



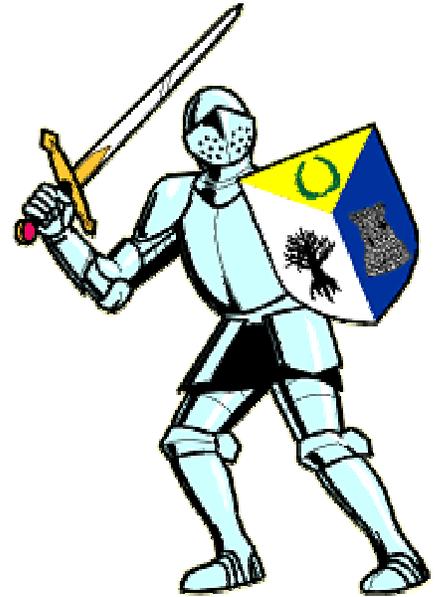
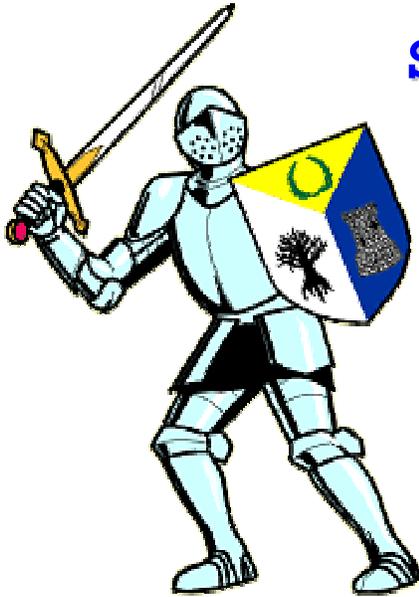
Barony of Wastekeep



Order of
Sergeantry

&

Order of
Courtier



REQUIREMENTS





**Her Excellency Rowena Kyncaidd,
Baroness of Wastekeep,**



Sends greetings to all those who have expressed interest in becoming Sergeants, Yeomen, Gallants, Artisan, or Steward of Wastekeep. The Crown of An Tir has, from its inception, allowed the landed baronesses to recognize as Sergeants, those armored fighters who meet the requirements of the rank and are willing to serve and swear fealty to their baroness. In recent years this rank has expanded to include the Yeomen who specialize in missile combat, the Gallants who show prowess in rapier combat, the Artisans who show excellence in the Arts and Sciences, and the Stewards who show excellence in Service. The testing for these ranks allows interested individuals to demonstrate proficiency in the knightly arts as well as to strive to exemplify the chivalry and service that is the ideal of our Society.

Candidates must petition the baroness for permission to participate in their trials and must prepare to participate in a day of testing, the format of which will include performance, written and oral testing. Candidates are encouraged to seek out Members of these Orders for assistance in preparing for the testing. The Baron and I will also be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Good luck to you all!





Obligations and Privileges of Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier



OBLIGATIONS

- ❖ Protect and defend the lands and people of the Barony of Wastekeep and the Kingdom of An Tir.
- ❖ Maintain and develop their skills to enable them to act as mentors to novices in the combat arts.
- ❖ Continue as examples of chivalrous behavior.
- ❖ Assist in the organization and running of future testing for their ranks.
- ❖ Act as guard and retinue in seeing to the safety and comfort of the Baroness and her household.

PRIVILEGES

- ❖ Have the right to bear upon their persons the regalia of their order.
- ❖ As members of the Order of Sergeantry have the right to use the title Sergeant, Yeoman, and Gallant upon the field of combat. And to advise the Baron and Baroness in matters of Tournament and War.
- ❖ As members of the Order of Courtier, have the right to use the title of Artisan and Steward. And to serve as councilors and advisors to the Baron and Baroness on matter of state.
- ❖ Be honored with a scroll of their achievements
- ❖ Be entitled to advise the Baron and Baroness in the selection of those who may be chosen to join their ranks.



Barony of Wastekeep

Sergeants Trials



The History of Sergeants begins in the Kingdom of An Tir. Sergeants are those who have presented themselves to a Baroness and been tested in their areas of expertise and found worthy. Sergeants then swear Fealty to the Baroness.

The Term "Sergeant" is a rank, as opposed to an honor, an award for past work done, or a personal bond of fealty, as between a Knight and his Squire. This rank exists in the various Baronies in the Kingdom of An Tir. It is a rank because a person must pass all of the qualifications for the rank

In An Tir, The Sergeantry of each Barony expresses a unique character that is a reflection of the current Baroness, the founding Baroness and of The People who comprise The Barony at large.

After many years the Sergeant Trials in the Barony of Wastekeep have been expanded to include other areas:

The Order of the Sergeantry was divided into three categories:

- ❖ Sergeants, the armored fighters
- ❖ Yeoman, the archers
- ❖ Gallants, the rapier fighters

The Order of Courtier was divided into two categories:

- ❖ Artisans (excellence in Arts & Sciences)
- ❖ Stewards (excellence in service and the Courtly arts)

Membership in any of these Orders is not limited to just members of the Barony of Wastekeep. Anyone wishing may attempt the trials, including members from other branches are invited. Also, individuals are not limited to membership in only one Order or area. However, an individual may only compete for one rank at a Trial.

- ❖ Any member in the Order of Chivalry who has held the rank of Sergeant of Wastekeep shall be considered as, and may use the title of, Sergeant Emeritus of Wastekeep.
- ❖ Any member in the Order of the Laurel who has held the rank of Artisan of Wastekeep shall be considered as, and may use the title of, Artisan Alumnus of Wastekeep.
- ❖ Any member in the Order of the Pelican who has held the rank of Steward of Wastekeep shall be considered as, and may use the title of, Steward Alumnus of Wastekeep.

They will be welcome to aid the Baroness in testing future Candidates and their advice and comments are always welcome.

The Barony of Wastekeep holds only one Sergeants Trial each year. An unsuccessful Candidate may try again the next year. The Baroness of Wastekeep feels strongly that a candidate never fails to become a Sergeant; the candidate just is not quite ready. Not passing a Sergeant trial is not an indication of failure; it is instead an encouragement to work harder and try again the following year.

The number of members of each Order is unrestricted, and there is no minimum to the number. If no one proves worthy of the Order, none will be chosen.

The Beginning Steps:

- Study the Requirements: The requirements detail what is expected of a Candidate. The General Requirements and Specific Requirements can be downloaded from the Baronial Web site or a printed copy can be obtained by contacting Her Excellency.
- Obtain a Study Packet: A compilation (Study Packet) of useful information is available. A Study Packet can be downloaded from the Baronial Web site or a printed copy can be obtained by contacting Her Excellency. If one is issued, it must be returned at Opening Court before the actual trials begin.
- Obtain a Sponsor: Each Candidate must be sponsored by a Member of the Order and rank that they wish to obtain or by a member of the Orders Emeritus/Alumnus. This sponsor will guide The Candidate through any questions or worries that arise.
- The Statement/Letter of Intent: A minimum of two months prior to the Trials, each Candidate must notify the Baroness of their intentions to attempt The Trials. This notification can be via modern letter or e-mail, the notification must include any concerns or impediments The Candidate may have, such as dyslexia, a difficulty in taking written or oral tests, any physical issues that may be evident, etc.
- Heraldic Submission: Heraldic devices, if not already passed, must be in submission to The Kingdom Principal Herald before the day of Trials. (Time your submissions accordingly).

Each Candidate should be aware that the Baroness and, the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier of the Barony will be the principal graders for the Trials. However members of the populace will be invited to speak in reference to the Candidates and others may be asked to grade the Candidates as well.

The Trials:

The night before the Trials, get a good meal and get some sleep.

The day of the Trials, arrive early. You will be expected to help setup the site, Eric, and the Baronial Pavilion for the Trials. It is customary for Candidates to the Order of Sergeantry to attend the opening court in armor. There, your Sponsor will present you to Her Excellency as a Candidate. Each Candidate will come to opening court with a banner or shield to display to the populace as they are being introduced

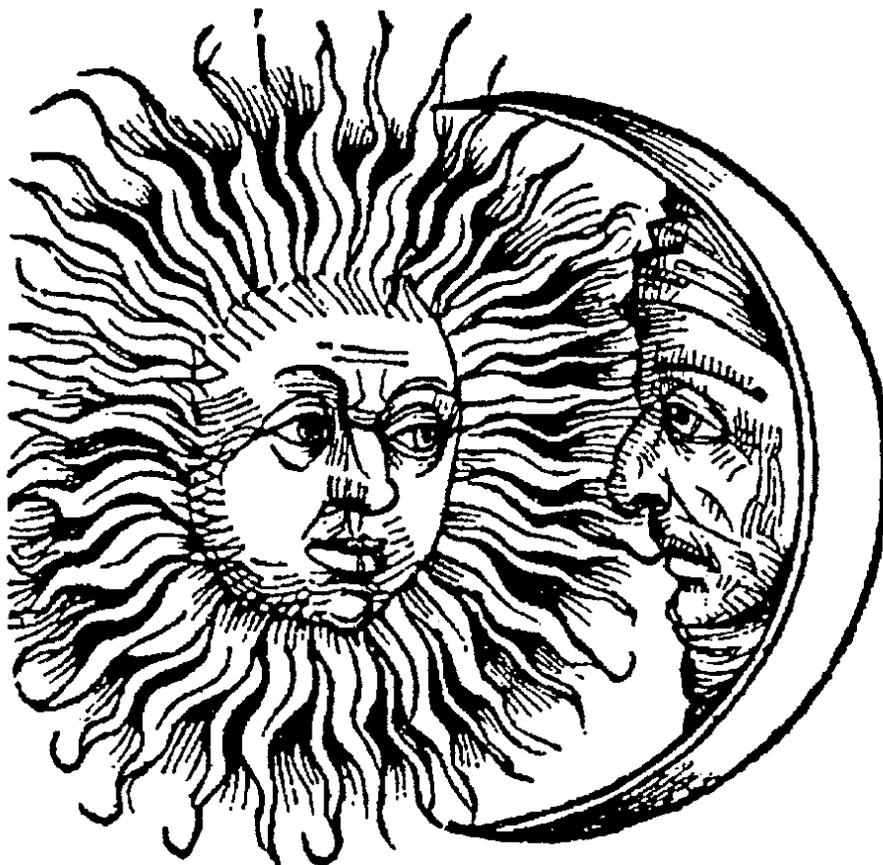
At opening court the agenda for the Trials will be presented. Typical activities include:

- The specialty and marshalling portions of The Trials.
 - Fighting candidates inspect the armor and weapons of their specialty. They also inspect gear outside their specialty to determine how well rounded a Marshall they are.
 - Courtier candidates inspect armor and weapons of all the fighting specialties.

- Sergeantry and Courtier Candidates are put through their paces. All Candidates get a work out. Remember, for fighting candidates we are testing how well you fight, how long you can continuously fight, and if you fight smart, which, by the way, this includes taking care of yourself.
 - Yeoman Candidates shoot their various tests.
 - Testing is done on Gaming, Heraldry, and Sciences.
 - During the evening Feast; Candidates will display their Dancing Skills, Bardic Ability, and Court of Love presentations.
- Remember: "I don't know" is always a better answer than a bluff. Trying to pull the wool over a tester's eyes is the fastest way to fail a test. If, at any time, you feel you are being pushed to your limits, you probably are. It's part of the process.

Testing for the two orders is done by; the Baron & Baroness, those holding the rank, the Emeritus, and any others populace the Baroness feels appropriate. All testing results are reported to the Baron & Baroness, who are the only ones that know how each candidate is doing. At the end of the trials, we go to each candidate individually and tell them if they have passed or not. During that private discussion, they will be told what parts of the tests they had problems with, did not pass and why. At final court, each successful candidate swears fealty to the Barony of Wastekeep through the Baroness. At this time the new members of each order is given the obligations and privileges of the order.

Members of the Orders do not re-test. They have achieved their rank and, by doing so, they hold that rank until they choose to give it up. However, if a Sergeant becomes a member of the Order of Chivalry, they must resign from the order of Sergeantry. They must return the buckle and any other appropriate regalia to the Baroness.





General Requirements for the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier



I. Petition

A minimum of two months prior to the Trials, each Candidate must notify the Baroness of their intentions to attempt The Trials. This notification can be via modern letter or e-mail, the notification must include any concerns or impediments the Candidate may have, such as dyslexia, a difficulty in taking written or oral tests, any physical issues that may be evident, etc.

Each Candidate must submit a hand calligraphered petition requesting permission to participate in the tournament to the Baroness of Wastekeep at least one month in advance of the date set for the Sergeants trials. While it is required that the applicant letter his or her own petition, no advantage will be given for the quality of the document beyond that it must be legible and must be written in a medieval hand.

II. Persona

Persona development and research allows members of the S.C.A. to see how their chosen persona would fit into the context of medieval life and culture. To demonstrate that they have taken time to research and develop a persona, candidates will be asked to submit a text of at least one page describing the culture, daily life, family connections and possessions of his or her persona.

III. Heraldry

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be ready to serve as court or field heralds if asked. To demonstrate knowledge of heraldry the candidate must blazon his own device and must have submitted said device for registration with the College of Heraldry. (It will be an expectation that successful candidates will continue the submission process until the device is accepted.) Candidates must display their device on some personal item, for example, shield, armor, garb, etc. In addition the candidate must :

1. Be able to identify the following : The Arms of An Tir, The Arms of Wastekeep, The Sovereign and Consort of An Tir, Baron and Baroness of Wastekeep, The Arms of the Kingdoms of the Known World, The Principalities and Baronies of An Tir.
2. Be able to identify at least 4 out of 5 of the arms of a selection of the prominent knights/white scarf's of the Inland Region of An Tir.
3. Be able to identify the arms of the following baronial offices: Herald, Marshal, Chirurgion, Sciences, Arts, Lists, Seneschal, Constable, Exchequer, and Chronicler.
4. Be able to answer questions about basic heraldry, the tinctures, metals and furs, basic field divisions and charges based upon those divisions.

IV. Geography

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be knowledgeable in the Geography of the Known World. To demonstrate the knowledge of S.C.A. Geography, the candidate must:

1. Be able to locate the Kingdoms of the Known World on an outline map.
2. Be able to locate the Principalities and Baronies of An Tir on an outline map.
3. Be able to locate the branches of the Inlands region on an outline map.

V. Chivalry, Courtesy and Etiquette

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must display the traits of Chivalry, Courtesy and Etiquette.

To demonstrate their knowledge of courtly ideals, candidates will be asked to choose one (or more) of the following personal characteristics described by Andreas Cappelanus in The Art of Courtly Love. Candidates will make a short address to the Ladies, (or Lords for female candidates), of the court explaining the importance of said characteristic and how one might go about achieving it.

- ❖ The ability to keep secrets and be discreet
- ❖ Restraint in conduct
- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Quickness to confess and redress an offense
- ❖ Pays a reasonable amount of attention to his/her appearance
- ❖ Generosity
- ❖ Courageousness
- ❖ Offers services and obedience to every lady
- ❖ Humility
- ❖ Good manners within his status
- ❖ Keep faith with the Catholic Church
- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Does not sue over trifles

The candidate's address should be presented in terms of how his persona would view the characteristic or alternately, how it would have been addressed in the tradition of the 12th century medieval Courts of Love. If a candidate wishes to familiarize himself or herself with the style of the discourses of the time or any other information from Capellanus' book, it should be available from the Wastekeep library or from local or college libraries.

The Baroness of Wastekeep will convene a Court of Love to reflect upon the past and present behavior of the candidates, to assure the Barony that those who represent our barony are those who are held in high regard for their chivalry and courtesy. The Baroness always welcomes written comment about candidates, since those who may not be able to attend the tourney may wish to bring forward information about a candidate.

To further demonstrate courtly manners the candidate must learn the definitions of and the proper forms of address for the following S.C.A. ranks:

- ❖ King and Queen
- ❖ Crown Prince and Princess
- ❖ Prince and Princess

- ❖ Duke and Duchess
- ❖ Count (also called Earl or Jarl) and Countess
- ❖ Viscount and Viscountess
- ❖ Baron and Baroness
- ❖ Knight
- ❖ Master of Arms
- ❖ Member of the Order of the Laurel or Pelican

VI. Gaming

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must demonstrate an understanding of the games of their time period, or alternately of a 12th Century European Court. The candidate must be able to:

1. Set up a chess board, identify the pieces and describe their moves.
2. Show an understanding of the game while playing at least ten moves against the Gamesmaster or judge appointed for this category.
3. Play a game of Nine Men's Morris with the judge so that the candidate's tactical ability may be judged.
4. Name and give brief description of play for at least five other games (board, dice, card, etc.) from their personas time period (plus or minus 100 years), or alternately of a 12th Century European Court.

VII. Dancing

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must set an example for the populous and show a familiarity with the art of dance. The candidate must be able to perform the following:

1. A Court Dance/Couple Line Dance
2. A Circle Dance
3. A Single Line Dance
4. Persona-type dance or dance of personal choice

The Dancing will be lead by the Wastekeep Dance Mistress/Master. Please contact the Baroness one month before the Trail with the list of dances you wish to demonstrate, this will ensure that music is available.

VIII. Bardic Presentation

Members of the Order of Sergeantry and the Order of Courtier must be able to provide entertainment when called upon by Her Excellency. To demonstrate knowledge of Music and Literature, the candidate must do one of the following:

1. Write a fable, poem, morality play or story of chivalry in period style. Language would approximate courtly speech(no slang) and entries must be calligraphered.
2. Write a ballad, round, or a simple song in the spirit of the Middle Ages.
3. Perform from memory a **PIECE OF PERIOD MUSIC** or **PERIOD POEM**, fable, story or play for the populace, alone or in consort with others.

All presentations must be in a form from their personas time period (plus or minus 100 years), or alternately of a 12th Century European Court. The candidate must perform all Bardic Presentations, unless the candidate has made arrangements with a bard (with the Baroness's permission). Alternate performance ideas must be approved by the Baroness at least one month prior to the Trials.

IX. The Science of War

Because military activities (war) played a important part in the daily life of the middle ages, all candidates must have a knowledge of methods and material. To demonstrate knowledge of the science of war, the candidate shall:

1. Identify various machines of war.
 2. Identify fortifications and parts thereof.
 3. Identify types of armor and the parts thereof.
 4. Identify types of weapons.
 5. List and explain various siege techniques.
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X. Specialty Requirements:

- ❖ Specific Requirements for the Order of the Sergeantry
- ❖ Specific Requirements for the Order of the Courtier



Specific Requirements for the Order of Sergeantry



Following are listed the Specific requirements for the three members of the Order of Sergeantry:

Sergeant of Wastekeep (Heavy Fighting)
Yeomen of Wastekeep (Light Fighting/Archery)
Gallant of Wastekeep (Rapier Fighting)

All Candidates will meet the following standards:

- Possess a current SCA membership.
- Possess a current fighters authorization card.
- Be warranted as a junior marshal in the chosen area.
- Possess a current copy of the An Tir Book of Combat.

All fighting candidates, regardless of martial specialty, must be authorized to fight with all weapons or forms they intend to use. Your armor and weapons must pass an armor inspection, and you must own the armor and weapons you intend to take trials with. You are required to have constructed a minimum of one item of armor and one of the weapons you intend to use. Items of armor constructed by you and made from period materials are given extra merit. Plastic armor pieces will be covered with leather, a surcoat, etc.

NOTE: All candidates shall display, at all time, courtesy on the field and off.

All Candidates must be prepared to list and discuss the **Rules of the Lists**.



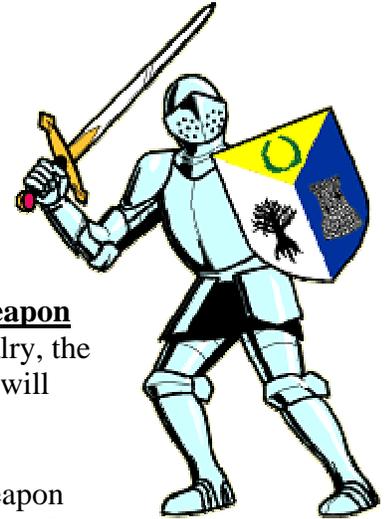


Combat Requirements for Sergeants



The Sergeant candidate must have S.C.A. legal armor and weapons for his own use. To demonstrate his skill at arms, the candidate must participate in whatever challenges and melees are deemed necessary and must:

1. Show his ability with a sword and shield.
2. Show his ability with a pole weapon or great weapon.
3. Show his ability with one other weapon of choice.



Candidate will be required to show **average proficiency in more than one weapon style and above average proficiency in one style.** The members of the Chivalry, the Wastekeep Sergeants and any other people invited by the Baron and Baroness will judge this requirement.

The Candidate will be required to demonstrate his knowledge of armor and weapon standards by inspecting pieces of S.C.A. armor and weapons including protection from light troops and commenting on their adequacy or inadequacy.

Combat Requirements for Yeomen

Yeomen candidates must own use a complete set of armor required for light troops in war in the Kingdom. Candidates will display skill in war archery and one other weapon class. Equipment shall be war legal according to current standards and shall be properly marked for identification, especially war arrows, bolts, javelins and tennis balls.

To demonstrate the candidate's ability and prowess with missile weapons, the candidate shall:

1. Fully armed and equipped the candidate shall, with one of the following classes of weapons:
 - Crossbow, twelve war bolts
 - war legal javelins
 - war legal throwing axes,(rats on a stick, etc.)
 - Throwing sling, twelve tennis balls

Cast with one hand, six shots at each of three ranges of 5, 10 and 15 yards and must score at least fifty percent hits on targets located



down range. These targets shall measure two feet wide by four feet high.

2. Fully armored and equipped the candidate shall, using one bow weapon and six war arrows, shoot six shots at each of three ranges of 20, 30, and 40 yards, scoring at least fifty percent hits on targets located down range. The targets shall measure two feet wide by four feet high.

The Candidates shall demonstrate their ability to shoot a fifty point score in a Royal Round in a maximum of three attempts.

The Candidates, to demonstrate their understanding of Society and Kingdom rules of war, especially as they apply to light troops, will discuss how light infantry troops shall be employed and rules of safety governing the use of these troops.

The Candidates must be able to demonstrate his/her knowledge of weapons by inspecting various pieces of heavy troop missile protection, light troop armor and weapons. This inspection ability must also include armor for both men and women fighters.

Combat Requirements for Gallants

The **Gallant** candidate must own S.C.A legal armor and weapons for use at events. To demonstrate their skill at arms, the candidate must show ability in the following categories:

Single Weapon

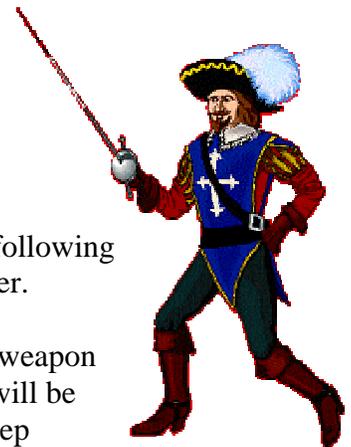
Double Weapon

Free Style (must be approved prior to the Trials)

The Candidate may use any An Tir legal period fencing weapons with the following exception: At least one test **MUST** be done with the An Tir fiberglass Rapier.

The Candidates will be required to show above average proficiency in one weapon style and average proficiency in at least two other weapon styles. The test will be conducted in any tournament or field setting deemed appropriate. Wastekeep Gallants and members of the Order of the White Scarf will judge this testing, with assistance from other prominent Rapier fighters or people invited by the Baron and Baroness. Wastekeep Gallants and members of the Order of the White Scarf will make the final decision.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of armor and weapon standards by inspecting pieces of period fencing armor and weapons and commenting on their adequacy or inadequacy. The candidates must also be able to demonstrate their knowledge of light missile weapons and armor by inspecting various pieces and commenting on their adequacy or inadequacy. This inspection ability must also include armor for both men and women fighters.





Specific Requirements for the Order of Courtier



Following are listed the Specific requirements for the members of the Order of Courtier:

- ❖ Steward of Wastekeep (Service)
- ❖ Artisan of Wastekeep (Arts and Science)

All Candidates will meet the following standards:

- Possess a current SCA membership.
- Possess a current copy of the Wastekeep Minor Carte.

The foundation of this Order is service. Whether the Candidate intends to become a Steward or an Artisan, service to the Baron and Baroness, the Barony and the Kingdom is of utmost importance. From time to time, the Members of the Order of Courtier may be asked to advise the Baron or Baroness on matters concerning Kingdom Law and/or Corpora. They may also be asked to help with one or more of the offices of the Barony if they reside here, or of their home area, if the need arises.

Teaching new folk the basics of the Law, etiquette and the proper address of Royalty and Peers is also important. Candidates are required to be familiar with Kingdom Law, Corpora and the basics of the offices of the Curia. Candidates will be tested on these things in a written test.



NOTE: All candidates shall be examples of chivalrous behavior. Serve the Barony with courtesy at all time.

In addition to the General Requirements all candidates of all Orders must meet, the candidates for the Order of Courtier have some additional refinements:

- I. Persona: The candidate should also provide a map locating his persona's homeland. And any travels the candidate has taken.
- III. Heraldry: Display your own device on your costume or possessions.
- VI. Gaming: Teach and play a game from your persona's period (+ or - 100 years), or alternately of a 12th Century European Court.
- VII. Dancing: Call or lead a company in one of the listed dances that is from your persona's period (= or - 100 years), or alternately of a 12th Century European Court. Describe the steps.
- VIII. Science of War:
 - Identify preparations that must take place inside a and castle to resist a siege.
 - Difference between war and tournament.
 - The nine General Rules of the Lists

Additionally the candidates shall accomplish two of the following:

- ❖ Attend Fighting Appreciation Class.
- ❖ Do field marshaling at a Baronial Event
- ❖ Administer the Lists at a Baronial Event
- ❖ Attend Field Heraldry Class.
- ❖ Do field heralding at a Baronial Event.

Participated in one Baronial project.

Regular attendance at Baronial Council is a requirement. Exception to this requirement can be made for non-local members, with the Baroness approval.

Artisan Requirements:

Your Arts/Science testing will include previously completed work with documentation, work done on site, and the ability to teach the basics of your Art/Science to a novice.

Submit two period projects in either Arts or Sciences. They must be from different disciplines, with at least one having full documentation. Entries made in previous SCA competitions may be used.

Display at the Trials an on going project, display the work in progress. Be prepared to discuss with populace.

Teach one Ithra or workshop class on a topic of Arts or Sciences.

Steward Requirements:

Perform equivalent service or autocrat at least one of the following events:

- ❖ Baron's Ball
- ❖ Greenwood Faire
- ❖ Sergeants
- ❖ Springfest
- ❖ Ithra
- ❖ A Crown Event

Demonstrate a leadership role at a Baronial Event such as:

- ❖ Autocrating a minor event.
- ❖ Feastocrating a major event.
- ❖ Being Herald-in-Charge of a Major event.

Successfully hold one of the following offices for at least a year:

- ❖ Seneschal
- ❖ Herald
- ❖ Master of Stables
- ❖ Constable
- ❖ Arts and Sciences
- ❖ Exchequer
- ❖ Chronicler
- ❖ Lists, Chatelaine, or Gold Key for two years

Recognition of equivalent service or special circumstances must be approved prior to testing by the Baron and Baroness of Wastekeep.