

Constitution for Barony of l’Ile du Dragon Dormant

Preamble:

L’Ile du Dragon Dormant has been in existence for almost two decades now and therefore already has well established rules, customs and traditions. Becoming a Barony then should be seen as a continuation of the group and its traditions rather than a change; we are adding to what we already have.

Furthermore, l’Ile du Dragon Dormant exists in an environment where there are multiple other groups offering medieval recreation activities.

Thus do we do this not only to give ourselves a “head of state” and more opportunity for pomp and circumstance, but also to enhance our unity and to provide ourselves with new tools for further growth in a complex and competitive environment.

This is the spirit in which this constitution is written.

0.0 – This Document

0.1 – Precedence

0.1.1 This document is subject to, in reverse order of precedence, East Kingdom law and Policy, SCA Corpora and the laws in effect in the province of Quebec.

0.2 - Definitions

0.2.1 The term ‘Coronet’ is here used to designate the Baron, Baroness, or Baronial couple, as the case may be.

0.2.2 The term ‘Citizen’ refers to any individual residing within the territory of the Barony as registered with the Kingdom of the East, who is known to participate with the Barony.

1.0 – Coronet

1.1 – Duties

1.1.1 To act as ‘Head(s) of State’ for the Barony in accordance to East Kingdom law and custom.

1.1.2 To act as active representatives of the SCA and the Barony.

1.2 – Elections

1.2.1 The Coronet shall be elected in accordance with East Kingdom Law.

1.3 – Candidates

1.3.1 Candidates for the Coronet may run either as individuals or as part of a couple, but not both.

1.3.2 Candidates for Coronet must be conversationally French-English bilingual.

1.4 – Review

- 1.4.1 There will be a review of coronet’s performance by the Citizens of the Barony 18 months prior to the Kingdom review mandated by Kingdom law.

2.0 – Curia

2.1 – Composition

- 2.1.1 Curia will consist of all individuals duly appointed as officers of the barony as well as their duly appointed deputies.
 - 2.1.1.1 Major Officers are those officers required by Corpora or Kingdom Law in order to meet the requirements for a Barony
 - 2.1.1.1.1 Major Officers must be legally entitled to sign documents in their own name.
 - 2.1.1.2 Minor Officers are all other officers and deputies.
 - 2.1.1.2.1 Deputies may vote only in the absence of their superior.
 - 2.1.1.3 Each individual gets exactly one vote.

2.2 – Meetings

- 2.2.1 Curia meetings take place monthly usually at the first practice of each month. Dates may be changed at the Seneschal’s discretion for due cause.
- 2.2.2 Additional Curia meetings may be called by the Seneschal as necessary.
- 2.2.3 All Citizens and guests may attend Curia meetings and make presentations at the discretion of the Seneschal.

2.3 – Quorum

- 2.3.1 Quorum for Curia meetings will consist of 50% of Curia including the seneschal and at least three other major officers.

2.4 – Authority

- 2.4.1 Curia will be responsible for all decisions regarding the day to day operations of the Barony.

3.0 – The General Assembly

3.1 – Composition

- 3.1.1 The General Assembly is a meeting of the Barony’s Citizens to discuss common activities, problems and issues. It is to provide a forum for such discussion and a chance for all Citizens to participate.

3.2 – Meetings

- 3.2.1 The General Assembly will meet twice yearly in March and in September, usually at the second practice of each month. Dates may be changed at the Seneschal’s discretion for due cause.
- 3.2.2 Additional General Assembly meetings may be called by the Seneschal as necessary.
- 3.2.3 All Citizens of the Barony may attend, speak and vote at the General Assembly.

3.3 – Quorum

- 3.3.1 Quorum for meetings of the General Assembly will consist of the Seneschal and 20 Citizens.

4.0 – Cantons

4.1 – Initial State

- 4.1.1 Initially, l’Ile du Dragon Dormant is creating a unitary Barony containing no cantons. However it must be recognized that we may in the future want to include existing or new neighbouring groups.

4.2 – New Cantons

- 4.2.1 Should the Barony wish to include a new or existing neighbouring group into the Barony, the constitution will be amended according to the needs and circumstances of the new situation.

5.0 – Baronial Court

5.1 Frequency

- 5.1.1 Baronial court will be held at least twice a year, one of these courts to be held at the anniversary of investiture event.
- 5.1.2 Additional courts may be held at Coronet’s discretion, in agreement with Curia and event organisers.

5.2 – Rotation

- 5.2.1 Should the Barony acquire cantons, a reasonable rotation for baronial presence will be worked out.

6.0 – Order of the Barony (Name to be determined)

6.1 - Description

- 6.1.1 The Order of the Barony is a major baronial award which carries precedence. It is to be awarded to individuals who have benefited the Barony through their excellence in the areas of Arts and Sciences, Martial Activities, or Service.
- 6.1.2 This will be a single award with differentiation for each field of activity.
- 6.1.3 This award may not be given twice to the same recipient. However, an additional differentiation may be awarded to reward excellence in an additional field.
- 6.1.4 This order will be awarded by Coronet.
- 6.1.5 Candidates may be brought to the attention of Coronet by any citizen of the Knowne Worlde

6.2 – Regalia

- 6.2.1 The regalia for this order will consist of a single badge with differentiation for each field of activity, to be determined by the Barony and properly registered with the SCA College of Heralds.

7.0 – Other Baronial Awards

- 7.1 All other baronial level awards will be granted by Coronet at the Coronet's discretion.
- 7.2 New awards may be created by Coronet in agreement with the populace.

8.0 – Amending this Constitution

8.1 This constitution may be amended by a 3/4 majority vote of Curia and a 2/3 majority vote of the General Assembly.

8.2 Proposed amendments must be submitted to Curia, which will be responsible for announcing such amendments at least one month before the General Assembly at which they are to be voted on.

8.3 All constitutional amendments must be signed by the seneschal in order to be enacted.

8.4 The constitution shall be amended by the seneschal after consulting with Curia to reflect any changes in mundane, East Kingdom or SCA law.

8.5 All constitutional amendments shall be reported in the baronial newsletter.

9.0 – Residual Powers

9.1 Any powers or authority not contained in the constitution shall revert to the seneschal, pending any constitutional amendment.