

BY-LAWS and CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS
OF
MEDIEVAL SCENARIOS & RECREATIONS, INC.
AND THE
LAWS OF THE KINGDOM OF ACRE

MEDIEVAL SCENARIOS & RECREATIONS, INC. BY-LAWS

A not-for-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of New York

Introduction

The purpose of the Kingdom of Acre is to educate the public on the finest aspects of the High Middle Ages of Western Europe via the historical recreation of a Christian Kingdom at the time of the Crusades, between 1000 A.D. - 1500 A.D. Educating the public can consist of coordinating medieval themed fairs,

demonstrations or presentations at organizations such as other educational entities or any function deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

1. The principal offices of the Corporation shall be located as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation or as subsequently ordered by the Board of Directors.
2. There shall be kept at the office of the Corporation, or such other place as the Board of directors shall designate, correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation, including a minutes book which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these By-laws, and all minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. Official corporate communications consist of the White Hart, the Kingdom of Acre email discussion list, and the official Kingdom of Acre website.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

1. The requirement for general membership shall be the payment of annual dues in an amount to be determined by the Board of directors, and obedience to the rules, regulations, and By-laws of the Corporation and its subdivisions.
2. Membership in the Corporation shall be evidenced by a membership card or by proof of application to the Registrar to consist of a canceled application check, valid receipt issued by the Corporation, or a label from a current mailing of The White Hart.
3. The requirements for having the right to vote in general membership matters, including Parliament, but excepting elections for the Board of Directors or any other election defined elsewhere in these bylaws, shall be:
 - a) dues paid to date.
 - b) attendance by member to at least two (2) medieval events or suitable works projects as approved by the Works Projects Committee.

during the previous 365 days

A medieval event shall be defined as an event or corporate function which meets kingdom standards in terms of being a period event, is appropriately announced in official corporate communications and complies with all kingdom regulations in terms of timeliness and record keeping. Corporate demonstrations will also be defined as events for purposes of meeting requirements to vote, participate in Crown or hold office. Corporate Demonstrations are announced by the President.

- c) proof of having earned two (2) Angus (Silver) Bezants in the past membership year.
 - d) age 16 or older.
 - e) been a member for 365 days.
4. The requirements for having the right to vote in Board of Directors elections shall be:
 - a) dues paid to date.
 - b) attendance by member to at least two (2) medieval events **or suitable works projects as approved by the Works Projects Committee.**

during the previous 365 days. Participation in events of other kingdoms counts toward voting and other requirements when such participation involves accompanying the Crown of Acre, as certified by the Crown.

c) proof of having earned one (1) Wilhelm (Gold) Bezant during the previous twelve (12) consecutive month period, such proof being documented by records of bezants paid. d) age 16 or older.

e) been a member for 365 calendar days preceding said elections. A grace period providing reinstatement without penalty is available for members whose membership has lapsed within sixty (60) days if dues are paid to the Registrar within the time period allotted.

Special work projects may serve as acceptable equivalents to the requirements of paragraph b.

A committee consisting of the President and four other people elected by the Board to serve one (1) year terms shall determine which members meet the qualifications for voting membership.

Appeals to the committee's decisions may be made directly to the Board.

5. The annual membership meeting shall take place within the first six (6) months of the year, at a time, place, and date to be specified by the President of the Corporation. The Secretary of the Corporation shall cause a notice of such time, place, and date to be inserted into the organization newsletter so that all members shall have received notice at least thirty (30) days before said meeting is to be held. Any member wishing business to be brought before such meeting shall notify the Secretary in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled date of such meeting. No new business may be brought before the meeting from the floor of such meeting.
6. All voting at membership meetings shall be in person, and not by proxy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, membership absentee ballots in a form promulgated by the board of Directors shall be allowed.
7. Any member who has failed to pay dues for a period of sixty (60) days after the due date thereof, will be automatically removed from the membership rolls of the Corporation without notice.
8. Members in good standing shall be defined as in Article II, Section 3 of these By-Laws with the additional requirement of having no outstanding financial debt to the Corporation that has been unresolved. The Treasurer shall provide the names of any such persons to the Board of Directors and to the Crown, along with any necessary information requested. The Treasurer shall also inform the BOD and the Crown when any such persons are reinstated as members in good standing. All information shall be kept private unless deemed necessary by the BOD.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors.
2. All directors shall be members in good standing as defined in Article II Section 3 of these By-laws.
3. There shall be not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) directors. The actual number shall be decided by the Board. Each director shall serve a term of three (3) years and until a successor has been elected and qualified.

4. The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, if necessary. In no case shall the Board meet less than once a year. Meetings dates may be changed by a phone poll of Board members. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, Treasurer or two (2) Board members of the Corporation, upon seven (7) days notice to all the other directors by certified mail, return receipt requested, unless the privilege of certified mail is waived by the Board member. Notice hereunder shall be deemed made two (2) days after deposit for mailing with the United States Postal Service. The notice of the special meeting must state the purpose of the meeting and the agenda must be limited to the purpose for which the meeting was called.
5. Two-thirds of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business, and the act of a majority of those present and voting at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall constitute an act of the Board, unless otherwise required by State Law or these By-laws.
6. Directors must vote in person.
7. No director shall cast a vote on a matter in which he or she has a direct financial interest.
8. The Board may, by vote of two-thirds of those directors present and voting at a meeting duly called and held in accord with these By-laws, remove with or without cause any officer including any Kingdom Officer, as that term is hereinafter defined.
9. Vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from removal or resignation of a director will be filled by the runner-up from the last Board election who will serve for the duration of the term of the member being replaced. In the case of a tie of runners-up, the Board will elect the new Board member from the runnersup. Vacancies resulting from expansion of the number of directors must be filled by membership vote using the guidelines as set forth under VOTING.
10. Board members will serve without compensation, but the Treasurer may indemnify such Board members for expenses and costs incurred in the performing of their duties.
11. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open unless meeting in executive session. The Board will endeavor to publish agendas, meeting dates and times, and locations in advance of any regular board meeting in the organization's newsletter. The Board will endeavor to follow said agenda but reserves the right to change or preempt the published agenda as it sees fit.

Emergency Board of Director meetings may be called without publishing an agenda or notice of meeting in an organization newsletter.

Members attending may speak only with the express permission of a majority vote of the Board present.

Open meetings are subject to space constraints and members will be permitted to attend to the extent that space allows.

12. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chair shall preside. The Chair shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors at the first board meeting following an election of directors. At the same meeting the Board is required to reconstitute the membership of all standing committees, unless their terms of office are otherwise specified. In the absence of the Chair, the directors shall elect an acting chair to preside over the meeting. The Secretary shall act as Board Secretary at all meetings of the

Board of Directors. In the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

13. All official statements and letters of record from the Board of Directors shall be transmitted as a written document by the US Postal Service. The primary form of communication for all official BOD statements shall be the US Postal Service, not electronic media such as email, fax and similar mechanisms. This regulation does not include internal communications for BOD business among BOD members and is not necessary for communications with other Corporate and Kingdom officials during the transaction of regular business. In an emergency situation, and by the discretion of the Corporate Secretary or as requested by the Chairman of the Board, the Secretary may elect to fax and/or email a copy of the document prior to sending the actual document by the US Postal Service.
14. All voting by the Board of Directors shall take place at a declared and scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. Voting by other means, including a voice vote on the telephone or electronic voting by email or fax is not an acceptable means of voting on Board Motions, except when the Chairman of the Board deems that an urgent situation exists. This action shall be called an Extraordinary Vote. Note of the Chairman's decision that the issue requires this urgency must be made at the time that the Extraordinary Vote is called. Although the issue may be urgent, Board members should be given a reasonable opportunity for discussion among themselves before the votes are recorded at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board. Following the Extraordinary Vote, all Board members will be informed of the result. If the Extraordinary Vote was not declared a secret ballot by the Chairman of the Board, Board members will be informed following the Extraordinary Vote of the individual votes of each Board member. An appropriate record of all Extraordinary Vote activities shall be included in the Board minutes.

ARTICLE IV - VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Voting for Board members shall be held at the time and place as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
2. Within sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled membership meeting to vote for the Board, the Secretary shall have a notice placed in the organization newsletter informing the membership of said meeting with all particulars. Alternatively, a special mailing may be made to the membership.
3. The aforementioned notice will also inform the membership of the following rules to become a nominee for the Board:
 - a) Members interested in running for a seat on the Board must have been members for all of the 730 days preceding the membership meeting. Exceptions may be granted to members who have lapsed for no longer than ninety (90) days who did not receive proper notification from the Registrar.
 - b) Any person interested in becoming a nominee must submit in writing to the Secretary his or her intentions at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date scheduled for elections.
 - c) The notice shall also include a list of all members eligible to vote for the Board.
4. A list of all candidates shall be published or mailed at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. The Corporate officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as the Board shall appoint from time to time.
2. Corporate officers shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve for three years.

3. The Board may remove any officer with or without cause, and may appoint replacements for the balance of the unexpired term.
4. All officers shall be members of the Corporation and shall serve without compensation, but the Treasurer may indemnify such officers for expenses and costs incurred in performing their duties.
5. The President shall be the principal corporate officer of the Corporation and shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Corporation's affairs. He or she shall preside over all members meetings. He or she may sign contracts, checks, instruments of obligation or any other legal document required in the performance of his or her duties. With the exception of the other Corporate officers elected or directly appointed by the Board, he or she may suspend any subordinate officer, including any Kingdom Officer.
6. The Vice-President shall be responsible to the President and shall assist him or her in such matters as the President shall assign. He or she may sign contracts, checks, instruments of obligation or any other legal document required in the performance of his or her duties.
7. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation. He or she shall keep records of all financial activities of the Corporation, which records, upon reasonable notice, shall be exhibited to any Corporate Officer or Director of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall cause all monies and other valuable assets of the Corporation to be deposited in or credited to the name of the Corporation in such banks and other depositories as he or she may designate. Whenever required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall render a statement of the Corporation's accounts. He or she may sign contracts, checks, instruments of obligation or any other legal document required in the performance of his or her duties.
8. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board; shall see that all notices required by these By-Laws or State law are duly given; shall keep a register of all names and mailing information on all members; and perform any further duties assigned by the Board of Directors.
9. No Corporate Officer may hold a Kingdom position if said position is subordinate to and receives approval from the Corporate Officer. To wit, the Treasurer may not hold the office of Kingdom Exchequer, etc.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL MATTERS

1. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1st to December 31st.
2. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in whatever institutions the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.
3. All checks, drafts, notes and other evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by the President or Treasurer as required. Checks for amounts above \$5,000.00 must be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the creation and implementation of all fiscal reporting requirements and recordkeeping and all Officers and members shall cooperate fully with all such requirements and recordkeeping.

5. The Treasurer shall be empowered to adopt whatever procedures he or she deems appropriate for reimbursement of members or Corporate Officers who expend personal funds for Corporate purposes.
6. The Kingdom Exchequer shall be appointed and removed by the Treasurer with consultation with the reigning "King & Queen".
7. No contract or agreement using the Corporate name shall be binding unless executed by a Corporate Officer empowered to execute same pursuant to Article IV and Article V of these By-Laws.
8. The corporation will make a discretionary fund of \$200.00 available to the reigning monarch. This will become available to them at the descent of the previous Monarch at the final event of the previous reign, and can be spent at any time while they remain crowned. Funds spent must be accounted for to the Corporate Treasurer but can be spent in any manner the current Monarch decides.

ARTICLE VII - SUBDIVISIONS

1. The Board of Directors shall adopt rules for the formation of local chapters of the Corporation.
2. Any group of members in any geographical area may, with the written approval of the Board of Directors and under the procedures established by the Board, form a local chapter of the Corporation.
3. No such local subdivision or chapter shall have the right or power to enter into any contract or agreement using the Corporate name, and the Corporation shall not be bound by any such contract or agreement, unless specifically authorized and approved in writing by the President or Treasurer.
4. No activity or event sponsored by any such chapter or subdivision shall be an official activity of the Corporation unless approved in writing by the President or Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII - MEDIEVAL ACTIVITIES

1. In keeping with the purposes of the Corporation, all internal social and recreational activities shall be administered by a "medieval kingdom".
2. The "Kingdom" is subordinate to the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors shall adopt resolutions setting out the structure of the "Kingdom" and its means of governance.
4. "Kingdom" rules and regulations shall be subject to these By-Laws, the Corporate Certificate, and the Laws of the State of New York and Federal Laws which pertain to our activities.
5. The President shall have the power to suspend a Sovereign, Great Officer, or any Kingdom Officer from performance of their office. In the event of suspension, the President Must notify the Secretary in writing within three days of such action, so that the Board may be notified. In the event of suspension, at the President's order, of any Sovereign or Great Officer, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be called

within three weeks. Such temporary suspension of any Kingdom Officer shall become a permanent removal unless overruled at such a specially called meeting.

6. The "Kingdom" may maintain a treasury. The treasury will be maintained in a segregated passbook account under the control of the "Kingdom Exchequer". The Exchequer, while ostensibly a "kingdom official" with primary responsibility to the "Kingdom", is also answerable and will follow the directions of the Treasurer. The Treasurer will promulgate rules and regulations from time to time regarding the proper disbursement and record keeping for monies under the care of the Exchequer. It will be the Exchequer's responsibility to follow those directions. The Exchequer shall have the additional responsibility of maintaining a record of attendance of members at events. This will be implemented by having autocrats provide a sign-in sheet at each event.
7. The Seneschal shall have the additional responsibility of maintaining a record of attendance at all Shire and Baronial meetings.
8. All Kingdom Officers must be members-in-good-standing of the Corporation.
9. Kingdom Officers are subject and subordinate to Corporate Officers, and shall obey any directive or order issued by a Corporate Officer. No Kingdom Officer shall assert lack of authority as grounds for refusal to obey any directive or order issued as per above and any Kingdom Officer asserting lack of authority as a ground for refusal to carry out such order or directive may be removed as otherwise provided herein.
10. All Kingdom bodies or officers, and all laws, rules, edicts, resolutions, etc., of same are subject and subordinate to the By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation, and the Board of Directors and all resolutions thereof. The Board of Directors shall have the power, at any time, with or without cause, to suspend, remove, abrogate, rescind, or otherwise terminate any of the foregoing Kingdom bodies or officers and all laws, rules, edicts, resolutions, etc. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to in any way limit or abridge the authority of any Corporate Officer as set forth elsewhere in these By-Laws.
11. All participants in Corporation activities that involve Horseback Riding and meet any one of these criteria must be members in good standing as defined in Article II Section 2 of these By-laws and a signed and current waiver must be on file with the Registrar.
 - i. The criteria for this are:
 1. Riding on horses owned by the Corporation.
 2. Riding at a Corporate or Kingdom event
 3. Riding on property owned or permitted to be used by MSR for Corporation activities.

ARTICLE IX – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Voting members of the governing board who receive compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization will be precluded from voting on matters that pertain to their compensation.

Voting members of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services will not be permitted to vote on matters pertaining to their compensation.

Voting members of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, are prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE X – CORPORATE DISSOLUTION

In the event the Board of Directors deems the corporate dissolution of MSR, Inc. to be required, New York State law, existing at the time of such action, must be followed.

ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply at all proceedings of the Board of Directors and at all official membership meetings.
2. The Corporation may to the fullest extent now and hereafter permitted by law indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit, or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or of any other organization served by him or her in any capacity at the request of the Corporation against any judgments, fines, or amounts paid in settlements and reasonable expenses including reasonable attorney's fees, if any.
3. Notwithstanding that the Board of Directors shall have the power to act with regards to any matter brought before it, it shall not be required to so act and may forebear to assert any such power of authority; and such forbearance shall not be deemed a breach of these By-Laws.
4. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the Directors then in office. A majority vote of the Directors present and voting at such meeting shall not be sufficient to amend these By-Laws unless such Directors constitute a majority of the Directors then in office.
5. All members of MSR shall engage in civil discourse when speaking, writing or otherwise communicating with other members of MSR. Members who are discourteous may be censured by the Board of Directors for their actions to the extent that is deemed appropriate for the level of discourtesy.

CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS

The purpose of the Kingdom of Acre is to historically recreate a Christian Kingdom at the time of the Crusades, which is to exhibit the finest aspects of the High Middle Ages of Western Europe between 1000 A.D. - 1500 A.D.

Whenever the term “member” is used in these resolutions, it shall be taken to mean a person who has met the terms of membership as defined in the Corporate By-Laws, Article II, Section 1. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply in kingdom matters: Any member whose membership has lapsed two years consecutively will have all rights and privileges (including Kingdom Orders, Knighthood, Peerage, etcetera) automatically suspended until six months after they have been reinstated as a member in good standing. Until such time, that member shall receive the designation “retired”, which shall apply to all orders, and/or titles, which they have received.

I. DEFINITIONS OF A KINGDOM AND SUBGROUPS

- A. A “Kingdom” consists of any combination of the branches listed below:

1. SHIRE

- a) A geographical unit, consisting of at least eight (8) regular members, which has been approved of by the Crown.
- b) The name shall reflect an actual historical location in the Crusader lands.
- c) Shall possess a banner bearing the shire coat-of-arms.
- d) Shall produce two calligraphed copies of its charter, one to be presented to the Crown, and one to be kept in the Shire's Greatbook.
- e) Shall keep a Shire Greatbook, which shall also contain the calligraphed Domesday Book entries of all its members and heraldic devices.
- f) Shall hold meetings at least every other month, the announcement of which is to be published in The White Hart. Alternatively, in an unusual circumstance and with the permission of the Seneschal, written notice to the residents of the shire meeting may be permitted.
- g) Shall propose a Chief Administrative Officer, being the Steward, who must be approved by and is directly answerable to the Kingdom Seneschal. Said Steward is to be appointed annually.

2. BARONY

- a) A geographical unit, consisting of at least thirty (30) regular members, which has been approved of by the Crown.
- b) Must have existed for a period of no less than one year as a Shire.
- c) Shall have ceremonial tabards for the Herald and Reeve, bearing the baronial arms.
- d) Shall conduct a continuous yearly workshop which shall meet at least every other month
- e) Must have a minimum of two members of elite fighting forces residing within the territory. A member of the elite fighting forces shall be defined as a knight, chevalier, a master of the bow or the holder of any equivalent title, as approved by Parliament. A Barony which has lost one of its elite fighters may retain its Baronial status by the payment to the Kingdom of scutage equal to the number of bezants owed by one elite fighter.
- f) In addition to (e) above, must have at least three (3) other recipients of an Order other than members of the Order of the White Hart.
- g) Baronial Elections

The selection of Baron and/or Baroness shall be decided by majority vote of the members in good standing within the territorial boundaries of the (proposed) Barony. Properly executed absentee ballots from eligible voters will be accepted. A properly executed absentee ballot shall be delivered in a sealed envelope with the member's signature across the seal. All persons with voting privileges must have been members of that territory for at least ninety (90) days prior to the election. After said nominating election, the proposed Baron or Baroness must receive the approval of the Crown. The term of office shall be two (2) years, renewable. The Baron

and/or Baroness may be removed from office with a petition of at least two-thirds of the citizen's signatures, the declaration to be registered with the Crown.

A territorial Baron or Baroness may petition the Crown to grant a courtesy title of Baron or Baroness to his or her non-elected consort with a petition containing the approval of at least two-thirds of the eligible voters of that Barony. There may be only one Baron and Baroness per Barony. Should the elected Baron or Baroness be unable to complete their term, the non-elected consort does not succeed the Baron or Baroness automatically. A special election must be held to start a new term for the next Baron or Baroness.

- h) Notwithstanding item (g) above, the Chief Administrative Officer shall be the Steward and the position of Baron and/or Baroness shall be ceremonial in nature only.
- i) All other requirements and definitions described under I.A.1.b. through I.A.1.g. shall apply.

3. PRINCIPALITY

- a) A geographical unit, consisting of at least 100 regular members, which has been approved of by the crown and the Board of Directors of MSR, Inc.

4. BAILIWICK

- a) A geographical unit, not presently part of any other recognized subgroup (i.e. any Shire, Barony, or County), consisting of at least four (4) regular members, which has been approved by the Crown.
- b) The name shall reflect an actual historical location in the Crusader Lands.
- c) Shall possess a banner bearing the Bailiwick coat-of-arms.
- d) Shall produce one calligraphed copy of its charter to be presented to the Crown.
- e) Shall hold meetings at least quarterly, the announcement of which is to be published in the White Hart. Alternatively, in an unusual circumstance and with the permission of the Seneschal, written notice about the meeting to the residents of the Bailiwick may be permitted.
- f) Shall propose a Chief Administrative Officer, being the bailiff, who must be approved by and is directly answerable to the Kingdom Seneschal. Said Bailiff is to be appointed annually.
- g) Bailiwicks shall be required to teach/demonstrate at two (2) events or corporate demonstrations to be approved by the Chamberlain OR perform a project for the Kingdom or Corporation, such project to be approved by the Seneschal or Corporate President/Vice president respectively. This is to promote the educational/work oriented purpose of MSR even in the smallest sub-group (as demonstrated by the demise of Inverness). This also allows service to be

“done from a distance” or when members can attend events or demos.

- h) Bailiwicks shall have one seat in Commons during Parliament.

- B. Any branch wishing to advance its status must make a formal request of the Crown and, if necessary, subsequently receive the approval of the Board of Directors of MSR, Inc.
- C. The Kingdom's Arms shall be:
Azure three Harts salient Argent and a Bordure Or crusilly Argent
- D. All geographical unit officers, whether appointed or elected, must be members of MSR, Inc.
- E. All Principalities, Counties, and Baronies are hereby given the right and privilege of creating local Awards of Merit, which may be given to their citizens during a local Court. Such Awards of merit must conform with all Corporate and Kingdom standards for size, authenticity and accuracy. Shires and Bailiwicks must petition the crown of Acre to have citizens recognized for their achievements, by award of a Kingdom Award of Honor.

II. THE CROWN

- A. The Kingdom shall be administered by a Sovereign appointed by the Board of Directors. The Sovereign shall be appointed by the Board of Directors following a "Crown Tournament" which shall be conducted by the Kingdom. The results of such Crown Tournament shall not be final and binding on the Board of Directors, but the Board of Directors shall have the authority to either accept the results thereof or to order a new Crown Tournament to be held and a new proposed nominee submitted to the Board for approval.
- B. The Crown shall be ruled by a Sovereign, with or without a Consort, for a nonsuccessive period from Twelfth Night to Yule. The Heir to the Crown (Prince or Princess) shall exercise all powers from Yule to Twelfth Night.
- C. The Sovereign will be chosen by combat in a properly constituted Crown Tournament.
- D. The powers of the Sovereign will include:
 - 1. The right to pass edicts, which will have the force of law during the length of his or her reign.
 - 2. The right to propose Kingdom laws during sessions of Parliament. No edict of the Sovereign shall overrule Kingdom Law, and in all cases where Royal Edict conflicts with Kingdom Law, Kingdom Law shall prevail. All laws promulgated in Parliament by the Sovereign shall continue indefinitely until repealed by a Sovereign in Parliament.
 - 3. The right to dub Knights, after polling the Chivalry and obtaining the recommendation of at least 33% of the active Knights of the Realm (to be rounded downwards), as defined

by the list of active Knights maintained by the Chamberlain. (The Seneschal shall maintain the polling records and turn them over to the Secretary of the Corporation.)

4. The right to bestow, but not to create, Orders and to award membership in such Orders after having polled the members of the Order and obtaining the recommendation of at least 33% of the active members of the Order (to be rounded downwards), as defined by the list of active members of the Order maintained by the Chamberlain. If there are fewer than three (3) active members in an Order, the Sovereign must poll the members, but the Sovereign retains the sole right to make the decision as to whether or not to bestow the Order, regardless of the outcome of the polling. (The Seneschal shall maintain the polling records and turn them over to the Secretary of the Corporation.)
5. The right to grant Awards of Honor, but the creation of titles is subject to future approval of the Board of Directors.
6. The right to appoint and replace Great Officers of State, subject to all conditions and limitations of these By-Laws and Resolutions.
7. The right to create such lesser officers of state as the Kingdom may require.
8. The right to crown his Lady or her Lord as Consort of the kingdom.
9. The right to grant courtesy titles, as set forth by these Resolutions.

III. THE CROWN TOURNAMENT

- A. All participants in any portion of Crown Tournament must be 'members in good standing' as per Article II, Section 8 of the MSR By-Laws. If a person's membership lapses as per Article II, Section 7 of the MSR By-Laws, then that person shall not be eligible to participate in Crown Tournament for the duration of that Reign.
- B. The Crown Tournament will consist of three stages:
 1. The first stage will be individual combat in a double-elimination, randomly drawn tournament, which will end when all but 4 of the participants have been eliminated.
 2. For the second stage, the four contenders will field a melee team of from 3 to 5 Combatants. A round robin tournament will be fought to eliminate two of these teams, and no one can fight for more than one team for that round of the Crown.
 3. The final stage consists of a field battle, with the two remaining contenders fielding as many qualified combatants against the other as possible.
 4. The period between the rounds of the Crown Tournament will be determined by the contenders and the Crown. If no decision has been reached by a specific date set by the Crown, then it becomes the sole right of the Crown to set the dates for any succeeding rounds of Crown Tourney.
 5. A combatant may enter the Crown Tournament as the proclaimed Champion of another. Should he or she emerge victorious, the person in whose name he has fought shall receive the Princely Crown. The Champion shall be proclaimed Viscount or Viscountess, a title

- he or she shall bear until the completion of the reign of the Prince or Princess for whom he fought. A person may have no more than one Champion.
6. A successful Champion, Sovereign and Consort may not participate in any stage of the Crown Tournament of the following year.
 7. All entrants in the Crown shall declare for whom they are fighting.
 8. The Crown Tournament is the responsibility of the reigning Sovereign.

IV - PARLIAMENT

A. Parliament will consist of two houses:

1. The House of Lords, made up of the Peers of the Realm, and those privileged by this resolution to sit with them. A territorial Baron and/or Baroness are entitled to sit in the House of Lords during their term, but the Barony may have only one vote between them. The Clerical Hierarchy is entitled to send one Bishop with one vote to represent it to sit in the House of Lords.
2. The House of Commons, made up of duly elected members. For every six (6) regular members of every Shire and/or Barony, one may be elected to the House of Commons.

B. Parliament may not take place unless a quorum exists. A quorum shall consist of 51% of the representation of both houses. For the purposes of determining the quorum of the House of Lords, individuals whose membership is not in good standing or who have not sworn fealty will not be included.

C. Parliament shall have the following rights:

1. The right to pay taxes to the Kingdom.
2. The right to approve any proposed law of the Sovereign by a two-thirds of both houses. As used herein, two-thirds shall mean two-thirds of those members qualified to vote actually present (proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible) and voting at a meeting at which a quorum was present and acted during the period of such vote.
3. The right to formally censure the Sovereign and/or any of the Great officers of State, and to forward such official censure to the Board of Directors.
4. The right to override and/or rescind any edict of the Sovereign by a two-thirds vote of both houses. As used herein, two-thirds shall mean two-thirds of those members qualified to vote actually present (proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible) and voting at a meeting at which a quorum was present and acted during the period of such vote.

V. - GREAT OFFICERS OF STATE

A. The Great Officers of State are to be appointed and replaced by the Sovereign, with the approval of the President or the appropriate Executive Officer. B. There will be five (5) Great Officers of State:

1. The Constable, who will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the art of war & defense. He shall be responsible for all Shire Reeves.
2. The Seneschal, who will be responsible for the administration of the Kingdom, and will also receive quarterly reports from the other Great Officers and forward copies of them to the Board of Directors. The Seneschal shall maintain all polling records of Kingdom Orders and turn them over to the Secretary of the Corporation. The Crown's choice of Seneschal must be approved by the President of the Corporation.
3. The Chamberlain, who will be responsible for all internal arts & sciences. The Chamberlain shall further be responsible for maintaining a current list of all members of all Kingdom Orders (including Military Orders) and Awards.
4. The Chancellor, who will be responsible for the summoning and running of Parliament, and for the update and distribution of Kingdom Law.
5. The Exchequer, who will be responsible for the Kingdom Treasury and expense reporting to the Kingdom Seneschal and the Executive Treasurer, and who shall be appointed by the Executive Treasurer.

C. All Great Officers may appoint deputies to assist them in their duties, with the approval of the Sovereign.

D. The Works Project Committee shall be made up of the Great Officers of the Kingdom of Acre. These officers are the Constable, the Seneschal, the Chamberlain, the Chancellor, and the Exchequer, all of whom are appointed and replaced by the Sovereign, with the approval of the President or the appropriate Executive Officer.

The duties of the Works Project Committee will be:

1. The Works Project Committee may pay out suitable sums of Bezants for the completion of special projects and/or of all on-going Corporate projects (such as the Horse Project).
2. The Works Project Committee will reevaluate all fair booths every three years, unless a booth substantially changes its operation or its "product", at which point it shall be reevaluated prior to the next fair or event. The Works Project Committee will evaluate any additional fair booths created on a case-by-case basis. A fair booth is defined as any kingdom group who operates an organized activity at a corporate fair or medieval event.
3. The Works Project Committee will have at least one meeting per reign. Minutes from any meeting shall be forwarded to the Corporate Secretary within 30 days after the meeting.

VI - PEERS OF THE REALM

- A. The Peers of the Realm consist of those holding any of the following titles, exclusive of courtesy titles:
1. Crown Prince or Princess
 2. Territorial Prince or Princess
 3. Viscount or Viscountess
 4. Members of the Order of the White Hart.
- B. All Peers of the Realm have the right to sit in the House of Lords.
- C. If the Sovereign is unable to complete his or her term, the following Order of Succession shall be followed:
1. The Sovereign's Consort
 2. The Heir to the Crown
 3. The Heir's Consort
 4. A Counsel of Regents, consisting of the Peers of the Realm.
- D. All Peers of the Realm, as well as all Knights and Chevaliers, shall swear an oath of fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Acre at Coronation, or lose all rights and privileges until such obligation is fulfilled.

VII - THE CLERGY

- A. The Clerical Hierarchy consists of:
1. The Patriarch of Antioch
 2. The Archbishop of Tyre
 3. The Bishop of Caesarea
 4. The Bishop of Montfort
 5. The Bishop of Edessa
- B. Other than for ordinary monks and nuns, no one may use any clerical title unless specifically approved by an official meeting of the Clerical Hierarchy and the President.
- C. The Church of Antioch is responsible for disciplining all members of the clergy who have committed infractions. If the offense is serious enough, the offending cleric will be dismissed from the Church.

- D. It is the responsibility of the Clerical Hierarchy to conduct the Coronation of the Sovereign and Consort according to the proper rites.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Clerical Hierarchy to collect all Coronation paraphernalia at Yule.
- F. With the approval of the Board of Directors, the Clerical Hierarchy may pass a bull of excommunication of the King which makes any and all of his actions null and void, and to place the Kingdom or any portion of the Kingdom under Interdict which places a halt on all activities.
- G. Anyone who professes to be a Moslem must have an Islamic persona to accompany it; that is, the name, background, and garb of one of the near-eastern followers of Mohammed.
- H. The Church of Antioch will receive payments in bezants for Coronations, Weddings, Excommunications, Annulments, Exorcisms and other ceremonies from the organization or from the individuals who commission the ceremony. The remuneration will be paid to the Church Treasury and be disbursed on Church projects, such as commissioning liturgical vestments, monk's robes, banners or canopies and paying alter boys. The amount of recompense for these functions will be determined by the Works Projects Committee.
- I. Religious orders must petition the Patriarch for recognition and must submit a charter.

VIII - ORDERS OF THE KINGDOM

- A. Nameless Order or the Order of the Great Heart
For outstanding service to the Kingdom
- B. Queen's Order of the Garb
For superlative skill at costuming in the service of the Kingdom
- C. Order of the White Hart

This order is automatically bestowed upon the Sovereign and Consort, and their Champion if there is one, upon the successful completion of their reign.

- D. Order of the Ring
Bestowed upon those solely qualified to use "live steel". The use of "live steel" is limited to members of the Order of the Ring. This Order is under the direction of its three principals, who have sole approval of all new members.
- E. Order of the Mailed Fist
For superlative skill in the construction of arms & armor in the service of the Kingdom.

F. Order of the Golden Bowl

For recognition of excellence in the Epicurean arts in the service of the Kingdom.

G. Order of the Muse

For recognition of excellence in all activities with which the Muses are traditionally associated in the service of the Kingdom.

H. Order of the Quill

For recognition of excellence in calligraphy, illumination and illustration in the service of the Kingdom.

I. Order of Saint Michael the Defender

The Order of Saint Michael the Defender is established to honor our most exemplary knights for great deeds of prowess, chivalry, service, and loyalty to the Kingdom of Acre and MSR, Inc. It is the purpose of this Order to recognize a corps of nobles who have distinguished themselves through significant deeds entirely devoted to the prosperity of the Kingdom and the Corporation. Members of the Accolade are required to gather and to train an elite body of fighters. Members of the Order are bound by a special oath of loyalty and sworn to uphold all kingdom and Corporation laws and the statutes of the Order's Great Book.

The Order of Saint Michael the Defender is bestowed by the Crown after approval by one-half of the members of the Order is secured.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACCOLADE

All candidates must meet the following requirements prior to being considered for the Order.

1. The candidate must have five (5) years of active service with the Kingdom or Corporation.
2. The candidate must have served three (3) years as a member of the Chivalry of Acre.
3. The candidate must have trained two squires who have attained membership in the Chivalry of Acre.
4. The candidate must have participated in at least one major project recognized by the Kingdom and /or the Corporation.
5. The candidate must demonstrate working knowledge of a medieval craft and actively instruct others in its application.
6. The candidate must be a member of at least one other Kingdom Order, other than the Order of the White Hart.
7. The candidate must possess a full suit of articulated plate armor.
8. The candidate must participate in, preferably through a leadership role, and elite unit conforming to the kingdom law concerning Knights Banneret.
9. Maintenance in the Order shall require a minimum of ten (10) days service per year.

RIGHTS OF THE ACCOLADE

All members of the Order have the following rights and privileges.

1. A member may pay taxes.
2. A member may wear arms in the presence of the Crown.
3. A member has the exclusive right to wear a bleu-celeste (sky blue) cloak with the Order's badge emblazoned on the left breast and a mantling of bleu-celeste, lined white.
4. A member has the exclusive right to wear the insignia of the Order, said insignia being a Cross Pheony Or.
5. A member is entitled to sit in the House of Lords and may have one vote.

J. Order of Chivalry

The Chivalry in Acre is an Order. Entry into this Order may be obtained by fulfilling the requirements for any of the following:

1. The rank of Knight.
 2. The rank of Chevalier.
 3. The rank of Master of the Bow.
 4. The rank of Master of the Horse.
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- a. All members of the Order of Chivalry are to have the honorific title of "Sir, or "Master" if they prefer, and may take squires following appropriate procedures.
 - b. Someone who has obtained proficiency in any one of the above mentioned four forms (i.e. Knight, Chevalier, Master of the Bow, Master of the Horse) does not become ineligible for selection into any of the others.
 - c. All members of the Order of Chivalry must be members of the MSR, Inc.
 - d. They have the right to pay yearly taxes as a symbol of their devotion to the Kingdom of Acre.
 - e. They have the right to swear an oath of fealty to the Crown of Acre at Coronation, or lose all rights and privileges until such obligation is fulfilled.
 - f. They are required to fight with the Kingdom in Foreign Wars, against other Kingdoms or Groups, when they are attending said War as Chivalry of Acre. Should they not be attending said War as Chivalry of Acre, any Squires and Men-at-Arms of the person are duly released from their vows of fealty for the duration of said War.
 - g. They are required to have a mastery of some medieval arts or sciences such as:
 1. History of the Middle Ages
 2. Arms and Armor, as appropriate
 3. Brewing or cooking
 4. Period apparel, as appropriate
 5. Calligraphy and/or Illumination. Medieval performing arts (including dance)
 7. History of Archery

8. Arrow or Bow making

9. Heraldry

h. The rank of KNIGHT

1.Privileges:

- (a) They are granted the sole right to wear a belt or sash of gold upon the field of battle.
- (b) They are granted the sole right to wear silver spurs upon the field of battle.
- (c) They are granted the sole right to wear the insignia of the order: a cross recrossed between four crosses, of any tincture.

2. Requirements:

- (a) The minimum requirements needed to achieve the rank of Knight, shall be:
 - (1) Proficiency (i.e. qualified) in all Kingdom rattan fighting forms.
 - (2) Must own a complete suit of Armor, with the addition of a pair of steel gauntlets.
 - (3) Registration of heraldic arms with the Kingdom's College of Arms.
 - (4) Possession of an ornamental tabard, shield and banner bearing their arms.
 - (5) Must have approval of at least one-third (33%) of those already bearing the title.

i. The rank of CHEVALIER

1.Privileges:

- (a) They are granted the sole right to wear a baldric of gold upon the field of battle.
- (b) They are granted the sole right to bear as a badge: a cross flory fitchy between four crosses, of any tincture.

2. Requirements:

- (a) The minimum requirements needed to achieve the rank of Chevalier, shall be:
 - (1) Proficiency (i.e. qualified) in all Kingdom fencing forms.
 - (2) Ownership of appropriate equipment, costume and paraphernalia.
 - (3) Registration of heraldic arms with the Kingdom's College of Arms.
 - (4) Possession of an ornamental tabard and banner bearing their arms.
 - (5) Must have approval of at least one-third (33%) of those already bearing the title.
 - (6) Knowledge of rapier fencing history.

j. The rank of MASTER OF THE BOW

1.Privileges:

- (a) They are granted the sole right to wear a (to be determined) of gold upon the archery or field of battle.
- (b) They are granted the sole right to bear as a badge: cross barby recrossed between four crosses". of any tincture.

2. Requirements:

- (a) The minimum requirements needed to achieve the rank of Master of the Bow, shall be:
 - (1) Proficiency (i.e. qualified) in all Kingdom archery forms.
 - (2) Ownership of appropriate equipment, costume and paraphernalia.

- (3) Registration of heraldic arms with the Kingdom's College of Arms.
- (4) Possession of an ornamental tabard and banner bearing their arms.
- (5) Must have approval of at least one-third (33%) of those already bearing the title.

k. The rank of MASTER OF THE HORSE

1. Privileges:

- (a) They are granted the sole right to wear spurs of gold with gold straps upon the jousting or field of battle.
- (b) They are granted the sole right to bear as a badge: a cross (to be determined) between four crosses, of any tincture.

2. Requirements:

(a) The minimum requirements needed to achieve the rank of Master of the Horse, shall be:

- (1) Proficiency (i.e. qualified) in the art of the joust.
- (2) Must own a complete suit of Armor, with the addition of a pair of steel gauntlets.
- (3) Registration of heraldic arms with the Kingdom's College of Arms.
- (4) Possession of an ornamental tabard, shield and banner bearing their arms.
- (5) Must have approval of at least one-third (33%) of those already bearing the title.

Principals of Kingdom Orders

Whereas it may be that among the members of any Kingdom Order, one may have distinguished her/himself by their excellent skills, leadership, and the teaching of their craft, the Crown may be pleased to elevate such a person to the rank of Principal of the Order. There can be only one.

The Principal of any Order is entitled to wear a designated Great Chain signifying the rank, from which the Order's medallion is suspended.

It is the duty of the Principal to see to it that all members of the Order possess the appropriate regalia and maintain the high standards of the Order, continuing to practice and teach their craft to all interested members of MSR.

Principals of the Order are appointed and may be replaced by the Sovereign.

IX - THE MINOR NOBILITY

A. The following are members of the nobility, although not Peers of the Realm:

1. Recipients of a Kingdom Order, other than that of the White Hart.
2. Recipients of an Award of Honor.
3. Knights and Chevaliers of the Realm.

- B. The following are the requirements for Knighthood, the bestowing of which honor is the sole prerogative of the Sovereign.
1. The candidate must have demonstrated his skills and talents in the service of the Kingdom.
 2. The candidate must own what is defined by the Crown as a complete suit of armor, with the addition of a pair of steel gauntlets.
 3. The candidate must be qualified in all Kingdom weapon forms.
 4. The candidate must have a surcoat, banner, and shield bearing his or her coat of arms, and all such paraphernalia appropriate to his or her station.
- C. In recognition of the loyal service rendered by the Chivalry of Acre in the past, present, and the future, the Knights of the Realm have the sole right to bear the insignia for knighthood, i.e. a cross recrossed between four crosses. In addition, to them alone is granted the right to wear, upon the field of combat, spurs and a belt or sash of gold.
- D. All Knights and Chevaliers shall swear an oath of fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Acre at Coronation, or lose all rights and privileges until such obligation is fulfilled.

X - GUILDS

- A. To be properly chartered by the Kingdom, a guild must have the following requirements:
1. A charter defining their purpose.
 2. A set of rules and regulations explaining their operation.
 3. Must present The White Hart with quarterly articles.
 4. Must hold educational workshops at least once a year.
 5. Shall be prepared to participate at all corporate events.
 6. Each Guild must have a person (i.e. the Guild master/mistress) who will be responsible for the running of the day-to-day activities of the guild, as well as being the contact person between the guild and the general public. The election of said position is to be determined by the guild members, with the approval of the Kingdom Chamberlain.
 7. Each Guild must have an Exchequer who will be responsible for all financial transactions, both monies and Bezants, and record keeping. The election of said Exchequer is to be determined by the guild members. The person must have the approval of the Kingdom Exchequer.

Special Resolution:

All Directors, Executive and Kingdom Officers shall be invited to attend a course of study in conflict resolution at the expense of the Special Fund set up via donations for this purpose.

The Laws of the Kingdom of Acre
(Approved by the Parlements of the Kingdom)

SHIRES & BARONIES

New Branches petitioning the Sovereign for recognition as a Shire shall be granted incipient status until they have completed the requirements of Kingdom Law; said status shall last no more than one (1) year. Full Shire status to be granted by the Sovereign before the Court and published in "The White Hart".

A Candidate for Steward must have been an MSR member for at least one year and have attended at least five (5) territory meetings in whichever territory they dwelt.

The Steward of a Shire or Barony may establish subordinate offices to assist them with their responsibilities; all such subordinate offices to be filled by proper election at a regular meeting and such officers shall hold their offices until the next regularly scheduled territory election. All territories will hold yearly nominating elections for their officers. All elected officers must gain the approval of their Kingdom level superiors, if applicable.

All territorial nominations and elections shall take place within 60 days prior to the new sovereign's coronation, at meetings to be announced in the "White Hart". Nominations shall take place by the end of November with Elections to take place in December.

A Candidate standing for election to Baron(ess) shall be required to announce their consort (if any). Upon election, said consort shall also be granted the title of Baron/Baroness. If the principal candidate is unable to complete their term of office, the consort shall succeed them. The consort may vote in the House of Lords in Parliament in the principal candidate's absence.

Beyond this, the consort shall have no formal duties, other than those they chose to adopt. WHEREAS, should a Baron (ess) or territorial Prince (ss) relocate beyond the boundaries of their respective group, they shall be required to petition the Sovereign to complete their term of office, or failing that within forty-five (45) days, forfeit their office. The Crown may, in such cases, arbitrarily shorten the term of service if he/she determines such to be in the best interests of the Kingdom.

WHEREAS, those citizens who through necessity relocate beyond their original Shire of Barony, may petition the Sovereign, in writing, through the Seneschal, to continue to be considered a citizen of that group; such a citizen to hold all rights and privileges, including Parliamentary franchise, but shall be forbidden from holding any major office.

The duties and/or privileges of a territorial Baron(ess) shall be solely determined by the membership of that territory according to the following: 1.) Shall be voted on by the membership of the Barony at an official meeting where:

- a.) The Steward shall be responsible for all proceedings and shall forward a report on the results to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- b.) All members shall have two- (2) months prior notice of such proposals and of the meetings at which the vote will occur.

c.) A two-thirds majority of active voting members is required to pass any proposal.

Official absentee ballots may be accepted by the Steward no later than one (1) week prior to the meeting at which the vote will occur.

WHEREAS, Shires shall be required to autocrat at least one (1) official event per reign, and Baronies shall be required to autocrat at least one (1) official event plus either of the following: Autocrat one (1) additional event per reign; or Sponsor, plan, and run an educational public demonstration for M.S.R. per reign; or perform a project for the Kingdom. Said project may be chosen from a list of approved items created by the Quartermaster and printed in The White Hart, or an independent suggestion of the territory. However, the project must have the prior approval of the Crown. The one (1) official event required of all shires and baronies shall be understood to include the autocrating of an existing kingdom event. As with all events, however, this must have the prior approval of the Seneschal and the Crown.

Counties and Baronies shall also be required to provide instructors from among their citizens to teach two (2) University classes per year at Kingdom University events.

Before petitioning for Baronial status, a Shire shall have hosted not less than three (3) events. At any and all Kingdom, Barony, Shire, or other events, there shall be at least one (1) hostsponsored educational Demonstration, Display, Lecture or Workshop. (This shall not include the Feast or the Host's costumes, as these should be period anyway) However, a Workshop about the aforementioned items shall meet this requirement. The sponsored educational Workshop and/or Lecture does not count towards Baronial Workshop requirements. The only events not required to have such a Demonstration, Display, Lecture, or Workshop are Kingdom Coronation or any "Demo". The Sovereign may exempt any Kingdom "war" event from this requirement.

CROWN TOURNAMENT

Candidates for Sovereign and Consort must have attended not less than six (6) official MSR events in the previous year. Champions for a Sovereign must name a Consort (if any) prior to the first round of Crown. Said Champion and Consort (if any) must have attended not less than six (6) official MSR events in the previous year. Combatants in all rounds of Crown must be previously qualified fighters. Combatants in the first round of Crown must have attended not less than six (6) official MSR events, and fought in not less than six (6) events in the previous year. Combatants in the second round of Crown must have attended at least three (3) official MSR events and must have fought in at least three (3) events in the previous year. Combatants in the third round of Crown must have attended at least two (2) official MSR events and must have fought in at least one (1) events in the previous year. An Official MSR event shall be defined as an event or Corporate fair day which is sponsored by MSR, meets kingdom standards in terms of being a period event, is appropriately announced in The White Hart and complies with all kingdom regulations in terms of timeliness and record keeping.

Regarding Crown Tournament, letters of intent (submitted to the Sovereign) are required for all entrants and must include proof of current membership as well as a list of all required events attended and fought in for all entrants (Sovereign, Consort, and Champion). The deadline for letters of intent should be published in "The White Hart". Any individual(s) failing to meet this

requirement will not be permitted to enter Crown Tournament. Said letters of intent shall be in the hands of the Sovereign no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled date of the Tourney. Prior to each Round of Crown Tournament, the Constable shall publish a list of eligible qualified fighters for each upcoming Round in the White Hart.

Prior to the commencement of the First Round of the Crown Tournament, the Sovereign shall announce two possible dates for each of the second and Third Rounds of Crown. It is the responsibility of the combatants in the First Round to determine their availability on those dates prior to entering the Tournament.

Every round of the first stage of Crown will be randomly drawn from all remaining combatants. Once a round has been drawn, all bouts will be completed. If less than four (4) persons remain at the end of the round, all persons eliminated in that round may compete for the remaining positions. If there is an odd number of persons in a round, the last person drawn shall advance through that round, but shall automatically be drawn first in the next round. No one may advance more than once in this manner.

All fighters participating in the Crown Tournament must pay the following Wilhelm Bezant entry fee:

- First Round 4 Wilhelm Bezants
- Second Round 2 Wilhelm Bezants
- Third Round 1 Wilhelm Bezant

Only the highest fee is paid per individual. Bezants thus collected shall be used by the Sovereign to contract for Kingdom projects.

CULTURAL

The Sovereign and Consort of the Realm will poll the members of all Kingdom Orders no later than one (1) month after their Coronation.

The rank of "Master" within a guild shall be confirmed by the Crown. This is separate from the administrative office of guild master/mistress.

Branch and Guild charters and petitions to the Crown, intended for inclusion in the Great Book of the Kingdom; the individual sheets shall not exceed 10" x 14" and shall leave a minimum of 4" at the bottom of the last page so that the Sovereign and Consort may affix their seal and signatures.

BE IT KNOWN THAT, so that the people of this Kingdom of Acre may better communicate with each other over the gaps of time and nationality, this body resolves that a Domesday Book shall be compiled by the King of Arms.

WHEREAS, this Domesday Book shall consist of listings of all the historical characters of the citizens of Acre, including name, nationality, and birth date of each historical character. The Kingdom Domesday Book, all Territorial Great Book, and all Guild Great Books shall be displayed at Coronation. Provisions for the care and well being of the Greatbooks will be taken into account.

CULTURAL/College of Arms

WHEREAS, is created the College of Arms of the Kingdom of Acre, which shall have responsibility for the registration of heraldic arms and devices, and the management of the Sovereign's formal courts. The College of Arms may establish appropriate standards and tests for the warranting of the Kingdom's Heralds and Pursuivants.

The College of Arms shall have the power to rule upon the historical accuracy of style, display, and use of all heraldic devices and ensigns. Appeals may be made to the Sovereign.

The College of Arms shall charge a fee of \$3.00 to register all arms with the Kingdom. This is to cover the cost of research and materials. If chosen arms are disallowed, the first resubmission will be without charge.

Once a heraldic device is submitted to the College of Arms, it must be approved or disapproved within 90 days.

CULTURAL/Dress Code

The Dress Code of Acre is hereby made law. The Sheriff shall have the responsibility of enforcing this code.

For men and boys:

Tunics, tabards, shirts, doublets, leather jerkins, robes, furs, cloak, capes, mantles of a period design.

Tights hose other period leggings, kilts.

Chinese slippers, dance or leather slippers, sandals, boots (not cowboy, military, utility, fringed - in the style of the American Indian), cross-gartered leggings.

Appropriate belts pouches, sashes, headgear, jewelry, medallions, scabbarded daggers, other accessories.

Warriors of Acre are required to have a hood or coif, an undress tabard or tunic to be worn while not in sweaty

armor (instead of a sweaty t-shirt)

For women and girls:

Gowns, dresses, chemises, skirts, robe cloaks, furs, capes, mantles, etc. of a period design.

Chinese slippers dance or leather slippers, sandals, or inconspicuous leather shoes.

Appropriate belts, pouches, sashes, jewelry, medallions, veils, ribbons and period headpieces.

Banned from all Kingdom events:

Sneakers or running shoes of any description; "Docksiders"; cowboy, utility, military or fringe (in the style of the American Indian) boots.

Any description of dungarees, military pants, and the modern tights made from shiny Lycra spandex.

Mundane shirts, plain or printed.

Any other mundane item (such as a drink can, Tupperware container, etc.)

Any such items must be kept hidden as discretely as possible.

A fine of 50 cents - \$1.00 per offending item shall be enforced at each event to be deposited in the treasury of the Shire in which the event is being held.

MILITARY

All members of the Chivalry and its equivalents, if in attendance, shall participate with the Kingdom in any martial activities held at any event, MSR or otherwise, where Acre is in attendance as a Kingdom.

When the Kingdom of Acre is in attendance at non-MSR events, all subjects should still be bound by the laws and protocols of the Kingdom where our laws do not violate the other Kingdom's Laws. No combatant shall wear, nor Reeve approve the use of, plastic or other unlawful armoring material except where "grand fathered" by the Board of Directors. Nor shall any combatant or Reeve omit or approve the omission of any required piece of armor (i.e.: boots, greaves, shoulder articulation.) Penalty for the first offense will be the suspension of all qualification privileges for a period of not less than three (3) months for both parties. In addition, the offending Reeve will be suspended from his appointment for three (3) months. Penalty for the second offense will be the revocation of all qualification privileges for both parties. In addition, the offending Reeve will be removed from office. After six (6) months, individuals may attempt to requalify. Right of Judgment is reserved by the Sovereign.

The Constable shall have three (3) principal deputies:

- a. The Marshal who shall oversee all aspects of rattan combat.
- b. The Captain of Archers who shall oversee all aspects of archery in the Kingdom.
- c. The Master of the Fence who shall oversee all aspects of fencing in the Kingdom. The Constable shall maintain a list of all members currently qualified in all rattan fighting forms, archery forms, and fencing forms, and shall publish such within "The White Hart" within ninety (90) days of the Coronation of the new Sovereign.

The rank of Sergeant of Arms is hereby established for those worthy fighters who have distinguished themselves among their fellows at efforts of arms, but have yet to attain the qualifications of knighthood. A Sergeant of Arms shall have the sole right to bear as a badge, a cross crosslet of any tincture.

Squires shall have the sole right to wear a red belt on the field of battle.

WHEREAS, the need exists for organized military units within Acre. THEREFORE, the creation of a military unit called a BANNERET is made. A Bannerette shall consist of the following:

Three (3) Knights of the Realm with one qualified squire each.

Five (5) Men-at-Arms (minimum requirement: qualified with weapon and shield) A Bannerette shall have a badge or livery (approved by the College of Arms) unique to itself.

A Bannerette shall have a banner.

The head of the Bannerette will bear the title of "Knight Bannerette", and must already be a knight. The Bannerette must perform service to the Kingdom in domestic and foreign wars.

WHEREAS, for those who have not as yet completed the requirements of the rank of Chevalier, but who have yet distinguished themselves by their skill and prowess in fencing, there is created the rank of ENSIGN OF THE COURT OF ACRE, such award to be granted through an Award of

Honor, and conferring the title of ENSIGN upon its recipient. With this award, Ensigns are granted the sole right to wear a baldric of red upon the field of combat, as well as whatever other symbols the Chevaliers may elect to adopt.

Since the need exists for organized fencing units within Acre, the creation of a fencing military unit called a COMPANY is made. A Company shall consist of the following:

Two (2) Chevaliers with one qualified squire each.

Five (5) Men-at-Arms (minimum requirement: qualified with rapier and dagger) A

Company shall have a badge or livery (approved by the College of Arms) unique to itself. A Company shall have a banner.

The head of the Company will bear the title of "Commander" and must already be a Chevalier. The Company must perform service to the Kingdom in domestic and foreign wars.

WHEREAS, for those who have not yet completed all the requirements for MASTER OF THE BOW, there is created the rank of YEOMAN OF THE COURT OF ACRE, such award to be granted through an Award of Honor, and conferring the title of YEOMAN upon its recipient. Since the need exists for organized archery units within Acre, the creation of an archery military unit called a COMPANY is made. A Company shall consist of the following:

Two (2) Masters of the Bow with one qualified squire each.

Five (5) Archers (minimum requirement: qualified with any type bow)

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The head of the Company will bear the title of " Commander " and must already be a Master of the Bow.

The Company must perform service to the Kingdom in domestic and foreign wars

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the Joust a Plaisance requires much skill and labor on the part of many, the Crown would like to recognize the efforts of its subjects which benefit the Horse Project. Therefore, upon sufficient recommendation, the Crown may bestow the title of EQUERRY upon any deserving subject whose work has contributed significantly to the success of the joust. This title is the equivalent to all other Awards of Honor in the Kingdom and is not reserved to the members of the jousting team.

Lists of all qualified fighters, fencers, and archers will be published every year, listing each person with their qualifications in each applicable weapons form. Said list, to be provided by the Constable, will be published in the March issue of the White Hart.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The Kingdom shall provide the territories from the monies it has in its treasury; one silver bezant per territorial member or, at the territory's discretion, the Corporation shall provide one dollar per territorial member. Said funds will be disbursed no later than 90 days from the date of Coronation. The Kingdom Exchequer shall provide all units with a statement of their current balance at the end of each quarter.

All official Kingdom groups shall provide the Seneschal with a list of current membership and all capital goods and monies within thirty (30) days previous to March 1 and October 1 of each year. Failure to do so shall be cause to be placed on ninety- (90) day's probation. The Seneschal shall

forward any necessary information to the Exchequer and the Quartermaster within 30 days after March 1 and October 1 of each year.

All Chartered Guilds shall provide the Chamberlain with a list of current membership and all capital goods and monies within thirty (30) days previous to March 1 and October 1 of each year. Failure to do so shall be cause to be placed on ninety- (90) day's probation. Continued noncompliance shall be cause for dissolution. The Chamberlain shall forward any necessary information to the Seneschal, Exchequer and the Quartermaster within 30 days after March 1 and October 1 of each year.

Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of any scheduled Kingdom event, the autocrat of that event shall provide:

- a. the Kingdom Exchequer with an itemized account of expenses and income, including any disposal of the profits, as well as a list of all members attending.
- b. the Seneschal with a reconciliation of the event expenses and income.

Failure to produce the accounting or sufficient reason to not be able to provide the accounting shall be cause to be placed on probation until the end of the following reign. Any autocrat placed on probation will not be allowed to autocrat an event without the express prior permission of the Exchequer.

The recipient(s) of proceeds from fund-raisers (i.e.: Auctions, Raffles, etc.) shall be declared prior to the start of said fund-raiser so all donators may know to what cause their money is going. Each territory or unit shall elect a Quartermaster, who will be in charge of and keep custody of the Shire or Baronies properties, as listed in the unit's manifest. This person shall report to the Kingdom Quartermaster. "Unit" is any Kingdom entity with a "bank" account.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Groups failing to comply with the requirements of Kingdom Law or Resolutions of the Board of Directors may be placed upon a ninety (90) days probation; such to be published in "The White Hart" with a complete list of rationale. Should said group fail to show signs, within the specified time period, of correcting their shortcomings, they may be officially disbanded or demoted by the Sovereign. All capital goods and monies held in common by a disbanded group are forfeit to the Kingdom.

WHEREAS, is founded the office of SHERIFF, to act as deputy to the Chancellor, in the imposition and collecting of taxes and fines, and enforcement of Crown Edicts.

Existing Kingdom Law which is repealed or amended by this or any future Parliaments will be edited or amended accordingly.

All proposed changes or additions to Kingdom Law for consideration at Parliament shall be published in "The White Hart" issue immediately prior to Parliament. This will not affect the power of the Sovereign to propose and Parliament to consider new laws at Parliament which have not been previously published.

Until Feb. 28th of each year, the Events required of territories have top priority in the allocation of dates for the rest of that calendar year. All other Kingdom events & "private/independent" events will have to yield to events which territories use to meet their requirements in the allocation of

dates, for the rest of the calendar year, until Feb. 28 of that year. After Feb. 28, all event proposals will have equal priority in the allocation of dates.

The due dates for reports for all Kingdom Officers, Kingdom Units, and Guilds should be published in the calendar of The White hart as a reminder to all. It shall be the responsibility of the Seneschal to cause such notice to be published. Failure to publish said reminder, however, does not relieve said groups and citizens of their responsibilities to submit required reports in a timely fashion, and may not be asserted as an excuse.

COURTS OF CHIVALRY

The need for a judicial apparatus exists for the resolution of disputes and/or violations of law within the Kingdom.

Therefore be it resolved that the rules for regulating judicial procedure be adopted as follows:

I. A. Courts of Chivalry

1. Courts of Chivalry may be called for:

- a. Violation of Kingdom Law
- b. Violation of the Rules of the List
- c. Violation of Heraldic Law
- d. Violation of Chivalric Matters

2. No senior official of the Kingdom shall be removed, if the Sovereign is the subject of a trial.

B. Procedure

1. A complaint must be reported in writing to all Tribunal members within thirty (30) calendar days of the alleged incident.

- a. The Tribunal shall consist of the Chancellor, a senior member of the Clergy, and a Peer of the Realm, elected by Parliament. The elected member of Peers shall serve from Parliament to Parliament. The

Seneschal shall serve instead of the Chancellor at any time the Chancellor is the subject of a complaint.

2. The Tribunal shall have two (2) weeks to decide if the charges merit a formal trial procedure. The Tribunal will answer a complainant in writing within that period.

3. If the Tribunal rules that a trial is necessary, a trial will be conducted by the rules listed hereafter. Said trial shall take place no later than sixty (60) days after the alleged incident.

4. No member may sit on the Tribunal if they are:

- a. The Subject of the Complaint.
- b. The Complainant.

C. Trial Procedure

1. The Chancellor shall inform the accused, within one (1) week, of the Tribunal's ruling.

2. A mutually acceptable date for the trial will be determined by the accused, the complainant, and the Chancellor. This date must be within the sixty-(60) day period.

3. The Chancellor will appoint a prosecutor.

4. Neither the Prosecution nor the Defense Council may be a member of the Tribunal or the Jury.

II. The trial can be of any two-(2) jury types, dependent upon the nature of the charges.

A. Jury of Peers, Knights, Sergeants and Equivalentents.

1. For charges consisting of violation of Kingdom Law, the rule of a Sovereign, or trials involving a Peer.

2. For charges of violations of the rules of the List or Chivalry. B. Jury chosen without regard to Rank.

1. For charges not covered by II-A-1&2 above.

III. The Jury.

A. A jury is hereby defined as an assembly of people, gathered by set procedure, with the sole purpose of determining guilt or innocence of a defendant. B. Jury Selections.

1. The Chancellor will provide the accused a list of fifteen (15) possible jurors. In the case of Peers, all Peers' names will be on the list.

2. Accused may reject six (6) names.

IV. The Trial

A. The Chancellor will preside over the court and :

1. will read the charges and ask if the accused understands them.

2. read the rights of the accused.

3. asks the accused for a plea.

4. rules on all motions and objections.

B. Witnesses shall remain in a separate location from the trial.

C. each witness shall swear an oath of truth prior to testimony.

1. Except during their testimony, witnesses shall remain in a separate location apart from the courtroom, except when the case goes to the jury.

D. the Prosecution shall present their case against the accused. Defense shall be able to crossexamine all witnesses of the Prosecution.

E. the Defense shall present their case for the accused. Prosecution shall be able to crossexamine all witnesses of the Defense.

F. Closing statements will be made first by the Prosecution and then by the Defense.

G. The trial will be recessed while the jury determines its verdict.

H. The trial shall reconvene and the accused will be informed of the verdict.

I. All verdicts are final.

J. If found guilty, the Tribunal will meet to determine sentencing within seven (7) days.

K. the Chancellor shall provide the Crown and the MSR Board of Directors with a brief of the trial.

L. The Chancellor shall maintain a record of Kingdom case law and Judicial Precedence for legal and historical reference.

V. Rights of the Accused.

- A. To be present at trial and to hear all testimony.
- B. To receive due notice of the trial and charges within seven (7) days of the Chancellor receives them.
- C. To have a defense council to consist of one (1) person who is a subject of Acre.
- D. To be provided with the names of all witnesses against them.
- E. To question witnesses at trial.
- F. To present evidence at trial.
- G. To make statements at trial.
- H. To remain silent at trial.
- I. To be informed, in writing, of the verdict.
- J. To appeal the verdict to the MSR Board of Directors.

VI. Penalties.

If found guilty, the Tribunal shall determine a sentence. The following disciplinary actions may be imposed:

1. Public censure (to be printed in "The White Hart").
2. Compulsory public apology.
3. Banning from the List.
4. Banishment from Kingdom activities for periods not to exceed ninety (90) days.
5. Revocation of peerage, titles, honors, awards, or qualifications.
6. Recommendation to the MSR Board of Directors that membership be terminated.