

## PROPOSED LAW CHANGES, MAY, A.S. XLIV

The Crown of Lochac proposes to make the following changes to Lochac Law. Please provide feedback to the Lochac Seneschal before June 20th, 2009. Contact: [seneschal@sca.org.au](mailto:seneschal@sca.org.au). Where a choice is presented, e.g. in the case of the Award Changes, please state a preferred option if you have one.

Deletions are shown as ~~struckthrough~~, new and replacement text is shown in *italics*.

### 1. AWARD LAW CHANGES

The history informing this proposal:

In the Principality of Lochac, there were four levels of award: Principality (non-armigerous), AoA, Kingdom (armigerous), and Peerage. A “bare” Grant of Arms was defined in Kingdom of the West Law as intended for Kingdom Officers who had served above and beyond the call of duty.

In the Kingdom of Caid, there were four levels of award: AoA, Kingdom armigerous-level awards, Kingdom Grant-of-Arms level awards, and Peerage. When the Kingdom of Lochac was created, there were three levels of award: AoA, Kingdom (armigerous), and Peerage (or Grant of Arms “plus” for the Lochac Company of Archers and the White Scarf of Lochac).

From the suggestions given to us by our populace and Peers, we have come up with two alternative paths that introduce a new level of award, both conveying a Grant of Arms, restoring the fourth level of award to the award structure.

The first is to introduce three orders, one covering the arts and sciences, one for service, and the third for martial arts including equestrian, siege warfare and leadership on the warfield. This format neatly falls into the award structure we currently have, as it essentially introduces a new step in the streams outlined above.

The alternative is to introduce a single award that carries with it a Grant of Arms. As this is not an order, the award may be given to the same person multiple times to recognise their hard work, dedication and skill across all the arts, sciences, and service. For example person X may receive this award initially for bookbinding, a second time for embroidery and a third time for armoured combat and so on.

---

#### WAS:

VI.6 Grants of Arms

VI.6.i Grants of Arms

The Crown may offer Grants of Arms to any individual whose substantial, unremitting, and excellent service is of great value to the Kingdom.

#### CHANGE TO:

~~VI.6 Grants of Arms~~

~~VI.6.i Grants of Arms~~

The Crown may offer Grants of Arms to any individual whose substantial, unremitting, and excellent service is of great value to the Kingdom.

## *VI.6 The Grant-level Orders of Distinction*

### *VI.6.i Overview*

*Alongside the Grant of Arms, there shall be three Orders of Distinction in Lochac, and they shall have the following common characteristics:*

- 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.*
- All bearers of Grants of Arms are entitled to be addressed as “The Honourable Lord / Lady”*
- The Grant of Arms and these Orders are all equal in precedence, and shall rank after the Polling Orders of Distinction and above the Court Barons and Baronesses.*

### *VI.6.ii 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.*

### *VI.6.iii The Order of the Star of Lochac*

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

#### *VI.6.iii.a Duties*

*The duties of the members of this Order shall be to promote and encourage service within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Seneschal on processes and projects that would benefit the Kingdom and may include such things as: working at events in leadership roles, holding offices, sharing knowledge and supporting local groups.*

### *VI.6.iv The Order of the Cross of Lochac*

*The Order of the Cross of Lochac may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by showing outstanding skill in the Arts & Sciences. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour.*

#### *VI.6.iv.a Duties*

*The duties of the members of this Order shall be to promote and encourage the arts and sciences within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Minister of Arts and Sciences on matters that may further enrich the arts and sciences and may include such things as: teaching, organising classes, formulating judging criteria, running competitions and period research.*

### *VI.6.v The Order of the Custos Regni*

*The Order of the Curator Regnum may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service and great prowess in the Martial Arts. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy, and courtly behaviour both on and off the field of combat. Such prowess can include skills in Armoured Combat, Archery, Rapier, the Equestrian Arts, Siege Warfare, or Leadership on the warfield.*

#### VI.6.v.a Duties

*The duties of the members of this Order shall be to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the Marshallate on matters that may further enrich their martial art and may include such things as; combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, research and pageantry.*

---

**OR**

**WAS:**

#### VI.6.i Grants of Arms

The Crown may offer Grants of Arms to any individual whose substantial, unremitting, and excellent service is of great value to the Kingdom.

**CHANGE TO:**

#### VI.6.i 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.

#### VI.6.ii The Golden Rose

*The Golden Rose may be bestowed on those who have distinguished themselves over time by showing outstanding skill in the arts & sciences, demonstrating great prowess in the martial arts or performing outstanding service. They shall also have demonstrated chivalry, courtesy and courtly behaviour.*

*Bestowal of this award will carry with it a Grant of Arms, if that person is not already a holder of a Grant of Arms. The Golden Rose may be given multiple times for recognition of dedication and ability in any field.*

All bearers of Grants of Arms are entitled to be addressed as "The Honourable Lord / Lady"

The Grant of Arms and recipients of the Golden Rose shall rank after the Polling Orders of Distinction and above the Court Barons and Baronesses.

---

## 2. FINANCIAL LAW CHANGES

These proposed changes improve financial reporting and reflect changed conditions with the introduction of event memberships by the SCAA Australia.

**WAS:**

#### IV 3.i Written Reports

...

\* Seneschals of Baronies shall report quarterly, on the last day of February, May, August, and November.

#### **CHANGE TO:**

#### IV 3.i Written Reports

...

*\* Reeves shall report quarterly, on the last day of January, April, July, and October.*

\* Seneschals of Baronies shall report quarterly, on the last day of February, May, August, and November.

**This change** regularises group financial reporting to improve transparency and oversight.

---

#### **WAS:**

#### IV.5.v The Chancellor of the Exchequer

...

\* Receiving financial reports from the local groups of Lochac and from the Kingdom Officers of Lochac, at least annually.

#### **CHANGE TO:**

#### IV.5.v The Chancellor of the Exchequer

...

\* Receiving financial reports from the local groups of Lochac and from the Kingdom Officers of Lochac, ~~at least annually.~~

**This change** removes mention of annual financial reporting as quarterly reporting is required from groups henceforth.

---

#### **WAS:**

#### VII.4 Event Levy

#### VII.4.i Event Levy

Each group in the Kingdom of Lochac shall contribute to the kingdom funds according to the following

procedure:

\* For every event held, \$1 from every person 18 years or older attending the event shall be collected. The word "event" means any in-garb event meeting the requirements of Corpora II.A, and excludes regular activities such as monthly or weekly fighter practices, group business meetings, informal classes, etc, as per Corpora II.B.

\* Events at which no fee is normally collected are exempt from this levy.

\* If there is doubt as to whether an activity is an "event" according to this definition, then the decision shall be made by the Kingdom Seneschal.

· At the end of every quarter (September, December, March, June), the funds collected by the group shall be remitted to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

#### VII.4.ii Exceptions and Limits

\* No group will be required to remit more than an annual cap on all of its events. This cap is \$750.00 for a Barony including all of its cantons, and \$350.00 for a Shire.

\* No college group will be required to collect or remit these funds, nor shall this levy be collected at any event held by a college.

#### VII.4.iii Alternative Collection Methods

\* A group may prefer to either estimate their quarterly dues to Kingdom and remit that amount instead, or remit one quarter of the annual cap to the Kingdom every three months. Estimates are subject to the approval of the Kingdom Exchequer. Quarterly cap amounts are \$187.50 for a Barony and \$87.50 for a Shire.

\* Should a Barony elect to remit the annual cap, the Barony may arrange collection of part of the annual cap amount from any of its cantons in any way it sees fit.

#### VII.4.iv Currency

Groups in Australia are required to calculate their amounts and remit funds in Australian dollars.

Groups in New Zealand are required to calculate their amounts and remit funds in New Zealand dollars (on a dollar for dollar basis), to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's deputy for New Zealand.

### **CHANGE TO:**

#### VII.4 Event Levy *Levies On Events*

##### VII.4.i *Kingdom Event Levy*

~~Each group in the Kingdom of Lochac shall contribute to the kingdom funds according to the following procedure:~~

~~• For every event held, \$1 from every person 18 years or older attending the event shall be collected. The word "event" means any in-garb event meeting the requirements of Corpora II.A, and excludes regular activities such as monthly or weekly fighter practices, group business meetings, informal classes, etc, as per Corpora II.B.~~

~~• Events at which no fee is normally collected are exempt from this levy.~~

- ~~If there is doubt as to whether an activity is an "event" according to this definition, then the decision shall be made by the Kingdom Seneschal.~~

#### VII.4.ii Exceptions and Limits

~~\* No group will be required to remit more than an annual cap on all of its events. This cap is \$750.00 for a Barony including all of its cantons, and \$350.00 for a Shire.~~

~~\* No college group will be required to collect or remit these funds, nor shall this levy be collected at any event held by a college.~~

#### VII.4.iii Alternative Collection Methods

~~\* A group may prefer to either estimate their quarterly dues to Kingdom and remit that amount instead, or remit one quarter of the annual cap to the Kingdom every three months. Estimates are subject to the approval of the Kingdom Exchequer. Quarterly cap amounts are \$187.50 for a Barony and \$87.50 for a Shire.~~

~~\* Should a Barony elect to remit the annual cap, the Barony may arrange collection of part of the annual cap amount from any of its cantons in any way it sees fit.~~

#### VII.4.i Kingdom Event Levy

*Each group in the Kingdom of Lochac shall contribute to the kingdom funds.*

*For every event held, \$1 from every person 18 years or older attending the event shall be collected.*

#### VII.4.ii SCAA event memberships

*The SCAA requires that Australian-based groups collect and remit funds for event memberships for persons who are not full members of the SCA in any country.*

*For every event held, \$2 from every non-member 18 years or older attending the event shall be collected.*

#### VII.4.iii SCANZ event memberships

*The SCANZ requires that New Zealand-based groups collect and remit funds for event memberships for persons who are not full members of the SCA in any country.*

*For every event held, \$2 from every non-member 18 years or older attending the event shall be collected.*

#### VII.4.iv Events

*For the purposes of this section, the word "event" means any in-garb event meeting the requirements of Corpora II.A, and excludes regular activities such as monthly or weekly fighter practices, group business meetings, informal classes, etc, as per Corpora II.B.*

*If there is doubt as to whether an activity is an "event" according to this definition, then the decision shall be made by the Kingdom Seneschal.*

#### VII.4.v Exceptions

*No College group will be required to collect or remit these funds.*

*Incipient groups without bank accounts shall report through their supervising group.*

*Persons who pay no entry fee may be exempted from these levies.*

#### *VII.4.vi Reporting*

At the end of every quarter (September, December, March, June), the funds collected by the group shall be remitted ~~to the~~ *in accordance with the requirements of the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.*

#### ~~VII.4.iv~~ *VII.4.vii Currency*

Groups in Australia are required to calculate their amounts and remit funds in Australian dollars.

Groups in New Zealand are required to calculate their amounts and remit funds in New Zealand dollars (on a dollar for dollar basis), ~~to the~~ *in accordance with the requirements of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's deputy for New Zealand.*

**These changes** document event memberships for both SCAA and SCANZ and remove the optional caps which used to apply to the Kingdom Event levy.

---

#### **WAS:**

##### VIII.1.iv Budget

All bids for Crown Events must include a detailed budget. The proposed budget shall include a fee per person attending the event, as a contribution paid to the Kingdom Travel Fund. The amount of the fee shall be as determined from time to time by the Council of the Purse.

#### **CHANGE TO:**

##### VIII.1.iv Budget

All bids for Crown Events must include a detailed budget. ~~The proposed budget shall include a fee per person attending the event, as a contribution paid to the Kingdom Travel Fund. The amount of the fee shall be as determined from time to time by the Council of the Purse.~~

**This change** reflects the fact that a separate per-head Kingdom Travel Fund fee at Crown events has been largely unnecessary since the Kingdom Event Levy was introduced and is no longer required.

---

### **3. MEMBERSHIP LAW CHANGES**

These proposed changes tidy up minor issues related to local society and membership status, and our affiliation agreements.

#### **WAS:**

##### I.2.v SCA

SCA means the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated in South Australia, or the Society for

Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc.

**CHANGE TO:**

I.2.v SCA

SCA means the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated in South Australia, *or the Society for Creative Anachronism Australia Ltd*, or the Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc..

**This change** allows for the shift from SCAA Inc (SA) to SCAA Ltd which is underway at this time.

---

**WAS:**

I.2.vii

A Subscribing Member is a member of the SCA who receives the official newsletter of the SCA.

**CHANGE TO:**

I.2.vii

A Subscribing Member is a member of the SCA who receives the official newsletter of the SCA *or an affiliated organisation overseas*.

**This change** provides clearer support for our affiliation obligations, e.g permitting Crown Tournament entry to Lochac residents who may hold overseas memberships.

---

**WAS:**

III.1.i Requirements for Entry

Each fighter entering the Crown Tournament, and his or her consort must be current members of the SCA, at least one of which must be at least a subscribing member.

**CHANGE TO:**

III.1.i Requirements for Entry

Each fighter entering the Crown Tournament, and his or her consort must be current members of the SCA *or an affiliated organisation overseas*, at least one of which must be at least a subscribing member. *Neither may be an event member*.

**This change** makes it clear that Crown tourney entrants cannot be event members, and provides clearer support for our affiliation obligations, e.g permitting Crown Tournament entry to Lochac residents who may currently hold non-local memberships.