lochac Company of Archers

1. Membership of the Lochac Company of Archers has been bestowed by the Crown to those who have demonstrated high achievement, chivalry and service to the kingdom in the field of missile weapons.
2. With the Order of the Mark opened as the pinnacle order of ranged pursuits, the Lochac Company of Archers is closed to new members and will no longer be polled by the Crown.
3. It shall be a recognised tradition in Lochac to address members of the company as “Captain”, or a variant thereof.
4. The duties of the members of this company are to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac.
5. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the Kingdom Archery Marshal on, and do research into, aspects of the art of missile weapons including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.

6.7.3 Order of the White Scarf of Lochac

1. Membership of the Order of the White Scarf of Lochac has been bestowed by the Crown upon those who have demonstrated high achievement, chivalry and service to the kingdom in unarmoured (rapier) combat.
2. With the Order of Defense opened as the pinnacle order of rapier combat, the Order of the White Scarf is closed to new members and will no longer be polled by the Crown.

3. It shall be a recognised tradition in Lochac to address members of the Order as “Don” or “Doña”.
4. The duties of the members of this order are to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac.
5. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the Kingdom Rapier Marshal on, and do research into, all aspects of the art of rapier combat including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.

6.8 Grant-level orders of distinction

6.8.1 Overview

1. Alongside the grant of arms, there shall be three orders of distinction in Lochac:
   (a) The Order of the Silver Pegasus
   (b) The Order of the Cockatrice
   (c) The Order of the Red Wyvern
2. Elevation to these orders shall confer upon the holders a grant of arms, if that person is not already a holder of a grant of arms.
3. All bearers of grants of arms are entitled to be addressed as “The Honourable”.
4. The grant of arms and these orders are all equal in precedence, and shall rank below the polling orders of distinction and above the Court Barons and Baronesses.

6.8.2 Grants of arms

The Crown may bestow a grant of arms to any individual whose substantial, unremitting, and excellent service or ability is of great value to the kingdom.

- GUIDELINE: For example, holding the position of a territorial baronage for a term of four years or longer, or holding a Kingdom Office for a full two-year term, and in either case performing its duties in an exemplary fashion.

6.8.3 The Order of the Silver Pegasus

1. The Order of the Silver Pegasus may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service.
2. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour.

6.8.4 The Order of the Cockatrice

1. The Order of the Cockatrice may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by showing outstanding skill in the arts and sciences.

2. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour.

6.8.5 The Order of the Red Wyvern

1. The Order of the Red Wyvern may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service and great prowess in the martial arts.
2. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy, and courtly behaviour both on and off the field of martial endeavour.
3. Such prowess can include skills in armoured combat, ranged weapons, rapier, the equestrian arts, siege warfare, or leadership on the warfield.

6.9 Court Baronies

1. The title of Court Baron or Court Baroness may be offered to those the Crown wishes to honour, for those whose contributions have enriched the kingdom in unique ways.

   GUIDELINE: Traditionally, this award is bestowed upon retiring territorial baronages. See also “Grants of arms”.
2. This title carries with it an award of arms, and those entitled shall stand in precedence between holders of grants of arms and orders of achievement.
3. The title of Court Baron/Baroness may be used by all who attain this title.
4. Court Barons and Baronesses are entitled to be addressed as “Your Excellency”.

6.10 Orders of achievement

6.10.1 Overview

1. The Crown shall bestow membership to the armigerous orders to those they deem deserving.
2. The orders of achievement in Lochac shall have the following common characteristics:
3. Elevation to these orders shall confer upon the holders an award of arms, if those persons are not already armigerous.
4. Members in these orders are entitled to be addressed by any of the titles deemed appropriate for this rank by the College of Arms.
5. These orders are all equal in precedence, and shall rank below the Court Barons and Baronesses and above holders of an award of arms.

6.10.2 The Order of the Golden Tear

The Order of the Golden Tear may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour for substantial and considerate service to the kingdom.

6.10.3 The Order of the Star and Lily

The Order of the Star and Lily may be bestowed upon to those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the arts and sciences.

6.10.4 The Order of the Rapier

The Order of the Rapier may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the field of rapier fighting.

6.10.5 The Order of the Golden Sword

The Order of the Golden Sword may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the field of armoured combat.

6.10.6 The Order of the Nock

The Order of the Nock may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the fields of archery and/or missile combat.

6.10.7 The Miles Regni

The Miles Regni (Soldier of the Kingdom) may be bestowed by the Crown to those who have supported the army of Lochac in any significant manner, including siege weapons and non-contact participants.

6.10.8 The Order of Prometheus

The Order of Prometheus may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour for excellence in teaching.

6.10.9 The Order of Hector

The Order of Hector may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour for excellence in equestrian activities.

6.10.10 The Lochac Order of Grace

The Lochac Order of Grace may only be awarded once per reign to that person the Consort regards as having displayed exceptional courtesy.

6.10.11 The Order of the Golden Poyntel

The Order of the Golden Poyntel may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the scribal arts for the Lochac College of Scribes.

6.10.12 The Order of the Vox Coronae

The Order of the Vox Coronae may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for excellence and sustained service in voice and silent heraldry.

6.10.13 The Order of the Hand and Needle

The Order of the Hand and Needle may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for generously and selflessly donating their skill in the arts for the benefits of the Crown and Kingdom (for example, in the creation of livery or largesse).

6.11 Award of arms

1. The Crown shall bestow an award of arms to those individuals who they deem deserving of recognition for their various achievements.
2. Gentles granted an award of arms are entitled to be addressed by any of the titles deemed appropriate for this rank by the College of Arms.
3. They shall rank below the armigerous orders of achievement and above the non-armigerous orders.
4. This award shall have the effect of converting devices, previously registered with the College of Heralds, to arms, and of directing those who have not yet registered armoury to design and register arms.

6.12 Non-armigerous orders

6.12.1 General

1. In addition to the armigerous orders, the Crown may create orders that do not in themselves convey the right to bear arms, nor do they convey any rank in the Order of Precedence
2. The awards granted by the Coronets of the former Principality of Lochac were non-armigerous.
   (a) Those orders are now closed and membership of these orders does not convey rank:
      i. Order of the Roman Lilies
      ii. Order of the Silver Tear
      iii. Order of the Silver Nock

iv. Order of the Silver Rapier

v. Order of the Silver Sword

6.12.2 The Order of the Rowan

The Order of the Rowan is given to those who have displayed exceptional and consistent grace and courtesy to all.

6.12.3 The Order of the Silver Helm

The Order of the Silver Helm is given to those combatants who consistently present a good looking and period appearance on the field.

6.12.4 The Order of the Cross of Lochac

The Order of the Cross of Lochac may be given to those who have performed service to the kingdom, but who are not citizens of Lochac.

6.12.5 The Order of Taillefer

The Order of Taillefer may be bestowed on those who by way of performance consistently entertain the populace of the kingdom.

6.12.6 Royal cyphers

1. The Crown may create and award royal cyphers to those people who have been thoughtful and helpful to the Crown, or the King or Queen separately, during their reign.
2. These may also be proclaimed as a King's cypher or a Queen's cypher.

6.12.7 The Mouse Guard

The Mouse Guard is given in recognition of the contribution given to our kingdom by children between the ages of 4 and 13 years.

6.12.8 The Company of the Pride of Lochac

The Pride of Lochac is given by the Crown to groups, such as households, who have as a group made noteworthy contribution to the kingdom.

6.12.9 The Order of the Rose

1. The Order of the Rose comprises those who have served as Consort to the Sovereign, in the Kingdom of Lochac, or in the Principality of Lochac, as defined in Corpora.
2. Members of this order are charged with supporting and assisting the Crown and their Heirs, and encouraging chivalric and courteous behaviour among all members of the Society.

3. The order shall be non-armigerous.

6.12.10 The Order of the Coronaria

1. The Order of the Coronaria comprises those who have served Lochac as Viscountess or Vicereine before Lochac became a kingdom.
2. Members of this order are charged with supporting and assisting the Crown and their heirs and encouraging chivalric and courteous behaviour among all members of the Society.
3. The order shall be non-armigerous.
4. There is no official token for the award.

6.12.11 Augmentation of arms

1. An augmentation of arms is a special and very rare honour.
2. It entitles the recipient to register an addition or alteration to their arms in consultation with the awarding Crown.
3. An augmentation of arms may be granted to a group or individual at the discretion of the Crown.
4. In the case of an individual, it would normally be for exceptional and/or prolonged service to the Kingdom of Lochac.

6.12.12 The Order of the Catkin

The Order of the Catkin is bestowed upon those who have consistently enhanced the game for families by providing children's activities and spaces.

6.12.13 Gratia Coronae

The Gratia Coronae is a royal cypher and a token of thanks from the Crown for actions above and beyond for the kingdom and Knowne World during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6.12.14 The Order of the Azure Lily

The Order of the Azure Lily is given to youth (aged 10-18) who have shown skill and service in the arts and sciences.

6.12.15 The Order of the Azure Sword

The Order of the Azure Sword is given to youth (aged 10-18) who have shown skill and service in combat.

6.12.16 The Order of the Azure Nock

The Order of the Azure Nock is given to youth (aged 10-18) who have shown skill and service in ranged pursuits.

6.12.17 The Order of the Azure Tear

The Order of the Azure Lily is given to youth (aged 10-18) who have shown skill and dedication in service.

6.12.18 The Order of the Lens

The Order of the Lens is awarded for excellence and service in cinematography.

6.13 Other awards

6.13.1 Baronial awards

The territorial baronages of each barony have the right to establish non-armigerous orders and awards to be recognized solely within the borders of their barony.

6.13.2 Local recognition

1. Groups that are not baronies may give local recognition without consultation with the Crown.
2. These are not awards and carry no precedence.

6.14 Immigrant arms

1. The Kingdom of Lochac recognizes the arms and orders awarded by other kingdoms of our Society.
2. Armigers moving to Lochac will be placed on the Lochac Order of Precedence as though they had received the equivalent Lochac awards.

7 Finances

7.1 Financial policy

The financial policies of SCA Ltd and SCANZ apply to the Kingdom of Lochac and to all groups within the kingdom.

7.2 Financial reporting

7.2.1 Groups reporting to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

1. Every **Australian** group shall report annually to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Deputy for Australia, by 31st January, on the monies and properties they held for their group or the SCA during the previous Australian financial year.
2. Every **New Zealand** group shall report annually to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Deputy for New Zealand, by 30th of April, on the monies and properties they held for their group or the SCA during the previous New Zealand financial year.
3. Failure to so report without appropriate explanation is ground for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to suspend the responsible officer in that group.
4. Failure to so report within a further month without appropriate explanation is ground for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request the Crown to place the group in abeyance.

7.2.2 The Chancellor of the Exchequer

7.2.2.1 Annual reporting

1. The Chancellor of the Exchequer must report to the SCA Ltd Treasurer, the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal every year by the last day of February, on the monies and properties of Australian branches of the Kingdom of Lochac.
2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer must report to the SCANZ Treasurer, the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal every year by the 31st of May on the monies and properties of New Zealand branches of the Kingdom of Lochac.
3. Failure to so report without appropriate explanation is grounds for the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ to suspend or remove the Chancellor of the Exchequer from office.

7.2.2.2 Kingdom financial summary in Pegasus

1. The office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer must publish in each July issue of Pegasus a summary report (e.g. one page per country) of the kingdom's account

balances and overall income/expenditure covering the most recent financial year for each country, alongside comparable figures from the previous year.

2. This summary should cover all accounts held by the kingdom in any country.
3. As the kingdom is not a legal entity, and exists in multiple legal jurisdictions, these reports are for the information of the populace only. They do not constitute legal, financial, or regulatory reporting.

7.2.2.3 Failure to report

1. Should it become apparent that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is unable or unwilling to produce a financial report for a given financial year, then the Board of SCA Ltd and Committee of SCANZ may remove them from office and appoint another person.
2. The emergency replacement deputy shall perform the duties of the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer until a permanent replacement is found.
3. Should it be apparent that a group within the kingdom is unable or unwilling to report, then this should be communicated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the relevant corporate Treasurer.
4. The provisions of SCANZ's constitution and SCA Ltd's financial policy will then apply, including placing the group in abeyance.

7.3 Levies on events

7.3.1 General

1. For the purposes of the kingdom event levy, SCA Ltd event membership and SCANZ event membership fees, regular activities such as fighter practices, group business meetings and informal classes are excluded from requiring collection of fees and levies.
2. Events sponsored by college groups are exempt from the requirement to collect or remit kingdom event levies, SCA Ltd or SCANZ event membership fees.
3. Incipient groups without bank accounts shall report through their supervising group.
4. Persons who pay no entry fee are exempted from kingdom event levies.

7.3.2 Kingdom event levy

1. Each group in the Kingdom of Lochac shall contribute to the kingdom funds.
2. For every day (up to a maximum of 5 days) of every event held, $1 from every person 18 years or older attending the event that day shall be collected.

7.3.3 SCA Ltd event memberships

1. SCA Ltd requires that Australian-based groups (except colleges) collect and remit funds for event memberships for persons who are not full members of the SCA in any country.
2. For every event held, from every non-member, adult or minor, attending the event, a fee as prescribed by SCA Ltd shall be collected.
3. Australian-based groups must report the number of, but not collect the fee from, any members of SCA Ltd affiliated organisations such as SCANZ or SCA Inc attending their events.

7.3.4 SCANZ event membership fees

1. SCANZ requires that New Zealand-based groups (except colleges) collect and remit funds for event memberships for persons who are not full members of the SCA in any country.
2. For every event held, from every non-member 18 years or older attending the event, a fee as prescribed by SCANZ shall be collected.
3. Persons who pay no entry fee are exempted from SCANZ event membership fees.

7.3.5 Remittance

1. At the end of every quarter (September, December, March, June), the funds collected by the group shall be remitted in accordance with the requirements of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
2. Groups are required to calculate their amounts and remit funds in their own relevant currency on a dollar for dollar basis.

8 Crown events

8.1 Scheduling

1. There shall be two official Crown Tournaments and two official Coronations per year in the kingdom.
2. These shall be held on the first or second full weekend of the following months:
    - March - Autumn Crown
    - May - New Year's Coronation
    - September - Spring Crown
    - November - Mid-year Coronation
3. In exceptional cases, the Council of the Purse has discretion to accept an event bid specifying a date which is up to 14 days before or after the weekends noted above.
4. Events sited more than 500km as the crow flies from the Crown Tournament or Coronation event site are granted automatic permission to conflict with the event.
5. Other events shall not be scheduled on any date where a Crown Tournament or Coronation is to be held without express permission of the Crown.

8.2 Event hosting

The hosting of the four official crown events shall be equitably distributed among the branches of Lochac as far as is possible.

8.3 Bids

1. Bids from groups wishing to host a crown event shall be collected by the Kingdom Seneschal.
2. The Council of the Purse shall choose between the bids at least nine (9) months before the crown event, and earlier if they think advisable; but in no case shall the decision be made more than eighteen months before the proposed event.
3. In extenuating circumstances, bids may be approved up to six (6) months before the crown event.

8.4 Budget

1. All bids for crown events must include a detailed budget.

2. The Council of the Purse may reject a bid entirely based on the proposed budget, however it may seek modifications to that budget in preference to rejection.
3. Any modification to the budget must be agreed to by the Council of the Purse and the bidding group.
4. After the budget for a crown event has been approved by the Council of the Purse, no changes shall be made to the budget without the approval of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

8.5 Finances

1. The steward of each crown event shall submit a final financial report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer within two months of the holding of the event.
2. If the report is not received in this time, the group may not hold any official events until a satisfactory report is received by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

8.6 Inability for the Crown Tournament or Coronation to be held

8.6.1 General

1. In the event that the Crown Tournament or Coronation must be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances, such as but not limited to a public health emergency or significant natural disaster, and cannot feasibly be rescheduled or relocated within the allowable schedule period per 8.1, the events will occur as per 8.6.2 and 8.6.3.
2. The Council of the Purse will determine the dates and publish the date changes in Pegasus, on the kingdom website and other appropriate kingdom communication channels.

8.6.2 Crown Tournament

1. The Crown Tournament will be held at the following scheduled Coronation.
2. Should this event also be cancelled, the Crown Tournament will be held on a date agreed by the Council of the Purse but no later than the next scheduled crown event per 8.1, with consideration given to broad accessibility to compete in the tournament where travel restrictions may be in effect.

8.6.3 Coronation

8.6.3.1 Coronation (with Royal Heirs)

1. If there are Royal Heirs, the Kingdom Seneschal and the reigning Crown shall prepare and have published a proclamation announcing the orderly succession of the Crown.
2. The proclamation shall be made and dated within 14 days of the cancelled Coronation event, submitted for publication in the next edition of Pegasus and distributed to the populace via the territorial baronages and group seneschals.

8.6.3.2 Coronation (without Royal Heirs)

1. If there are no Royal Heirs, the current Crown will continue their reign until a Crown Tournament and successive Coronation can be scheduled as per 8.6.2.
2. If the current Crown are not willing to extend their term, a Regency is to be established as per 3.2.5.

9 Councils

9.1 Council of the Purse

1. There shall be a Council of the Purse, consisting of the Crown (or Regent), the Kingdom Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (AUS/NZ) to determine matters of general finance and the distribution of funds during the reign.
2. For the council to make a decision, the members of the council must be unanimously in agreement.
3. The Council of the Purse is responsible for approving the budget bid for every Crown event and kingdom expenditure.
4. The Royal Heirs shall be made party to discussions of the council, but not have a vote.

9.2 Council of Regalia

9.2.1 General

1. There shall be a Council of Regalia.
2. Its duties will be to advise the Crown as to the artistic, historical, and practical merit of proposed regalia and equipment.
3. Further, the council will specifically advise the Crown as to the acceptability of such items.
4. All offers of donation, and all proposals for acquisition of Crown regalia will be handled through this council.
5. Any article of regalia given to the Crown without having first been approved by the council will be deemed a personal gift to the Sovereign and/or Consort to whom it is presented.
6. All items of regalia are considered the property of the Kingdom of Lochac and may be disposed of only with the unanimous consent of the council.

9.2.2 Composition

1. Voting members of the council shall be the Sovereign and Consort, the Keeper of Regalia, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
2. Non-voting members shall be the Royal Heirs, and such persons the Crown deems relevant to the subject matter.

9.2.3 Functions

1. The Council for Regalia will conduct an inventory of the royal regalia immediately prior to its transfer from the outgoing to the incoming Crown.
2. A representative of both sets of incoming and outgoing Crowns should be present.
3. The council shall determine if the outgoing Crown shall be held fiscally responsible for loss or damage to regalia entrusted into their care.
4. The new Crown shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of those items of regalia coming into their possession.
5. Other items of regalia shall remain in the possession of the council's representative.

10 Conduct of persons

10.1 Fealty

10.1.1 Great Officers of State

All Great Officers shall pledge fealty to the current Crown.

10.1.2 Lesser Officers of State

All Lesser Officers may pledge fealty to the current Crown.

10.1.3 Territorial baronages

Each territorial baronage shall pledge fealty to the current Crown.

10.1.4 Peers

1. Knights shall swear fealty to the Crown.
2. All other members of bestowed peerages and royal peers have the right to offer fealty to the Crown.
3. If any peer is unable to do so in person, they may, if they choose, offer their fealty to the current Crown through the baronage of the territory in which they reside as the Crown's representative. This fealty shall then be passed to the Crown by the territorial baronage.

10.1.5 Other cases

No subject of Lochac shall be required to pledge fealty to any branch below the level of a principality, nor to any individual save the Crown of Lochac.

10.1.6 Violation of fealty

1. No statement or action which suggests, advocates or enacts violation of fealty to the kingdom shall be used, by any person, group or entity in Lochac.
2. Fighters doing so shall at once be forbidden to participate in any Society combat
3. Officers doing so shall at once be suspended from office.
4. If an entire branch does so, it shall be suspended.
5. The above suspensions and restrictions shall remain until they have been considered by the Crown or their appointed representatives, at which point the suspensions shall be lifted or confirmed.

6. At the same occasion, other penalties may be assessed, if such is the will of the Crown.
7. Any such penalties and processes shall comply with the Sanctions Guide.

10.1.7 Fealty variations

1. Fealty shall be read as that sworn by the individual at court and as per the Lochac Book of Ceremonies.
2. Alternatives may be used with the agreement of the Crown and shall carry the same intent.

10.2 Clothing

1. In accordance with Corpora, all people attending official SCA events shall be wearing an attempt at a style of pre 17th Century dress.
2. At business meetings and informal classes, the requirement to wear pre-17th century dress may be waived.

10.3 Hazard and incident reporting

1. Any hazard that presents, or is likely to present, an unacceptable risk of injury or illness as a result of an activity or event that relates to Lochac must be reported, as soon as practicable, to the relevant officer (e.g. the event steward, local seneschal).
2. Any person may alert the relevant officer, as soon as practicable, to a risk that has the potential to harm a person, the environment, or the organisation, at any time during or after an activity or event that relates to Lochac.
3. The relevant officer shall take action, so far as is reasonable, to address the risk or otherwise escalate when appropriate.

10.4 Issue resolution procedure

10.4.1 General

1. The purpose of this procedure is to guide two or more parties toward a mutually acceptable outcome in the event that they are unable to agree upon an issue arising during SCA- related activities and events.
2. If either party is not legally competent to participate in this process, they shall be represented by their legal guardian.
3. Information that could reasonably lead to the identification of the other party in conjunction with the details of an issue must not be shared outside the issue resolution process.

4. For any complaint that involves a New Zealand member or any officer of SCANZ (including the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer or their Deputy) a formal dispute may be raised with SCANZ under the procedures in its constitution at any stage.
5. Anyone having an issue with or grievance against another member in of SCA participant in Lochac that is not a mundane legal matter or dealt with in SCA policy, shall first attempt to settle the matter as follows:

10.4.2 First stage

1. The person shall attempt to hold a private discussion with the other to come to a resolution.
2. If either party wishes, they may designate another person they trust who is willing to conduct or participate in the discussion on their behalf.
3. If desired by either party and subsequently accepted by both parties, an impartial mediator may be present.
4. The time, communication method and location of any discussion should be mutually agreed on.

10.4.3 Second stage

1. If the issue cannot be resolved and involves only local parties, the person shall bring the matter, preferably in writing, to the attention of the most relevant officer, or to the local seneschal if there is no appropriate local officer.
2. If the issue is with someone outside the local area, it shall be brought to the relevant Kingdom Officer.
3. If the issue involves a territorial baronage, it shall be brought directly to the Crown.
4. If the issue involves the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, the Chancellor of the Exchequer or their deputy, it shall be brought directly to the Committee of SCANZ and the SCA Ltd Board, with a copy to the Society Seneschal.
5. The relevant officer must then attempt to arbitrate a resolution.
6. If the relevant officer or a close associate of the officer (e.g. their life partner or SCA student) is involved in the issue, this stage step may be omitted.

10.4.4 Third stage

1. If the issue cannot be resolved at a local level, it shall be brought in writing to the attention of the relevant Kingdom Officer.
2. The relevant officer or their nominated representative must then attempt to arbitrate a resolution.

10.4.5 Unresolved issues

1. If all steps above have been tried and have failed, a formal written complaint may be made to the Kingdom Seneschal.
2. This will be investigated and handled by the Kingdom Seneschal in accordance with relevant SCANZ and SCA Ltd policies.