

I. Name and Device

- A. The name of this chapter of the Empire of Chivalry and Steel is The Kingdom of Vega, also known as Vega
- B. The blazon of the Kingdom Device is “Gules, a plate sable surmounted by a cithara argent, a sword surmounted on the cithara argent.”

II. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this non-profit educational corporation is to study and teach the general public the ideas and history from the year 800 AD to the year 1650 AD, specifically covering the geographical boundaries of Europe, and to provide an organized effort in the collection, interpretation and distribution of historical data thru publication and demonstration. - L.I. Section 1B

III. Territory

- A. The Kingdom of Vega includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. California
 - ii. Nevada
 - iii. Oregon
 - iv. Utah
 - v. Washington State

IV. Authority

- A. The Authority of all rulings are considered in the below order:
 - i. Mundane Law I.E. Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws;
 - ii. The Corporate Bylaws, regarding mundane issues;
 - iii. Decisions of the Board of Directors, regarding mundane issues;
 - iv. The most recent publication of the Legis Imperium as well as all approved
 - v. Imperial Manuals-which are considered appendixes to the Legis Imperium;
 - vi. Decisions of the Imperial Estates;
 - vii. Kingdom Laws;
 - viii. Sovereign decrees and the decisions of the Kingdom Estates;
 - ix. Decrees of the Territorial ruler, and decisions of the Territorial Estates;
 - x. Event Autocrat;
 - xi. Senior Estate Holder available;
 - xii. Kingdom/Territorial Officers and their deputies as available;
 - xiii. The senior titled noble, with authority descending with their order of precedence.
- B. If rules of equal Rank conflict, the most recent shall supersede the older ruling.
- C. All rules must be appropriately recorded and once recorded shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded, superseded, or expired as written. - LI Section 1E

V. Crown Selection Process

- A. Candidates for Crown must meet the minimum requirements specified in the Legis Imperium.
 - i. At least 1 year of membership in good standing with current dues paid;
 - ii. Knighthood in one of the three available areas plus at least 100 points in one of the remaining areas of advancement.
 - iii. A knight's right to challenge for the throne of a Kingdom or Principality cannot be restricted in any way. The pertinent rules for selection of the sovereign must allow for this.
- B. The Chronicler shall be the overseer of the Crown Selection Process. If the Chronicler is not available, the Webmaster shall be the overseer. If the Webmaster is not available, then the current Sovereign, contenders, and Kingdom Officers (to make an odd number to avoid ties) shall select an overseer.

- C. Letters of Intent for Sovereign must be published in the December Sword.
- D. The Kingdom Estates will meet in January to consider the suitability of each candidate for Crown including co-rulers.
- E. A member judged as unfit by 2/3rds of the Estates shall be notified in writing as to the reason and shall have the right to appeal this decision.
- F. Ballots shall be sent to the populace in the February Sword. Members shall identify themselves on the envelope the ballot is in. The ballot itself must not have information about the voter on it. The due date for completed ballots shall not be less than 40 days from the January Estates meeting.
- G. The overseer and two neutral witnesses (preferably knights) appointed shall verify that the names on the ballots are to current members in good standing per the requirements in the LI, and shall tally the votes for the candidates.
- H. The candidate (or candidate and co-ruler) with the majority of the votes will be Crown for the upcoming year, specified as April 1 to March 31 of the next year.
- I. Contenders shall not be prevented from campaigning for support from the Populace or discussing goals and policies;
- J. Bribery, defined as the offer of any goods or favors in exchange for support, is expressly prohibited. If the allegation is found to be valid in a Court of Chivalry, the convicted candidate will be stripped of all Knighthood(s).
- K. The Territorial Laws must include the following limitations:
- L. The Crown of a Kingdom or Principality may be awarded by a method of selection chosen by the Kingdom Estates, and stated in the Crown Bylaws.
- M. Selection of the Crown shall not occur until all challenges are resolved. Any appeals to the Imperial Estates must be declared within 10 days and acted upon within 15 of the appeal.
- N. The Estates of the territory in question (Kingdom or Principality) maintain the right to elect or remove a Crown by a 2/3rds majority.
- O. Territories may choose to allow for Consorts to the Crowns. If so, no awards granted for service as such carry Imperial Precedence.

VI. **Crown Officers**

- A. Minister of Combat (per LI sec IV.C.2)
 - i. The Kingdom Minister of Combat shall:
 - a) Be responsible for issuing Fighter Authorization Cards;
 - b) Be in charge of all scenario generation for Sovereign Selection events, if any, in their Territory/kingdom and shall be politically neutral.
 - c) Be required to attend or be represented by a Warranted Deputy at all Combat Events.
- B. Minister of Rolls (per LI sec. IV.D)
 - i. The Kingdom Minister of Rolls shall:
 - a) Be required to attend or be represented by a Warranted Deputy at all Official (i.e. point awarding) Events
 - b) Report to the Imperial Minister each month or to the Crown Territorial Minister if not a Sovereign Territory.
 - c) Provide a list of updated points to the Crown and Territorial web and Chronicler Officers quarterly.
 - d) Shall also be required to keep a separate list of points for participating family members below the age of 13.
- C. Minister of Arts and Sciences (per LI sec. IV.E)
 - i. The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences shall:
 - a) Be required to attend or be represented by a Warranted Deputy at all official Arts events

D. Exchequer (per LI sec. IV.F)

i. The Kingdom Exchequer shall:

- a) Be the officer of the respective territory responsible for all financial obligations of the territory.
- b) Be required to attend or be represented by a Warranted Deputy at all events and shall be responsible for collecting all moneys, and advising the Crown and/or Ruler in regard to monetary affairs; and
- c) Must be qualified in bookkeeping or accounting; and
- d) Submit a written report to the Imperial Exchequer quarterly, and is encouraged to attend each Meeting of the Territorial Estates.

E. Sovereign of Arms (per LI sec. IV.G)

i. The Kingdom Sovereign of Arms shall:

- a) Be the local authority having jurisdiction for all matters regarding the review of Heraldic Arms within the Territory, but final approval shall be reserved to the Imperial sovereign of Arms to insure that no conflicts occur between Territories.

F. Chronicler (per LI sec. IV.H)

i. The Kingdom Chronicler shall:

- a) Publish and distribute the electronic (or printed) Newsletter of their area of jurisdiction which:
 - b) Shall be published at every other month;
 - c) Shall be the official source to the Populace for any rule, law, handbook or manual changes.
 - d) Includes minutes of all Official Estates and mundane business meetings where applicable.
 - e) Publishes quarterly the points of all members within their area of jurisdiction.
 - f) Publishes information about all events taking place throughout the Empire
 - g) Includes submissions from Officers;
 - h) Includes submissions from paid members and,
 - i) Submissions deemed unprintable by this Officer shall be returned to the submitter for revision. The submitter may have the decision of the Officer reviewed by Sovereign.
 - j) Includes other issues that pertain to the Territory
 - k) Record minutes at Kingdom Estates Meeting
 - l) Maintain and Publish the Kingdom Bylaws
 - m) Report all expenditures related to the production, publication and distribution as necessary, and
 - n) Be required to attend or be represented at all Official events.

G. Webminister (per LI sec. IV.I)

i. The Kingdom Webminister shall:

- a) Be the local authority having jurisdiction over all things related to the territory's presence on the Web.
- b) Operate and maintain the Territory's Web presence in conjunction with the Imperial Standards set forth by the Imperial Manual of Web Procedures;
- c) Submit a written report to Imperial Web-minister as required by their office.
- d) Submit a report to and is encouraged to attend meetings of the Territorial Estates.

H. Hospitaler

i. The Kingdom Hospitaler shall:

- a) Be the primary point of contact for new members to their territory.
- b) Maintain and Publish any brochures, flyers, business cards, or other promotional

material deemed appropriate by the Kingdom or their individual territory.

I. Regalia Officer

i. This is a territorial level officer only. Regalia Officer reports to the territorial head.

ii. The Regalia Officer shall:

- a) Be responsible for maintaining an inventory of all territorial property. This inventory shall include:
 - b) Description of items in the territorial property
 - c) Location of items in the territorial property
 - d) Condition of items in the territorial property
- e) Record of any regular maintenance of territorial property that may be required. This shall include but is not limited to:
 - Regular fireproofing of pavilions as required by law
 - Maintenance and registration of vehicles or trailers
 - In the event that territorial property is stored in a rented facility, Regalia Officer shall be responsible for contact with the landlord.