

## **LOCHAC KINGDOM LAW CHANGES, June A.S. XLVI (2011)**

The following law changes are to be enacted at Great Northern War, June 10-13, 2011 by Their Majesties Gabriel and Constanzia.

FORMAT:

Deletions are shown as ~~struckthrough~~, new and replacement text *is shown in italics*. Where an entire clause is replaced, the complete new clause is given *in italics*.

Each change is given in this sequence:

### **[1. Informal title]**

Change:

"[current law]"

To:

"[*proposed law*]"

[brief explanation of intent and/or effect]

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### **1. Table of contents**

Change: *Added a table of contents.*

[This isn't a change to Law, as such, but it changes the appearance of the document.]

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### **2. Definitions : replace definitions section.**

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#### **" I Definitions**

##### **I.1 Royalty**

###### **I.1.i The Crown**

Crown means the King and Queen of Lochac, acting together.

###### **I.1.ii Sovereign**

Sovereign means the winner of the Crown Tournament and who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen.

###### **I.1.iii Consort**

Consort means the person who was fought for in the Crown Tournament and who has been

crowned with the title of King or Queen.

#### **I.1.iv Regent**

Regent means the person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.

#### **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.

### **I.2 SCA Definitions**

#### **I.2.i Laws**

Law or Laws used without qualifiers means the Law or Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac.

#### **I.2.ii Mail**

Unless specifically stated otherwise the term mail includes email and postal mail.

#### **I.2.iii Official Event**

An official event is an SCA event as defined in the governing documents of the SCA.

#### **I.2.iv SCA**

SCA means the Society for Creative Anachronism Australia Ltd or the Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc. "SCAA" means the Society for Creative Anachronism Australia Ltd, and "SCANZ" means the Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc.

#### **I.2.v Pegasus**

PEGASUS is the official newsletter of the SCAA and of the Kingdom of Lochac.

#### **I.2.vi Seneschal**

Unless specifically stated otherwise references to the Seneschal refer to the Lochac Kingdom Seneschal.

#### **I.2.vii Subscribing Member**

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

#### **I.2.viii Registrar**

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

#### **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
- Governing documents or written policies of Kingdom Officers, once approved by the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal
- The Word of the Crown

### **I.2.x Steward**

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

### **I.2.xi Kingdom Website**

The Kingdom Website is <http://lochac.sca.org>

To:

## **"I.Definitions**

### **I.1 SCA**

*SCA US means the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., incorporated in California. SCAA means the Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd, the company representing the SCA in Australia. SCANZ means the Society for Creative Anachronism New Zealand Inc. SCA means the collection of affiliated organisations which includes SCA US, SCAA and SCANZ.*

### **I.2 Lochac**

*Lochac means the Kingdom of Lochac: a branch of the SCA which encompasses all SCA activities and groups within Australia and New Zealand. In this document "Kingdom" or "the Kingdom" shall be understood to mean Lochac.*

### **I.3 Laws**

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

### **I.4 Corpora**

*Corpora means the Corpora of the SCA US, one of the Governing Documents of the SCA US.*

### **I.5 Member**

*A Member is a subscribing member of the SCAA or SCANZ or a formally affiliated organisation.*

### **I.6 Seneschal**

*Unless specifically stated otherwise Seneschal means the Lochac Kingdom Seneschal.*

### **I.7 Registrar**

*Registrar means the registrar of SCAA or of SCANZ as applicable.*

### **I.8 Pegasus**

*PEGASUS is the official newsletter of Lochac, the SCAA and SCANZ.*

### **I.9 Kingdom Website**

*The Kingdom Website is <http://lochac.sca.org>*

### **I.10 Mail**

*Unless specifically stated otherwise the term mail includes email and postal mail.*

### **I.11 Official Event**

*An official event means an SCA event as defined in the Corpora of the SCA US.*

### **I.12 Steward**

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

### **I.13 The Crown**

*Crown means the King and Queen of Lochac, acting together.*

### **I.14 Sovereign**

*Sovereign means whichever of King or Queen fought in Crown Tournament and won.*

### **I.15 Consort**

*Consort means whichever of King or Queen was consort to the person who won Crown Tournament.*

### **I.16 Regent**

*Regent means the person who administers the affairs of the Kingdom if the Crown is unable to reign.*

### **I.17 Royal Heirs**

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

### **I.18 Governing documents of the SCA**

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

- Real-world law.*
- The Constitution of the SCAA and/or the Rules of SCANZ, as applicable.*
- The SCAA-SCANZ, SCAA-SCA US and SCANZ-SCA US operating agreements.*
- SCAA and/or SCANZ corporate policies, as applicable.*
- The Corpora of the SCA US*
- SCA US Officers' policies, as approved by the Board of SCA US, except those specifically excluded by the operating agreements between SCAA and/or SCANZ and SCA US.*
- The Laws of the Kingdom of Lochac (this document)*
- Governing documents or written policies of Kingdom Officers, approved by the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal*
- The Word of the Crown"*

[Some definitions were out of date; others were ambiguous]

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### **3. Membership requirements for Crown Tournament**

Change:

#### ***"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. Neither may be an event member. Membership must be maintained by the winner and his or her consort throughout their tenure as Crown Prince and Princess and Crown. "

and:

#### ***"III.1.ii Membership Requirements***

In order to qualify as a current member, fighters and consorts must be listed in the Registrar's data base as a current member on the first day of the month in which the Crown Tournament is held."

To:

***"III.1.i Membership Requirements to enter and to reign***

*Each fighter entering the Crown Tournament, and his or her consort must be current subscribing members of the SCA. In order to qualify as current members, fighters and consorts must be listed in the Registrar's data base as current members on the first day of the month in which the Crown Tournament is held. Membership must be maintained by the winner and his or her consort throughout their tenure as Crown Prince and Princess and Crown."*

[Combining two clauses; updating to reflect membership classes currently offered by SCAA and SCANZ.]

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**4. Intent to reign - numbering change**

Change:

***"III.1.iii Fealty***

*On entering the Crown Tournament, a fighter and his or her consort shall swear that should they win, they will attend their Coronation, the following Crown Tournament and the Coronation of their successors, and that they are willing and able to swear fealty to Lochac for the duration of their reign."*

and

***"III.1.iv Intent to Reign***

*No one shall compete for the Crown of Lochac without intending to reign should he or she win."*

To:

***"III.1.ii Intent to Reign***

*No one shall compete for the Crown of Lochac without intending to reign should he or she win.*

*On entering the Crown Tournament, a fighter and his or her consort shall swear that should they win, they will attend their Coronation, the following Crown Tournament and the Coronation of their successors, and that they are willing and able to swear fealty to Lochac for the duration of their reign."*

[Updating numbering to reflect conflation of III.1.i and III.1.ii above; combining clauses. There is no change to the effect, just the wording.]

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**5. Successive reigns - numbering change**

Change:

***"III.1.v Successive Reigns***

*The Crown of Lochac may not succeed themselves as either Sovereign or Consort of Lochac."*

To:

**~~III.1.v Successive Reigns~~ III.1.iii Successive Reigns**

The Crown of Lochac may not succeed themselves as either Sovereign or Consort of Lochac."

[Change numbering, to reflect that above. No change to words]

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**6. Passport requirements for Crown Tournament**

Change:

**III.1.vi Travel Requirements**

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."

To:

**III.1.vi Travel Requirements**

*The Crown of Lochac may have duties in both Australia and New Zealand. Therefore each fighter entering the Crown Tournament and his or her consort must be able and willing, should they win, to obtain and maintain throughout their reign, passports and any other necessary travel documents to ensure that they are free to travel to all parts of the kingdom."*

[Softens passport requirement - they're required only during the reign, not to enter Crown Tournament. Strengthens travel document requirement - you need a passport AND whatever other documents you might personally need (e.g. visas for those who aren't citizens of Australia or NZ).]

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**7. Duties of regent - typo**

Change:

**III.2.vi Duties of the Regent**

If the Crown has abdicated without heirs, the Regent shall crown the winner and consort of the next Crown Tournament as King and Queen immediately. If the Crown fails to complete their reign after Their heirs have been chosen, the Regent shall crown the Crown Prince and Princess at the next scheduled Coronation event".

To:

### **"III.2.vi Duties of the Regent**

If the Crown has abdicated without heirs, the Regent shall crown the winner and consort of the next Crown Tournament as King and Queen immediately. If the Crown fails to complete their reign after Their heirs have been chosen, the Regent shall crown the Crown ~~Price~~ *Prince* and Princess at the next scheduled Coronation event".

[typo: "Price" to "Prince"]

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## **8. Duties of Crown Prince and Princess**

Change:

### **"III.3.vi Crown Prince and Princess**

The winner of the Crown Tournament, and his or her consort, shall bear the titles of Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac."

To:

### **"III.3.vi Crown Prince and Princess**

The winner of the Crown Tournament, and his or her consort, shall bear the titles of Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac. *Until their Coronation they shall have only such rights and duties as the Crown assigns to them.*"

[Clarifies role of Crown Prince and Princess. It makes the situation we already have explicit]

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## **9. Membership for Officers**

Change:

### **"IV.6.iii Membership**

All Great and Lesser Officers must be subscribing members, or family members of the SCA and shall maintain such membership while they are Officers. All local officers must be at least family members of the SCA while they are officers."

To:

### **"IV.6.iii Membership**

*All Officers - including Greater and Lesser Kingdom Officers and all local officers - must be members of the SCA. Officers shall maintain their membership throughout their tenure.*"

[Updated to reflect membership classes currently offered by SCANZ and SCAA]

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## **10. Residence of Officers**



Change:

**"IV.6.iv Residence**

All kingdom officers shall have resided in Lochac for at least the six months prior to taking office."

To:

**"IV.6.iv Residence**

All kingdom officers *shall reside in Lochac, and* shall have resided in Lochac for at least the six months prior to taking office."

[Closes an unintentional loop-hole.]

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**11. Source of Awards**

Change:

**"VI.1.i Source of Awards**

The Crown is the font of all awards. The sole power to bestow 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."

To:

**"VI.1.i Source of Awards**

The Crown is the font of all awards. The sole power to bestow Patents, Grants and ~~Award of Arms~~ *Awards 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 *Peers* for any other reason and title unto Themselves."

[Typo: "Award of Arms" to "Awards of Arms". Reserves to Crown the right to create Peers, rather than Peerages. The US BoD reserves to itself the right to make Peerages.]

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**12. Royal peerages - wording change**

Change:

**"VI.3 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."

To:

### **"VI.3 Royal Peerages**

*The Royal Peers, as defined in Corpora, are the Dukes and Duchesses, Counts and Countesses and Viscounts and Viscountesses. Royal Peerages earned in the Kingdom of Lochac are accompanied by Patents of Arms.  
People receiving such Patents shall be assumed to fulfil the basic requirements for the elevation to the Peerage."*

[Grammar / formatting - no change to intent or effect.]

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## **13. "Each and every" in financial reporting laws**

Change:

### **"VII.2.i.a Australia**

Each and every Australian group shall report annually to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Deputy for Australia, by 31st January, on the monies and properties they held for their group or the SCA during the previous Australian financial year. Failure to so report without appropriate explanation is ground for the Chancellor to suspend the responsible officer in that group. Failure to so report within a further month without appropriate explanation is ground for the Chancellor to request the Crown to place the group in abeyance."

and

### **"VII.2.i.b New Zealand**

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

To:

### **"VII.2.i.a Australia**

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[Change "each and every" to "every"]

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**14. Dispute Resolution Procedure**

Change:

**"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."

To:

**"X.3.i First Stage**

*The person shall hold a direct and private discussion with the other and attempt to come to a resolution. An impartial mediator may be present if either party desires it. Whilst an in-person discussion is often the quickest way to resolve a dispute, on occasions this can be intimidating : a discussion by telephone or in writing also fulfills the requirement for direct communication."*

[Clarifies meaning of "direct and private" to include written exchanges, or a phone conversation: in-person discussions are sometimes inappropriate or impractical.]