

Proposed Amendments to the Laws of Lochac, dated 20/4/2008

Edited version 1: error in text to proposed amendments in Law VI.10.iii and iv (proposed change failed to repeat new name of Order); few typographical errors corrected. 21/4/08

Each proposed change is shown below with WAS describing the current Law, CHANGE TO listing the proposed replacement, and a memo as to the rationale behind the change.

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

WAS

I.1.v Crown Prince and Crown Princess

Crown Prince and Crown Princess means the winner of the most recent Crown Tournament and the winner's consort.

CHANGE TO

I.1.v *Royal Heirs*

Royal Heirs means the winner of the most recent Crown

Tournament and the winner's consort, *who have been granted the title of Crown Prince and Crown Princess*.

This change is intended to define these people using the terminology used throughout the Laws.

WAS

I.2.iv Pegasus

PEGASUS is the official newsletter covering Australia.

CHANGE TO

I.2.iv Pegasus

PEGASUS is the official *monthly* newsletter covering Australia and *New Zealand*.

This change is to describe reality.

WAS

I.2.vii Subscribing Member

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

CHANGE TO

I.2.vii Subscribing Member

A Subscribing Member is a member of the SCA who *pays for and* receives the official newsletter of the SCA.

This change is to describe reality.

WAS

I.2.viii Registrar

Unless specifically stated otherwise references to the Registrar refer to the registrar of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated in South Australia)

CHANGE TO

I.2.viii Registrar

Unless specifically stated otherwise references to the Registrar refer to the registrar of the SCA.

This change is to describe reality.

NEW

I.2.ix *Governing documents of the SCA*

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

- *Real world, national, state, territory, and local law.*
- *The Constitution of the SCA.*
- *The SCAA/SCA and SCANZ/SCA operating agreements.*
- *SCA corporate policies.*
- *The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.*

- *Officers' Handbooks of the SCA, Inc. officers, where specifically agreed to by the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. This specifically excludes the SCA, Inc. Financial and Publications policies which are excluded in the SCAA/SCA and SCANZ/SCA operating agreements.*
- *The Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac*
- *The Word of the Crown*

This change is to define what the governing documents of the SCA are, as referred to throughout law.

NEW

1.2.x Steward

A Steward is a member of the SCA who is the person responsible for any official event.

This change is to define what these are, as referred to in Law.

NEW

1.2.xi Kingdom Website

The Kingdom Website is www.sca.org.au/lochac

This change is to define what this is, as referred to in Law.

NEW

1.2.xii CanonLore

CanonLore is the Order of Precedence published on the Kingdom Website.

This change is to define what this is, as referred to in Law.

III.1 Eligibility for the Crown Tournament

WAS:

All authorised fighters *resident in the Kingdom of Lochac* have the right to compete in the Crown List, provided they are in compliance with the Rules of the List, the Laws of the Kingdom, the governing documents of the SCA and have not been excluded by the Crown for reasons it deems valid. Each fighter must have a consort who is also *resident in Lochac*, and who is subject to the above conditions.

CHANGE TO:

All authorised fighters *who have resided in the Kingdom of Lochac for the previous six months* have the right to compete in the Crown List, provided they are in compliance with the Rules of the List, the Laws of the Kingdom, the governing documents of the SCA and have not been excluded by the Crown for reasons it deems valid. Each fighter must have a consort who *has also resided in the Kingdom of Lochac for the previous six months*, and who is subject to the above conditions.

This change is intended to clarify who can be considered a 'resident' of Lochac and therefore eligible to enter Crown Tourney.

III.1.vi Travel Requirements

WAS:

Either the fighter entering the Crown Tournament *or* his or her consort must hold a current valid passport. *If any one* of the Crown events held during their reign (Coronation, Crown Tournament, Devestiture) *is in a different* country to the current Crown Tournament, *then both* the fighter *and* his or her consort must hold a current valid passport.

CHANGE TO:

Both the fighter entering the Crown Tournament *and* his or her consort must hold a current valid passport, *unless all* of the Crown events held during their reign (Coronation, Crown Tournament, Devestiture) *are in the same* country to the current Crown Tournament, *in which case only* the fighter *or* his or her consort must hold a current valid passport.

This change is intended to avoid the issues at November Crown, where there had been no publication of the Crown events for the following reign – so it was unclear who needed to have a passport.

WAS

IV.2 Responsibilities

The Greater and Lesser Officers are responsible to the Crown for carrying out the Laws and administering the affairs of Lochac. They owe allegiance to the Crown in the performance of their offices. In addition to the specific duties defined hereunder, each Officer shall carry out such other duties as are appropriate to the Office, or as are directed by the Crown.

As part of their responsibility to the administration of the Kingdom, the Greater and Lesser Officers shall seek approval of both the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal for any changes to the governing documents or written policies of their office.

CHANGE TO

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IV.2.ii Documentation of the Office

As part of their responsibility to the administration of the Kingdom, the Greater and Lesser Officers shall *produce and maintain governing documents or written policies of their office (which shall include an office Statement of Responsibilities)* and seek approval of both the Crown and the Kingdom Seneschal for any changes to the governing documents or written policies of their office.

This change is to provide clarity and allow for additional responsibilities (transferred from Requirements for Holding Office, IV.7).

WAS

IV.7.iii Communication

It shall be the responsibility and duty of each Great and Lesser Officer of the Kingdom to maintain regular contact with the local officers below them.

CHANGE TO

IV.2.iii Communication

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

This change is to move this section, referring to responsibilities, to the appropriate section in the Laws.

This change is also to clarify the scope of responsibilities of a Kingdom Officer.

WAS

IV.7.iv Deputies

It shall be the duty of each Great and Lesser officer, within six months of assuming office, to obtain a deputy capable of assuming their office in case of emergency.

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WAS

IV.4.iii Suspension of an Officer

An officer may be suspended by the Crown for failing to perform his or her duties, or for failing to report, as detailed under Article IV Section 3. The duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by that officer's deputy for the duration of the reign. If there is no rostered deputy then the duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by the Seneschal.

CHANGE TO

IV.4.v Suspension of an Officer

An officer may be suspended by the Crown for *failing to comply with the Laws referring to their office, as detailed under Article IV Sections 2, 3, 5 and 6.*

The duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by that officer's deputy for the duration of the reign. If there is no rostered deputy then the duties of a suspended officer shall be performed by the Seneschal.

This change is to clarify the definition of the duties of an officer.

WAS

IV.5 Duties of Officers

IV.5.i The Seneschal

The Seneschal is the chief administrative officer of the Kingdom and shall:

□ serve as the principal mundane legal representative of the SCA within Lochac

receive reports from all other Great and Lesser Officers on the status of their office

make such reports as may be required by the Crown

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make such reports as may be required by the Crown

sit on the Council of the Purse

provide details of Crown events, attendance at which is required for the winners of the following Crown Tourney (as defined in Corpora IV.C.2), to the Chronicler for publication in April and October Pegasus

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

This change is to clarify that the Seneschal is required to take part in Council of the Purse meetings.

This change is to provide information needed for Crown Tourney entrants to them in an official manner, in enough time to allow them to make informed decisions about entering Crown Tourney.

WAS

IV.5.v The Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the chief financial officer of the Kingdom, and shall be responsible for:

collecting, safeguarding and disbursing the monies of the Kingdom

maintaining the records of the assets of Lochac

receiving financial reports from the local groups of Lochac and from the Kingdom Officers of Lochac, at least annually

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sitting on the Council of the Purse

This change is to clarify that the Exchequer is required to take part in Council of the Purse meetings.

WAS

IV.5.vi The Chronicler

The Chronicler is responsible for:

the monthly publication and distribution of the official newsletter PEGASUS

for the accounting of the Corporate Stipend and other Kingdom newsletter income, reporting such income and expenditures to the Society Treasurer for Australia and the Lochac Chancellor of the Exchequer, as required by those Officers

CHANGE TO

IV.5.vi The Chronicler

The Chronicler is responsible for:

the monthly publication and distribution of the official newsletter PEGASUS *for receipt by members by the first full weekend of the month.*

for the accounting of the Corporate Stipend and other Kingdom newsletter income, reporting such income and expenditures to the *SCA Treasurers and the Lochac Chancellor of the Exchequer, as required by those Officers*

This change is to clarify the schedule for Pegasus distribution.

This change is to remove the Exchequer from the list of officers receiving reports, as the Chronicler does not receive Kingdom funds

This change is to clarify that reports go to both Committee treasurers.

WAS

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- for the accounting of the Corporate Stipend and other Kingdom newsletter income, reporting such income and expenditures to the Society Treasurer for Australia and the Lochac Chancellor of the Exchequer, as required by those Officers

CHANGE TO

IV.5.vi The Chronicler

The Chronicler is responsible for:

- the monthly publication and distribution of the official newsletter PEGASUS
- the maintenance and updating of the Kingdom Website*
- for the accounting of the Corporate Stipend and other Kingdom newsletter income, reporting such income and expenditures to the Society Treasurer for Australia and the Lochac Chancellor of the Exchequer, as required by those Officers

This change is to specify that responsibility for the Kingdom Website falls under the office of Chronicler.
NB. This is one possible option. The alternative is listed below as NEW: IV.5.xviii

WAS

IV.5.viii The Constable

The Constable is the chief security officer of the Kingdom, and shall be responsible for:

- the maintenance of order and security amongst the people at events
- administering lost property
- the staffing of the site entrance at events
- providing Constabulary related documents as are required by the SCA and filing these, as required by the SCA

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- ~~the staffing of the site entrance at events~~
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This change removes the requirement that the Kingdom Constable is responsible for the staffing of site entrances at events.

WAS

IV.5.ix The Keeper of the Lists

The Keeper of the Lists shall serve under the Earl Marshal and shall be responsible for:

- the organization and co-ordination of Tournaments as directed by the Crown and in co-operation with the College of Heraldry and the Marshallate
- maintaining the records and results of combats in the whole of Lochac including target archery
- maintaining the list and documentation pertaining to Lochac's authorised participants in armoured fighting, combat archery (and other projectile weapons) and rapier combat

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- maintaining the list and documentation pertaining to Lochac's authorised participants in armoured fighting, combat archery (and other projectile weapons), rapier combat *and Equestrian activities.*

This change adds Equestrian activities to the list of activities administered by the Lists.

WAS

IV.5.x The Hospitaller

The Hospitaller shall serve under the Seneschal and shall be responsible for:

- welcoming newcomers at events and answering their questions
- coordinating public and media relations and encouraging the growth and integration of the Kingdom

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- welcoming newcomers ~~at events~~ and answering their questions
- coordinating public and media relations.
- Encouraging the growth and integration of the Kingdom

This change clarifies that Hospitallers do not welcome newcomers only at events.

WAS

IV.5.xii The Archery Marshal

The Archery Marshal shall serve under the Earl Marshal and be responsible for:

- Encouraging the development of combat standards and chivalry on the field in all actions in Lochac involving archery and other projectile weapons, in co-operation with the Marshallate
- The maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom Standards for construction and use of projectile weapons and projectile armour

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- The maintenance and enforcement of the Kingdom Standards for construction and use of projectile weapons and *armour for plumed combatants*.

This change clarifies the type of armour the Archery Marshal is responsible for.

WAS

IV.5.xvi The Keeper of Regalia

The Keeper of Regalia shall serve directly under the Crown and have, through the Council for Regalia, authority regarding the purchase, maintenance, storage and transport of the Kingdom Regalia. The Keeper of Regalia is charged with ensuring that the Council for Regalia meets at least once each reign.

CHANGE TO

IV.5.xvi The Keeper of Regalia

The Keeper of Regalia shall serve directly under the Crown and have, through the Council for Regalia, authority regarding the purchase, maintenance, storage and transport of the Kingdom Regalia *as described in the Keeper of Regalia Handbook*. The Keeper of Regalia is charged with ensuring that the Council for Regalia meets at least once each reign.

This change refers to the Handbook which has detailed information on these duties.

NEW

IV.5.xviii The Webwright

The Webwright shall serve under the Chronicler and shall be responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Kingdom Website.

This change is to define the office which is currently being performed by a deputy to the Chronicler, but which has local officers which require support at a Kingdom level.

NB. This is one possible option. The alternative is listed above in the change to IV.5.vi

WAS: IV.7 Requirements for Holding Office

CHANGE TO IV.6 Requirements for Holding Office

WAS: IV.7.i Conflict of Interest

CHANGE TO IV.6.i Conflict of Interest

WAS: IV.7.ii Kingdom Officers may not be Local Seneschals
CHANGE TO IV.6.ii Kingdom Officers may not be Local Seneschals

WAS: IV.7.v Membership
CHANGE TO IV.6.iii Membership

This change in Law order is to group the conditions of Kingdom Officers in one place and to list the conditions of Territorial Barons and Baronesses separately (at the end of the section).

WAS
IV.6.ii Kingdom Officers may not be Local Seneschals
Because of the amount of work involved, no person may hold simultaneously a Kingdom Office and the office of Seneschal in a local branch of the Kingdom.

CHANGE TO
IV.6.ii Kingdom Officers may not be Local Seneschals
~~Because of the amount of work involved~~ No person may hold simultaneously a Kingdom Office and the office of Seneschal in a local branch of the Kingdom.

This change removes an unnecessary and often inaccurate detail.

NEW

IV.6.iv Residence
All kingdom officers shall have resided in Lochac for at least the six months prior to taking office.

This change brings the Kingdom Officers into line with the residence requirements of the Crown.

WAS: IV.6 Territorial Barons and Baronesses
CHANGE TO IV.7 Territorial Barons and Baronesses

WAS: IV.6.i Appointment
CHANGE TO IV.7.i Appointment

WAS: IV.6.ii Vicars
CHANGE TO IV.7.ii Vicars

WAS: IV.6.iii Membership
CHANGE TO IV.7.iii Membership

WAS: IV.6.iv Reporting
CHANGE TO IV.7.iv Reporting

This change in Law order is to group the conditions of Kingdom Officers in one place and to list the conditions of Territorial Barons and Baronesses separately (at the end of the section).

WAS
IV.7.iv Reporting
The baronial reporting schedule will be, on the society calendar, as follows:

Odd-numbered years:

- o May Crown; Innilgard
- o July Crown; Stormhold, St Florian de la Riviere, Southron Gaard
- o November Crown; Politarchopolis

Even-Numbered years:

- o May Crown; Ynys Fawr, Mordenvale
- o July Crown; Rowany, River Haven
- o November Crown; Aneala, Ildhafn

There will be no baronial reports at Twelfth Night. The verbal reports given in Court should be brief and informative.

Change to

IV.7.iv Reporting

The baronial reporting schedule will be annual as follows:

- o May Crown; Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, Mordenvale
- o July Crown; Stormhold, St Florian de la Riviere, Southron Gaard, Rowany, River Haven
- o November Crown; Politarchopolis, Aneala, Ildhafn

There will be no baronial reports at Twelfth Night. The verbal reports given in Court should be brief and informative.

This change brings Baronial reporting to annual, in keeping with the shorter tenures of Barons and Baronesses.

WAS

VI.1 Awards

VI.1.i Source of Awards

The Crown is the font of all awards. The sole power to create Patents, Grants and Award of Arms rests with the Crown. The Crown hereby grants to the Coronet of each Principality the right to offer Awards of Arms to subjects of the Principality, and to offer a Patent of Arms with the title of Viscount or Viscountess to those who have served the Principality in the capacity of Sovereign or Consort for a full reign. The Crown specifically reserves the right to grant Patents and create Peerages for any other reason and title unto Themselves.

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This change removes laws which refer to Lochac's non-existent Principality.

WAS

VI.1.ii Publication of Awards

It is the responsibility of the Crown giving Arms or other awards to ensure that the type of Arms or award, the date given, and the full name of the recipient be published within six months of the date of the Arms or award was given.

CHANGE TO

VI.1.ii Publication of Awards

- *All bestowal of Awards shall be proclaimed in Court, or in some other public place, to the Kingdom of Lochac at large*
- It is the responsibility of the Crown giving Arms or other awards, *to notify both the Crux Australis Herald and the Chronicler of the award*, the date given, and the full name of the recipient within *three* months.
- *The Officers will then ensure the information is added to Canon Lore and published in Pegasus.*

This change clarifies how awards are published.

This change shortens the period within which the Crown provides the information to the populace via the officers.

WAS

VI.1.iii Signatures

The signatures of the Crown, or of any previous Crown, shall not be forged on any scroll or other document without express permission of the Crown.

CHANGE TO

VI.1.iii Signatures

The signatures of the Crown, or of any previous Crown, shall not be forged on any scroll or other document without express permission of *that* Crown.

This change clarifies that the only people who can allow the forging of their signatures are the Crown in question.

NEW

VI.2 Order of Precedence

- *The Order of Precedence within Lochac is as follows:
The Crown of Lochac*

The Royal Heirs of Lochac

Current Territorial Barons and Baronesses, according to date of creation of the Barony

*- Rowany / Aneala / Innilgard / River Haven / Stormhold / Politarchopolis / Ynys Fawr /
Southron Gaard / St Florian de la Riviere / Ildhafn / Mordenvale*

Current Greater Officers of State

*- Seneschal / Crux Australis Herald / Earl Marshal / Minister of Arts and Sciences / Chancellor of the Exchequer /
Chronicler / Chirurgion / Constable*

Dukes and Duchesses

Counts and Countesses

Viscounts and Viscountesses

Peers of the Realm

Companions of the Order of the White Scarf and the Company of Archers

Companions of the Orders of Distinction, conferring a Grant of Arms

Court Barons and Baronesses

Members of the armigerous Orders of Achievement

Those members of the populace holding an Award of Arms

Those members of the populace holding Baronial Awards and those of the former Principality of Lochac

Those members of the populace holding Awards and honours that do not convey precedence

- *Except for the Crown, Royal Heirs and Territorial Barons and Baronesses, Rank within the Orders is determined solely by the date the award was given. For the territorial rulers, precedence is determined by the date of inauguration of the Territory.*
- *As per Section VI.10 [Immigrant Arms], precedence-bearing awards from other Kingdoms carry an identical position of Precedence to the corresponding Lochac award*
- *Awards granted to a branch, guild or other organised group that carry precedence do not convey that precedence onto the individual members of that group*

This change defines the Precedence of the Kingdom's awards and positions.

All sections following undergo numerical change:

WAS VI.2 Royal Peerages CHANGE TO VI.3 Royal Peerages

WAS VI.3 Patents of Arms CHANGE TO VI.4 Patents of Arms

WAS VI.4 Grants of Arms CHANGE TO VI.5 Grants of Arms

WAS VI.5 Court Baronies CHANGE TO VI.6 Court Baronies

WAS VI.6 Orders of Achievement CHANGE TO VI.7 Orders of Achievement

WAS VI.7 Non-Armigerous Orders CHANGE TO VI.8 Non-Armigerous Orders

WAS VI.8 Principality/ Baronial Awards CHANGE TO VI.9 Principality/ Baronial Awards

WAS VI.9 Immigrant Arms CHANGE TO VI.10 Immigrant Arms

This change brings Law numbering into line.

WAS

VI.3 Royal Peerages

Royal Peerages earned in the Kingdom of Lochac are accompanied by Patents of Arms. People earning such peerages shall be assumed to fulfil the basic requirements for the elevation to the Peerage.

CHANGE TO

VI.3.i Royal Peerages

The Royal Peerages are Dukes/Duchesses, Counts/Countesses and Viscounts/Viscountesses, as defined in Corpora. Royal Peerages earned in the Kingdom of Lochac are accompanied by Patents of Arms. ~~People earning such peerages shall be assumed to fulfil the basic requirements for the elevation to the Peerage.~~ Rank is inherent in Royal Title, and these do not otherwise confer armigery.

This change defines the treatment of this society-wide rank in Lochac.

NEW

VI.3.ii Order of the Rose

- *Upon completing their first reign, Consorts are elevated to the County Rank, and are inducted into the Order of the Rose.*

This change defines the treatment of this society-wide order in Lochac.

WAS

VI.4 Patents of Arms

All members of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican have the right to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their Orders, and no member may be excluded from a conclave convened for that purpose.

CHANGE TO

VI.4 Patents of Arms

Bestowed peerages are the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican, as defined in Corpora.

- *Elevation to these Right Noble Orders shall bear a Patent of Arms.*
- *All members of these Right Noble Orders are considered one group, equal in precedence.*

All members of the *respective Orders* have the right to advise the Crown regarding selection of members for their Orders, and no member may be excluded from a conclave convened for that purpose *unless under sanctions by the Crown as described in Corpora X.A.2.*

This change defines the treatment of this society-wide order in Lochac.

This change is intended to clarify that indeed members of a Peerage Polling Order can be excluded from any conclaves of that Order, but only by the Crown.

WAS:

VI.5.ii Lochac Company of Archers

There shall be created a Lochac Company of Archers. The members thereof shall have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in archery. Further, they shall have demonstrated high levels of chivalry, courtesy and those aspects of courtly behaviour and accomplishment.

VI.5.ii.a Duties

The duties of the members of this Company shall be to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the Royal Archer on and do research into aspects of the art of missile weapons including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.

VI.5.ii.b Selection

The selection of members of the Company will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the Company.

VI.5.ii.c Precedence

Membership in this Company shall carry a Grant of Arms. Membership in this Order shall carry a Grant of Arms, which will take precedence before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the Order shall be combined with that of the White Scarf of Lochac.

VI.5.iii Order of the White Scarf

There shall be created the Order of the White Scarf of Lochac. The members thereof shall have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in civilian (rapier) combat. Further, they shall have demonstrated high levels of chivalry, courtesy, courtly behaviour and accomplishment as laid out in the Order's Charter.

VI.5.iii.a Duties

The duties of the members of this Order are to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the Marshall Rapier on all aspects of the art of rapier combat including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.

VI.5.iii.b Selection

The selection of members of the Order will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the Order.

VI.5.iii.c Precedence

Membership in this Order shall carry a Grant of Arms, which will take precedence before simple Grants of Arms. The precedence of the Order shall be combined with that of the Lochac Company of Archers.

VI.5.iii.d Charter

All other matters shall be defined in the governing constitution of the Order, as maintained by the Principal of the Order.

CHANGE TO:

VI.5 The Polling Orders of Distinction

VI.5.i OVERVIEW

There shall be two Polling Orders of Distinction in Lochac, and they shall have the following common characteristics:

- *The selection of members of these Orders will be at the pleasure of the Crown after consultation with the existing members of the respective Orders.*
- *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*
- *These Orders are equal in precedence, and shall rank after the Peerage and above the Grant-level Orders of Distinction*

VI.5.ii Lochac Company of Archers

- *Membership of the Lochac Company of Archers shall be bestowed by the Crown to those who have demonstrated high achievement, chivalry and service to the Kingdom in the field of archery.*
- *The members of the Order are entitled to be addressed as “The Honourable Lord / Lady”*

VI.5.iii Duties

- *The duties of the members of this Company shall be to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the *Archery Marshal* on, and do research into, aspects of the art of missile weapons including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.*

VI.5.iii Order of the White Scarf

- *Membership of the Order of the White Scarf of Lochac shall be bestowed by the Crown to those who have demonstrated high achievement, chivalry and service to the Kingdom in unarmoured (rapier) combat.*
- *It shall be a recognised tradition in Lochac to address members of the Order as “Don” or “Doña”*

VI.5.iii Duties

- *The duties of the members of this Order are to promote and encourage their art within the Kingdom of Lochac. They are to advise the Earl Marshal and the *Rapier Marshal* on, and do research into, aspects of the art of rapier combat including, but not limited to: combat standards, tactics, marshalling, training, period research, qualification and competition.*

This change tidies up the format of these laws and separates these awards from the non-polling Grant of Arms awards.

WAS:

VI.5.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 The Grants-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 Service Grant (name suggestions called for)

- *The Order of the Service Grant may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service.*

VI.6.iv The Order of the Arts and Sciences Grant (name suggestions called for)

- *The Order of the Arts and Sciences Grant may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by showing outstanding skill in the Arts & Sciences.*

VI.6.v The Order of the Martial Grant (name suggestions called for)

- *The Order of the Martial Grant may be given to those who have distinguished themselves over time by performing outstanding service and great prowess in the Martial Arts.*
- *Such prowess can apply to those skilled in the Equestrian Arts, Siege Warfare, or Leadership on the warfield.*

This change is probably the most controversial in these proposed law changes. It defines a new level of award orders, conveying Grants of Arms. This proposal is based on suggestions to us by our populace and our peers.

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).

This law change is intended to restore a fourth level of award to the award structure, the Grant-level order of Distinction.

WAS VI.6 Court Baronies CHANGE TO VI.7 Court Baronies

WAS VI.7 Orders of Achievement CHANGE TO VI.8 Orders of Achievement

WAS VI.8 Non-Armigerous Orders CHANGE TO VI.9 Non-Armigerous Orders

WAS VI.9 Principality/ Baronial Awards CHANGE TO VI.10 Principality/ Baronial Awards

WAS VI.10 Immigrant Arms CHANGE TO VI.11 Immigrant Arms

This change brings Law numbering into line.

WAS

VI.7 Court Baronies

VI.7.i Court Baronies

The title of Court Baron and/or Court Baroness may be offered to those the Crown wishes to honour. This title carries with it an Award of Arms, and those entitled shall stand in precedence between holders of Grants of Arms and Orders of Achievement. The title of Court Baron/Baroness may be used by all who attain this title. Alternative titles approved by the Heralds may only be used by Court Barons or Court Baronesses who have served as landed Barons and Baronesses.

CHANGE TO

VI.7 Court Baronies

VI.7.i Court Baronies

The title of Court Baron or Court Baroness may be offered to those the Crown wishes to honour, *for those whose contributions have enriched the Kingdom in unique ways*. This title carries with it an Award of Arms, and those entitled shall stand in precedence between holders of Grants of Arms and Orders of Achievement. The title of Court Baron/Baroness may be used by all who attain this title. Alternative titles approved by the Heralds may only be used by Court Barons or Court Baronesses who have served as landed Barons and Baronesses.

- *Court Barons and Baronesses are entitled to be addressed as "Your Excellency".*

This change clarifies who is eligible for a Court Barony.

This change clarifies how they may be addressed.

WAS

VI.5.ii Retiring Territorial Baronies

Upon retiring from their office a territorial Baron or Baroness may be offered the title of Court Baron or Baroness and/or a Grant of Arms, at the discretion of the Crown.

CHANGE TO

VI.7.2 Retiring Territorial Baronies

Upon retiring from their office a territorial Baron or Baroness may be *bestowed* the title of Court Baron or Baroness at the discretion of the Crown.

This change removes this unnecessary statement (the Crown may always bestow a Grant of Arms at their discretion to any of their subjects).

NEW

VI.8 Orders of Achievement

VI.8.i Overview

The Crown shall bestow membership to the armigerous Orders to those they deem deserving.

The Orders of Achievement in Lochac shall have the following common characteristics:

- *Elevation to these Orders shall confer upon the holders an Award of Arms, if those persons are not already armigerous.*
- *Members in these Orders are entitled to be addressed as “Lord” or “Lady”.*
- *These Orders are all equal in precedence, and shall rank after the Court Barons and Baronesses and above an Award of Arms.*
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This change tidies up the format of these laws and separates these awards from the non-armigerous awards.

CHANGE OF NUMERICAL ORDER FOR ALL FOLLOWING

VI.8 Orders of Achievement

WAS VI.8.i CHANGE TO VI.8.ii The Order of the Golden Tear

WAS VI.8.ii CHANGE TO VI.8.iii The Order of the Lily

WAS VI.8.iii CHANGE TO VI.8.iv The Order of the Rapier

WAS VI.8.iv CHANGE TO VI.8.v The Order of the Hasta Belli

WAS VI.8.v CHANGE TO VI.8.vi The Order of the Nock

WAS VI.8.vi CHANGE TO VI.8.vii The Miles Regni

WAS VI.8.vii CHANGE TO VI.8.viii The Promethean Flame

WAS VI.8.viii CHANGE TO VI.8.ix Precedence

WAS VI.8.ix CHANGE TO VI.8.x Principality Distribution

This change brings Law numbering into line.

WAS

VI.8.ii The Order of the Golden Tear

The Order of the Golden Tear may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honour for substantial and unobtrusive service to the Kingdom.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.ii The Order of the Golden Tear

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

This change removes the word ‘unobtrusive’, to allow those whose service to the Kingdom is obvious eligibility to this award.

WAS

VI.8.iii The Order of the Lily

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

CHANGE TO

VI.8.iii The Order of the *Golden Lily*

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

This change uses the registered name for this award and clarifies how this is given.

WAS

VI.8.iv The Order of the Rapier

The Order of the Rapier may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the field of Rapier fighting.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.iv The Order of the Rapier

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

This change clarifies how this is given.

WAS

VI.8.v The Order of the Hasta Belli

The Order of the Hasta Belli (Spear of War) may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the field of heavy fighting.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.v The Order of *Golden Sword*

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

This change uses the registered name for this award and clarifies how this is given.

WAS

VI.8.vi The Order of the Nock

The Order of the Nock may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement in the field of missile combat.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.vi The Order of the Nock

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

This change clarifies who is eligible and how this is given.

WAS

VI.8.vii The Miles Regni

The Miles Regni (Soldier of the Kingdom) may be given by the Crown to those who have supported the army of Lochac in any significant manner.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.vii *Order of the Soldiers of the Kingdom*

Membership of the Order of the Soldiers of the Kingdom may be bestowed by the Crown to those who have supported the army of Lochac in any significant manner including siege weapons and non contact participants.

This change uses the (hopefully) registerable name for this award, clarifies who is eligible and how this is given.

WAS

VI.8.viii The Promethean Flame

The Promethean Flame may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of honour for excellence in teaching.

CHANGE TO

VI.8.viii The Order of Prometheus

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

This change uses the registered name for this award and clarifies how this is given.

DELETE

VI.8.ix Precedence

Membership in these Orders will carry with it an Award of Arms, and members shall stand in precedence between holders of Grants of Arms and holders of Awards of Arms.

This change removes this section, now covered in the Overview VI.8.i

DELETE

VI.6.x Principality Distribution

The Coronet, with the permission of the Crown, shall offer Orders of Achievement to those residing within its Principality it finds deserving of honour. The Crown shall declare whether or not It intends to grant this permission at the commencement of each reign.

This change removes this section as Lochac has no Principalities.

NEW

VI.8.ix The Order of Hector

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

This change creates an armigerous award for those involved in Equestrian activities. The naming is in reference to Hector, as related in the Iliad, known as the horse-tamer.

WAS

VI.9.i The Lochac Order of Grace

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

CHANGE TO

VI.8.x The Lochac Order of Grace

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

This change restores the Lochac Order of Grace to an armigerous award and separates it from the Order of the Rowan, also for grace and courtesy, which remains non-armigerous.

NEW

VI.9 Award of Arms

The Crown shall bestow an Award of Arms to those individuals who they deem deserving of recognition for their various achievements.

- *Gentles granted an Award of Arms are entitled to be addressed as “Lord” or “Lady”*
- *They shall rank after the armigerous Orders of Achievement.*
- *This award shall have the effect of converting devices previously registered with the College of Heraldry to Arms, and of directing those who have not yet registered armoury to design and register Arms.*

This change provides a description of the eligibility to the Award of Arms.

WAS VI.9 Non-Armigerous Orders CHANGE TO VI.10 Non-Armigerous Orders

WAS VI.10 Principality/ Baronial Awards CHANGE TO VI.11 Principality/ Baronial Awards

WAS VI.11 Immigrant Arms CHANGE TO VI.12 Immigrant Arms

This change brings Law numbering into line.

WAS

VI.10 Non-Armigerous Orders

In addition to the armigerous Orders, the Crown may create orders that do not in themselves convey the right to bear arms.

CHANGE TO

VI.10.i Non-Armigerous Orders

In addition to the armigerous Orders, the Crown may create Orders that do not in themselves convey the right to bear arms, *nor do they convey any rank in the Order of Precedence.*

- *The awards granted by the Coronets of the former Principality of Lochac were non-armigerous.*
- *Those Orders are now closed, however bearers of the following principality Orders rank after those gentles with Awards of Arms:*
 - *Order of the Roman Lilies*
 - *Order of the Silver Tear*
 - *Order of the Silver Nock*
 - *Order of the Silver Rapier*
 - *Order of the Silver Sword*

This change describes the now-defunct Awards of the Principality of Lochac and the position in precedence of those gentles of the Kingdom of Lochac who hold these awards.

WAS

VI.10.iii The Order of the Shining Helm

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

CHANGE TO

VI.10.iii *The Order of the Silver Helm*

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

This change uses the registered name for this award.

WAS

VI.10.iv The Order of the Southern Cross

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

CHANGE TO

VI.10.iv *Order of the Cross of Lochac*

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

This change uses the registered name for this award.

WAS

VI.10.v The Prix Jongleur

The Prix Jongleur may be bestowed on those who by way of performance consistently entertain the populace of the Kingdom.

CHANGE TO

VI.10.v *Le Prix Jongleur*

Le Prix Jongleur may be bestowed on those who by way of performance consistently entertain the populace of the Kingdom.

This change uses the (hopefully) registerable name for this award.

WAS

VI.10.vi Royal Cyphers

The Crown may create and award Royal Cyphers to those people who have been thoughtful and helpful to the Crown during their reign.

CHANGE TO

VI.10.vi Royal Cyphers

The Crown, may create and award Royal Cyphers to those people who have been thoughtful and helpful to the Crown *or the King or Queen separately*, during their reign.

This change describes the practice of Cyphers being awarded for help to the Sovereign or the Consort, as distinct from the Crown together.

WAS

VI.10.vii The Mouse Guard

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

CHANGE TO

VI.10.vii The Order of the Fledglings of Lochac

The Order of the Fledglings of Lochac is given in recognition of the contribution given to our Kingdom by children between the ages of 4 and 13 years.

This change will hopefully dispel the false understanding of many recipients of this award that it is a perpetual guard to the Queen, instead of an award. The naming relates to the Pegasus, often depicted as the supporter for the arms of Lochac. It may also be registerable.

NEW

VI.10.viii

The Order of the Pride of Lochac

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

This change adds an award which can be awarded to groups for their combined contribution. The wording is copied from the West Kingdom Law for the Pillar of the West. The naming of the award is a pun on the name for a group of lions, as well as referring to the level of esteem these groups are held in.

WAS

VI.11 Principality/ Baronial Awards

CHANGE TO

VI.11 Baronial Awards

This change removes the reference to Principalities as Lochac has no Principalities.

DELETE

VI.8.i Principality Awards

The Coronet of each Principality has the right to establish non-armigerous orders and awards to be recognized solely within the borders their Principality.

This change removes this section as Lochac has no Principalities.

WAS VI.11.ii Baronial Awards **CHANGE TO** VI.11.i Baronial Awards

This change brings Law numbering into line.

NEW

VI.11.ii Local Recognition

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

This change recognises and grants permission for shires, cantons and colleges to provide recognition (but not awards) to their members, as is often deserved but may be rarely recognised.

VII.3 Council of the Purse

WAS:

All members of the Council must agree to make a decision.

CHANGE TO:

All members of the Council must agree to make a *binding* decision.

This change is intended to clarify this decision.

WAS:

The *heirs* shall attend but not have a vote.

CHANGE TO:

The *Royal Heirs* shall attend but not have a vote.

This change is to use the terminology as defined in Corpora which actually describes these people

VII.4 Event Levy

VII.4.i Event Levy

WAS:

For every event held, \$1 from every person *over the age of 18 years* attending the event shall be collected.

CHANGE TO:

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

This change is intended to clarify that 18-year-olds are included rather than excluded from the group of people paying \$1.

WAS: VII.4.v Commencement

The calculation of the levy to be collected shall commence with all events held from the 1st July AS XXXIX (2004) onwards.

Events that have already had an event fee published to at least the populace of the group on or before the 1st July AS XXXIX are exempt from the levy. Crown events that have already had an event fee agreed to by the Council of the Purse on or before the 1st July AS XXXIX are exempt from the levy (and shall remit the

previously agreed travel fund amounts instead).

CHANGE TO: DELETED

This change is to delete Law which is now historic

VIII.1.i Crown Events

WAS:

These shall be held on the first or second weekend of the following months:

CHANGE TO:

These shall be held on the first or second *full* weekend of the following months:

This change is to clarify which weekends of the month Crown events will be held on (for the people running them and also for the benefit of other groups – to know which weeks not to clash with).

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VIII.1.iii Bids

WAS:

The Crown shall choose between the bids at least *nine* months before the Crown Event, and earlier if They think advisable; but in no case shall the decision be made more than eighteen months before the proposed Event.

CHANGE TO:

The Crown shall choose between the bids at least *ten* months before the Crown Event, and earlier if They think advisable; but in no case shall the decision be made more than eighteen months before the proposed Event.

This change was intended to ensure that all three Crown events that the winners of a Crown Tourney need to attend are published in the Pegasus for that month. I think it might be better restated “that all three Crown events that the winners of a Crown Tourney need to attend are published in the Pegasus for the month of the Crown Tourney”.

ADD: *This decision is to be published in the next possible issue of PEGASUS.*

This change is intended to help all groups running events in the Kingdom know which events are barred to their events schedule as early as possible.

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WAS

VIII.1.v Finances

The autocrat of each Crown Event shall submit a final financial report to the Lochac Exchequer within two months of the holding of the Event. If the report is not received in this time, the group may not hold any official events until a satisfactory report is received by the Lochac Exchequer.

CHANGE TO

VIII.1.v Finances

The *steward* of each Crown Event shall submit a final financial report to the Lochac Exchequer within two months of the holding of the Event. If the report is not received in this time, the group may not hold any official events until a satisfactory report is received by the Lochac Exchequer

This change uses a defined word to describe who performs these duties.

WAS

VIII.1.vi Profit

The profit from each Crown Event shall be divided as 50% to the Kingdom and 50% to the hosting group. The autocrat of the event shall send the Lochac Exchequer a cheque for the Kingdom share of the profits within two months of the Event being held.

CHANGE TO

VIII.1.vi Profit

The profit from each Crown Event shall be divided as 50% to the Kingdom and 50% to the hosting group. The *steward of the event shall remit funds, as instructed* by the Lochac Exchequer for the Kingdom share of the profits within two months of the Event being held.

This change uses a defined word to describe who performs these duties.

This change provides flexibility in the ways in which these duties can be performed, as described by the officer.

WAS

X.3 Grievances

Anyone having a dispute with, or grievance against another in Lochac shall first attempt to settle the matter as follows:

CHANGE TO

X.3 Dispute Resolution Procedure

Anyone having a dispute with, or grievance against, another in Lochac, *that is not a mundane legal matter or dealt with in SCA policy*, shall first attempt to settle the matter as follows:

This change is intended to aid use of the Grievance procedure, which is at present has the word ‘grievance’ as the title, which is understood to be deterring people from using it.

This change is intended to point towards transgressions of mundane policies and laws, which should not be being dealt with as disputes, but instead by the police or the mundane legal body of the SCA in each country.

WAS

X.3.i First Stage

The person shall hold a direct and private discussion with the other and attempt to come to a resolution.

CHANGE TO

X.3.i First Stage

The person shall hold a direct and private *or private and impartially mediated* discussion with the other and attempt to come to a resolution.

This change is intended to provide for mediation in cases where individuals require support to have a direct discussion, for example in cases of intimidation.
