

BARONIAL SUCCESSION POLICY

Barony of Thor's Mountain

Approved by populace at Baronial Curia on January 11, 2020

1. Nothing in this document should be considered as having precedence over mundane, Corpora, or Kingdom Law.

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE BARONIAL SEAT:

Any individual wishing to be considered for the Baronage of Thor's Mountain must:

- A) Be acceptable to the Crown
- B) Be a Sustaining or Family Member of the SCA, Inc.
- C) Have been a continuous resident of the Barony for a period of two years before the date of their nomination.
- D) Be a minimum of 21 years of age

3. PARTICIPATION OF THE BARONIAL POPULACE

- A) Members of the Barony shall, in accordance with Kingdom Law, have the opportunity to express to the Crown their consensus as to the choice of Baronage in the form of a written poll.
- B) Except in unusual circumstances, the poll shall be held between 5-7 months before the current Baronage plans to cede the Seat.
- C) In the event that the Seated Baronage is obligated to step down without notice, the Vicar, upon consultation with the Seneschal, will immediately assume the duties of the Baronage, and the nomination process for selection of a new Baronage will begin at the next Business Meeting, or within 30 days. If the Vicar is also unavailable, the Seneschal will appoint a Vicar, to be confirmed at the next business meeting, subject to approval and appointment by the Crown.

4. OFFICE OF THE VICAR

The Vicar shall be selected at each Curia, and shall serve until the next Curia, and may succeed self.

- A) Selection shall be by voice vote.
- B) The principal duty of the Vicar shall be to supervise the process of nominations to the Baronage, and to facilitate such candidate forums as may be needed or desired by the Crown, Baronage, or Baronial populace. The Vicar may have communications with the Crown regarding details and particulars of this process.
- C) In the absence of a Baronage, and with the approval and appointment of the Crown, The Vicar shall act as the Baronage until the Investiture. The Vicar shall relinquish the duties of the Baronage upon the Investiture of the succeeding Baronage.
- D) The Vicar is not eligible for nomination to the Baronage.

E) The Vicar shall have no other duties save the duties delineated in this section, and shall not be construed as a Deputy or Assistant to the Seated Baronage. The office of Vicar shall carry no precedence or privilege, and shall have no Baronial authority unless the Seated Baronage fail, resign, or be removed by the Crown.

5. NOMINATION FOR THE BARONAGE:

A) Announcement- No later than 2 months before the “polling date”, an announcement of Intent To Poll shall be caused to be published by the Seneschal in The Whetstone, the Baronial Website, and announced in a general mailing from the Seneschal by postcard (via US Postal Service) to the Baronial Populace. The Seneschal shall also notify the Crown, Heirs, and Kingdom Seneschal in writing, by US Postal Service or approved electronic means.

B) Nominating Forum- The business meeting of the Barony one month after the publication of the “Intent to Poll” shall have a forum to accept nominations to the Baronage.

C) Any member may nominate any eligible individual or couple. The Populace may discuss the qualification of the nominees. Nominations shall be taken from the floor, with one nomination per member.

D) Candidates/nominees present may accept or decline nomination at this time and may confirm their qualifications. Nominations may be accepted as an individual, or as a couple, but not both: that is, a person nominated as an individual may not be also nominated as the first or second of a couple.

E) Absent qualified individuals may be nominated, but before the next scheduled business meeting, these nominees will accept or decline their nomination, and confirm their qualifications for the Baronage.

F) Accepted nominations will be published for the populace’s consideration in the Whetstone, on social media, and on the Baronial website within 7 days of the meeting at which nominations were made.

G) Names of nominees will be sent the Crown (and Heirs, if applicable) for acceptance by the Seneschal, with notification to the Seated Baronage (if applicable) and the Vicar.

H) Accepted nominations will be published in the Whetstone, on social media, and on the Baronial website upon receipt of the Crown’s approval or disapproval of nominees. Disapproved candidates will be notified of the Crown’s disapproval by the Vicar, with notification to the Seated Baronage and the Seneschal.

6. APPEALS:

A) Anyone not meeting the qualifications for voting or candidacy may appeal their disqualification to the Seneschal, the Seated Baronage (if applicable) and the Vicar, in writing, no less than one month before the polling. Their decision will be binding, but may be appealed to the Crown.

7. FINAL MEETING/POLLING:

A) Polling will be in accordance with Kingdom Law and procedures. At this time, polling are conducted by the Kingdom Seneschal's office.

8. DEFINITION OF VOTING/NOMINATING MEMBER

A) Subject to Kingdom Law, persons with a physical residence within Baronial Zip Codes, who are SCA members are eligible to nominate candidates and to vote in the polling.

B) Members outside of the Baronial Zip Codes are not eligible to nominate candidates or to vote in the polling.

9. INVESTITURE OF THE BARONAGE.

A) After ratification/acceptance by the Crown, the Baronial Investiture shall take place at one of the Barony's scheduled events, or, at the Crown's discretion, at a Kingdom Event.

10. BARONIAL TENURE

A) Following two full years of service, a vote of confidence shall be held at Curia. Members may submit written concerns no later than the December Business meeting, and the Baronage will have the opportunity to address them at Curia.

B) Signed proxy votes will be accepted, so long as the person submitting a proxy is member of SCA and a resident of the Barony. It is the Crown's prerogative to remove an Invested Baronage.

A vote of "no confidence" will be reported to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal by the Seneschal (with notification to the Baronage and Vicar) to await Their ruling.

C) An Invested Baronage may resign at any time. Resignation of the Baronage will trigger the process of nomination and polling.

D) The Baronage will serve a term of two years, with a two term limit. The Baronage may be re-elected, but may only serve two consecutive two year terms. At the end of a second term, the process of nomination and polling will be commenced. A former Baronage (regardless of having served alone or as a partner in a couple, or a couple having served) will be considered eligible for nomination and consideration.