

# *CROWN PRINCESS' HANDBOOK*

## **KINGDOM OF CAID**

Congratulations! You are now the Crown Princess and soon you will be the Queen of Caid. This handbook is being provided by the Order of the Ladies of the Rose, those Ladies who have been in your place before, and know the many facets of the position you are now learning. Hopefully, it will help you adjust to these new positions more easily, and provide some information and reference resources you may find useful.

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## CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

### Champions

#### King's Champion

The King's Champion has traditionally been the second place fighter at Crown tournament. However, there have been exceptions to this rule, in the case of a personal conflict between the victor and his runner-up, or for other personal reasons on the new Prince's part.

#### Queen's Champions

It is your prerogative to deny any potential participant the privilege of competing to be your champion. However, if you choose to do this, it is expected, and only polite, that you personally notify them well in advance of the event. It is also your prerogative to restrict or specify which weapons or types of weapons will or will not be used during that event.

Heavy Weapons Champion. The Queen's Heavy Weapons Champion is traditionally the winner of the Queen's Champion tournament held the day after Coronation. Although there is the possibility of changing the method of choosing your champion, this is very firmly entrenched in this Kingdom and it would require great finesse to achieve a smooth transition without a scandal.

Archery Champion. There is not currently a firmly traditional method of choosing the Queen's Archery Champion, other than that it is the outcome of a tournament specifically for that purpose. Depending on who is the autocrat of your Queen's Champion Archery, they will probably try to tell you that their way is the only correct and traditional way. However, be advised that you can have archery champion(s) in at least the following ways:

- ◆ Run two simultaneous tournaments for crossbow and longbow. You will then have two champions – one for crossbow and one for longbow.
- ◆ Run two simultaneous tournaments for crossbow and longbow. The winners of each tournament must then compete in both crossbow and longbow. The winner is your single champion. Some archers will protest this vehemently, and say that it isn't fair. However, it has worked very well in the past, and there are some well-rounded, mainstream SCA archers who can tell you how to work this so it is fair.
- ◆ Run one tournament allowing use of both types of bows. Again, some say this is not fair, but it has been done in the past and a competent archery advisor should be able to advise you how to achieve this fairly.

Also, you should consider whether you will allow modern sighted bows or only period weapons. If you are not familiar with archery and its variations, find an experience, well-rounded, trustworthy archer to advise you.

**Rapier Champion.** In the last few years, it has become customary to have a Rapier Champion chosen from a tournament held the same day as the Queen's Champion heavy weapons tournament.

The day of Queen's Champion tournament is a very busy day and frequently goes quite long due to the number of fighters participating. Having the Rapier Champion tournament the same day only adds to this and you may wish to consider pairing the Rapier Champion tournament with the Archery Champion tournament to help correct this problem. Not only will this lessen the hectic activity on the day of Queen's Champion, but it will also enhance the Archery Champion tournament (which is not generally well-attended) by drawing more people from a wider pool to that event. Also, both the Archery and the Rapier tournaments are usually short enough that if someone wanted to participate in both events, they could do so even if they were held on the same day.

### **Gifts**

It has become customary for the Monarchs and hosting nobility to exchange small gifts at the opening court of an event. That means you will be expected to have some small token to give your hosts. This can be anything from a small basket of cookies to an elaborate, hand-made item, whichever is appropriate and feasible for you and your budget.

Some Monarchs have appointed a court member to arrange gifts / gift baskets for them. If you choose to do this, remember – they are NOT providing the gift, just arranging it. Make sure you give them money ahead of time to purchase the components, and time enough to do it!

### **Princess Tea**

A tea party is traditionally held for each Princess before Her Coronation by the Ladies of the Rose. The purpose of this tea is to introduce the new Princess to the Ladies of the Rose and for Her to have an opportunity to become comfortable with the Ladies and ask any questions She may have. The Ladies of the Rose is the peerage order which the Princess will eventually be a part of, and they are a resource experienced in the kinds of problems She will encounter.

Recently, it has become the responsibility of the most recently stepped down Lady of the Rose to host the Tea (i.e., the Princess' royal "Grandmother"). That Lady can either personally host the Tea or she can pass the responsibility on to another Lady, as long as she makes sure it is being handled.

Thus, remember that this will one day be your responsibility, when you have a royal "granddaughter!"

### **Progress**

It is traditional that the Queen make a Progress around the eric at the Queen's Champion tournament, sometime during the day. During this Progress, the Queen may have the populace

be introduced to her, chat with the populace and distribute some small token to her people (a cookie, a piece of candy, a flower). All Ladies of the Rose who are present customarily accompany Her Majesty on this Progress.

This is the only traditionally expected Progress, but it is a nice touch at any event, and other Progresses do not have to be accompanied by a token.

### **Use of Regalia**

It is traditional in this Kingdom for ONLY the Caidan monarchs to utilize the Caidan regalia (i.e., the thrones, the crowns, etc.).

While it may seem like a friendly gesture, or all in fun, to share these things with a monarch from another Kingdom, remember that most people in Caid highly revere these items and by displaying casual regard for them, you are diminishing their importance. Therefore, if, for example, another monarch tries to sit in an empty Caidan throne, politely but firmly offer him or her another chair.

Remember that all regalia is meant for the Monarchs, not the Prince or Princess (other than those items specifically designated for them, such as the coronets and banners). Therefore, during your time as Princess, it is expected that you will request permission from Their Majesties before using any item of.

### **Victory Wreaths for Crown Tournament**

It has become a tradition that the Ladies of the Rose gather during the day of Crown tournament to craft the wreaths presented to the victors of the day. This was a conscious decision by the Ladies of the Rose for several reasons. There were several instances in the past where the wreaths being provided were not only plain, but unacceptable (plastic roses, etc.). Also, the wreaths being made by Ladies of the Rose imbues them with some symbolism and special attention by those who have been there. It is also a visible sign of cohesiveness by the Order of the Ladies of the Rose. Besides these very good reasons, it can also be very enjoyable and gratifying for the Ladies of the Rose to see the beautiful end result.

### **Yellow Roses**

As the arbiters of tradition in this Kingdom, the Ladies of the Rose discussed the giving of yellow roses to and by the Queen. The consensus was that the yellow rose is the symbol of the Queen, and it is therefore Her prerogative, to give them out to whomever and whenever She pleases. Because they have also held that position, Ladies of the Rose are also permitted to give yellow roses – but only to the current Queen and to each other. No one else should ever give out yellow roses.

However, it has also long been traditional for the populace to give yellow roses frequently to the Queen. It would cause much more trouble and hurt feelings to correct the populace than it is worth. Therefore, nothing has been done to attempt to change this custom. It has therefore been

the choice of the Ladies of the Rose to lead by example, rather than make a public outcry. The Order encourages you to continue this effort by only giving out yellow roses to other Ladies of the Rose or the Queen, except during your reign as Queen, during which time you may give them to whomever you like.

*Note: This was only a general consensus reached at one particular Princess' Tea, and therefore means that not every Lady of the Rose agrees with this interpretation, rather just an active majority at that time.*

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF A MONARCH**

Having entered Crown tournament and won, it is now too late to go back. Whether you like it or not, you will be a monarch, short of abdication. You must accept the responsibilities that go with this job and deal with them.

Keep in mind – contrary to popular opinion, a Monarch does not get to do whatever they want. In fact, there will be more obligations and restrictions on your behavior and your time during your reign than at any other time. You are a servant of the people, not the other way around.

There are many varied responsibilities involved with being a Monarch of the Kingdom of Caid, and certain things have become expected of our Monarchs by the populace, officers and peers of the Kingdom. Although they do change and evolve, following are some guidelines you may find helpful.

### **Responsibilities**

- ◆ Work with officers and peers to resolve issues brought to your attention.
- ◆ Work with Kingdom Seneschal to maintain, uphold and/or revise Kingdom Law.
- ◆ Keep your Great Offices fully staffed. If one of the required offices stays vacant longer than a month to 45 days, the status of the Kingdom, and its ability to sponsor events and bestow valid awards, could be called into question.
- ◆ Act as a mediator. From time to time, you will be called on to solve problems and/or misunderstandings between two or more parties. It is important to be fair and impartial. Listen to both sides, and take time to consult with advisors if necessary, before making any decisions.
- ◆ Attend peerage meetings.
- ◆ Promote major Kingdom events (Collegium, wars, etc.) by talking about them at Court and attending them if at all possible.
- ◆ Visit as much of the Kingdom as you can, including outlying areas. These areas are frequently neglected and your visit can help make them feel included. If necessary, split with your King in order to reach more events.
- ◆ Encourage all aspects of the SCA – fighting, arts, service. A kind word or small gift from the Queen can mean a lot to a fighter (don't think praise should only come from a knight), artisan or any person doing something noteworthy!

- ◆ Recognize the populace with Kingdom awards, but don't hand them out like candy. A carefully chosen award is more meaningful than one that has been given to everyone in the area! Consider requesting that your offices, Barons and Baronesses identify local people who deserve awards.
- ◆ Make yourself available to the Kingdom – officers, peers, general populace – as much as possible. A good monarch should listen carefully to what her populace wants in a Kingdom and a monarch.
- ◆ Participate fully in events by attending feasts and revels, at least for a little while, in addition to the main event, even if you don't feel like it.

### **Expectations**

This may be the most difficult part to achieve of being a good monarch, as everyone has different expectations. However, there seems to be a general tone that this Kingdom enjoys. We have attempted to encapsulate that, here.

Different Kingdoms have different styles of Monarchs that they like – it seems that this Kingdom prefers their Monarchs to be “Royal,” or not too casual. Having said that, it is important not to become too haughty or caught up in your own importance. It is a fine line – how to achieve “royal bearing” without being “too snooty?”

The main thing is to always remember that you are now a Queen. Do not think that this means that you are just the same old person with a crown. There is much more to it than that. In order to meet the high expectations of this Kingdom, you must always be conscious of your dress, words and bearing.

### **Dress**

A Queen in the middle ages would always have attempted to be as well dressed as possible, especially in public. You should do the same. Although you may be tired and wish to just wear that comfy, frayed, old tunic in your closet, it is not appropriate for a Queen to do so. Although you may wish you didn't have to worry about period footwear today, it is not appropriate for a Queen to wear tennis shoes or hiking boots with her garb. Remember that you are currently a person by which the entire Kingdom is judged.

And, this particular Kingdom is known throughout the SCA as having a high standard for period garb and costuming. As its Queen, you should do your best to live up to these standards as much as possible. If costuming is not your forte, there are usually costumers throughout the Kingdom, including Laurels, who are willing to help with garb for the Monarchs. Don't be afraid to have your Chamberlain *request* help for you in this area. However, be careful not to assume that you will automatically receive free costuming from whomever you like (or free at all – be prepared to pay for any costuming you are offered).

## **Words**

Know that everything you say now takes on a hundred times more weight than it had before. If you criticize someone, it can be crushing. If you praise someone lightly, it can mean everything. If you say something crude, it will be all over the Kingdom by tomorrow (and possibly the entire Known World the day after that, depending on what you said! ☺). Keep that in mind whenever you speak.

## **Bearing**

At the same time that you are attempting to be this “Royal” person, try to also remain accessible to the populace. It may be useful to you to think of someone you have always thought of as a perfect hostess; someone gracious, warm and caring. Think about how that person would act in your situation and use it as a guide.

This dual role may seem difficult or even impossible to achieve. However, the most important aspect of it is that you are trying. The populace is very perceptive and they seem to know when a person cares about the Kingdom, the job they are doing and the image they are projecting. Even if everything doesn't go perfectly, if you are seen to be doing your best, the Kingdom can be very forgiving. Just keep in mind – it works both ways. If you do not appear to be trying your best, they'll see that, too.

## **Decorum**

Yes, the SCA is a game. Yes, it's all in fun. No, you may not do whatever you feel like, whenever you feel like it, while you are Queen.

The Queen is a figure around which very reverent ideas are based. During your reign, you will embody, for many people, the beauty, romance and pageantry of the middle ages. While it IS just a game, for many people it means much more than that. It is a major and important part of their lifestyle. Don't ruin their game by being rude, crude, or thoughtless.

Some specifics to keep in mind are:

- ◆ The populace will never know any more about you than what they observe from a distance, and the impression they get while attending court. Since they can only judge appearance, it is obvious that appearance must be exemplary.
- ◆ Allow people to bow or reverence you. This is part of the SCA game, and while it may be hard to get used to, it goes with the job. Just acknowledge them with a nod or a smile and continue on your way.
- ◆ You are the First Lady of Courtesy – this is an actual title that belongs to the Queen. Therefore, you will be expected to be always courteous. Encourage courtesy in others and lead through example.
- ◆ Try to remain interested (or at least look like you are) at court, even a long one.

- ◆ Stand up when you give awards at Court. Sitting gives the impression that you don't care about what you're doing.
- ◆ Speak up – it is polite to speak loudly enough to be heard by the majority of your audience. Have someone appointed to give you a signal if your volume starts to drop, if necessary.
- ◆ Say something special for each award recipient, if at all possible. Use “cheat sheet” cards, if necessary, to remember what they did to deserve the award.
- ◆ Thank your hosts at every event.
- ◆ Remember your visiting guests (i.e., monarchs from another Kingdom) with toasts or comments.
- ◆ Keep courts as brief as possible, without sacrificing important business – you should not leave your populace standing in the hot sun any longer than necessary.
- ◆ Thank or toast the autocrats, feastocrats and/or staff at every event you go to. Even if it is not publicly witnessed, a royal “thank you” goes a long way.
- ◆ When lunching with others, remember that you set the pace and the tone. Don't keep the other diners waiting – they can't begin until you do. They also cannot leave the table until you do, so don't linger unnecessarily long (or at least offer them leave to depart if they seem to desire it).
- ◆ Remember it's okay not to have the answers and say “I'll get back to you on that.”
- ◆ Make sure you have someone keep track of what gifts you are given and by whom. Thank you notes should be sent out weekly.

### **Special Notes for Feasts:**

- ◆ At a feast, you are the hostess of the head table. It is your responsibility to find out how many seats there will be available at the head table, and to issue invitations to fill them. Try to do this early to give people plenty of time to get things arranged.
- ◆ Traditional choices to fill the seats are: hosting Baron and/or Baroness, peers elevated that day, visitors from other Kingdoms, your champions, or anyone else that you choose.
- ◆ Make sure you find out if the feastocrat, autocrat or local Baron and Baroness had already planned to seat someone at the head table. Although it is your right to fill the seats with whomever you choose, unintentionally hurt feelings can cause a lot of trouble during your reign. Keep that in mind when you choose how to handle such a situation.
- ◆ As mentioned above, when eating with others, remember that you set the pace and the tone. Don't keep the other diners waiting – they can't begin until you do. They also cannot leave the table until you do, unless you give them leave.
- ◆ Remember that you or the King should always toast the autocrats, feastocrat and staff of the event.

## YOUR COURT

Your court consists of your Chamberlain (or Chief Lady in Waiting), any ladies in waiting, guards, advisors, court scribes, bards, costumers, or anyone else you choose to add to your entourage during your reign.

It is entirely up to your discretion as to what positions you choose to have on your court and with whom you fill them. Some positions, while customary, are not steeped in tradition and each court is a little different.

Following are some basic things to think about with regards to your court:

- ◆ Your court is here to help you, but not be your slaves. This is, in reality, a volunteer organization. If you abuse your court, it will just disappear.
- ◆ These people have accepted a position on your court because it gives them an opportunity to really play the medieval game. Therefore, let them help you! Don't wave them away when they offer to carry something for you, or fetch you a drink. That's their job, they want to do it.
- ◆ Make sure you say "thank you" a lot.
- ◆ When making a request of anyone, make sure you are giving them enough time to comfortably get the job done (i.e., don't ask for award promissories 10 minutes before court, or new garb two days before the event).
- ◆ Spread out the work – try to keep one or two people from doing it all. Although they may enjoy it at first, they WILL burn out.
- ◆ Notice who is always there and who gets the job done. At the end of your reign, you will have a chance to recognize those really special people. Make sure you know who they are.
- ◆ Be considerate of others' and their schedules:
  - If carpooling or caravanning to an event, be ready on time. Remember, your traveling companions are probably leaving earlier than they need to, to fit *your* schedule.
  - Arrive on time to events – people are there waiting to set you up.
  - Try to have your important conversations during the event, not after it. Or, make an appointment to talk to that person on the phone later - don't make your entourage wait for you when the event is over, if possible. Remember that they are probably tired and hungry.
- ◆ You will receive much more food than you can possibly eat. Consider having a special table always set up to share your extras with the court (anything on the table is "fair game"). This will get the food eaten up instead of wasted, you won't eat more than you should, and your court will feel included and rewarded.

## **BEFORE CORONATION**

Having won Crown tournament, you have been abruptly thrust into the position of being the Crown Princess of Caid. This time can be very stressful, as well as fun and exciting. Following are some things to think about while you are Princess:

### **Attending Events**

Although you are not yet a Monarch of Caid, you should try to attend as many events as possible, without jeopardizing your preparations for Coronation, of course.

Some reasons for this are:

- ◆ Many people feel nervous about public speaking or being “on stage,” which is a large part of being a Monarch. Attending events with your Monarchs while you are Princess will allow you to ease into this without being the main focus.
- ◆ This will help you to get to know your populace and for them to learn about you. Right now, you are very interesting to the populace and they want to see you and hear what you have to say.
- ◆ This will help you learn the day to day tasks of being a Monarch. Again, since you are not yet the main focus, you can watch what the current Monarchs are doing, what They say in response to difficult questions and how They resolve problems brought to Their attention. Also, They can show you how the awards system is handled, and perhaps may allow you to give out some awards (this will very much depend on the individual Monarchs and Their opinions on this particular subject). This will make it much easier when it’s your turn.
- ◆ Finally, in this Kingdom it has become expected that the Monarchs will attend as many events as possible during Their reign. Becoming accustomed to this level of activity as soon as possible may be beneficial.

### **Learn How the Kingdom Runs**

There is a lot of behind-the-scenes activities and workers that make the Kingdom run smoothly that many people do not know about. Knowing who does what can help you achieve your goals during your reign more easily.

Corpora & Kingdom Law. Read, or at least review, the copy of Corpora and Kingdom Law that was given to you by the Kingdom Seneschal the day of Crown. If you can’t locate it, ask for another one. It is critical that you understand how Law affects you and what your prerogatives within the Law are. You can change it, but you cannot break it without endangering your reign. Few of us have no enemies, and if one of yours reports a specific and documented incident where you violated Law or Corpora, the Board must, by its own rules, take notice.

Great Officers. Communicate with all of your Great Officers. Make an effort to at least meet each Great Officer so you can put a face to the name, and learn what exactly it is that they do. A

good working relationship with your officers can go a long way toward helping you achieve your goals with minimum effort and stress.

Peerage Meetings. Find out when the Peerage meetings are during your reign and plan to attend, if possible. Although this may not seem pertinent to you if you are not already a peer, it is a very important responsibility of a Monarch. When the Peerages approach you with a recommendation to elevate a candidate, remember that even though the Peerage made the recommendation, YOU will also be given credit or take the blame for making that elevation. Therefore, it is important that you know what kind of commentary was made during the discussion of that candidate before you decide whether or not you want to act on that recommendation. You do NOT have to elevate any candidate you do not agree with, regardless of a recommendation by the Peerage.

### **Preparing for Coronation**

There are many things to think about when preparing for your big day. In fact, an entire book of its own could be made covering it. However, without going into detail, here is a list of some things you need to think about before coronation. See the *Chamberlain's Handbook* distributed by the Kingdom Seneschal for more detail on specific tasks when preparing for Coronation.

- ◆ Remember to delegate as many tasks as feasible.
- ◆ Decide if you would like a theme for your reign, and if so, choose it (i.e., are you doing your entire reign strictly in persona, or will you participate in the themes of different events as they occur?).
- ◆ Discuss your plans and thoughts for your reign with key court members – Chamberlain, Captain of the Guard, etc. They will be much more effective at helping you achieve your goals if they know ahead of time what they are.
- ◆ Plan the Royal Progress. In other words, look at the Kingdom calendar and decide which events you will attend. Leave some free time and remember that things will come up, people will beg you to attend events you hadn't planned on, etc.
- ◆ Get a copy of the Coronation ceremony as soon as possible and review it. Although we do have a traditional ceremony in this Kingdom, it has become common for monarchs to customize the ceremony to their own tastes.
- ◆ Look at your speaking parts in the Coronation ceremony and attempt to memorize them as much as possible. This will minimize stumbling the day of the ceremony, even though a herald will be there to prompt you.

### **Preparing to Reign**

- ◆ Organize yourself – make checklists, practice packing the car, make sure your vehicle is in good working order
- ◆ Deal with health or allergy problems – keep medications or other necessities on hand at all times
- ◆ Personal finances – reigning is expensive. Determine how much you can afford to spend and choose expenditures accordingly (i.e., which events really require new garb, how much travel

can you really afford, what kinds of gifts can you realistically give, etc.). Estimate that an average reign will cost at least \$2,000 per person.

- ◆ Confidentiality and privacy – get used to knowing a lot of things that most of the Kingdom doesn't, and get used to keeping it that way. Pay attention to who is around when you are discussing confidential issues – they are almost certainly listening.
- ◆ Personal and political problems will occur. Don't let them fester – deal with them right away.

## ***CORONATION***

The day of coronation is very exciting, hectic, tiring and exhilarating. Your biggest responsibility is to be there, on time, ready to take over and participate in the ceremonies necessary to crown you Queen of Caid.

It is your choice whether to give awards on this day or not. Coronation is already a very long day packed with excitement and activity, so unless there is one or two very special awards you feel must be given that day, it may be best to defer your first awards until the next day at Queen's Champion.

Relax and enjoy yourself. This will be one of the most memorable days of your life.

You will be expected to give the Arts & Sciences officer a yellow rose during the ceremony. Make sure there is one available for that purpose.

You may want to consider having some small token to give to each person or group who gives you a gift. It is not required, or traditional, but a nice touch. Ideas for this are: a small pre-done thank you scroll, cookies, a "jewel" or some other small largesse.

Make sure you have tissues handy.

## ***QUEEN'S CHAMPION***

Get to the event early so that you have time to prepare before court. As mentioned above, Queen's Champion is a very busy day, and you don't need the additional stress of rushing through court to get started.

Have any awards you wish to give that day already chosen and ready. Don't be afraid to ask your herald about anything you don't understand, or for which need further clarification.

This is the day you are expected to Progress around the eric, meeting and greeting your populace. You may do this at any time during the day, but be sure to take into account the lunch that is most likely planned for you, as well as to not let it get too late. It is customary that any Ladies of the Rose present accompany you on this Progress, so you should send out some ladies in waiting to gather them when you are ready to go.

## THE REIGN

After a little while, you will become more comfortable in your role as Queen. The day to day business will stop being so stressful and become routine. However, try never to lose the excitement you had when you first stepped up, as this is infectious and will keep your court interested.

About the time you are feeling pretty comfy, something will happen to keep you on your toes. You never know what it will be or where it will come from, so just try to be aware of what's going on throughout the Kingdom. There are no real guidelines that can be given to you for handling touchy situations, as they are all different. However, here are some words originally composed by the Board of Directors for new monarchs you may find useful:

- ◆ Avoid impulsive speech and action. Make sure your heralds and other officers keep you informed, and refuse to make snap decisions on anything you haven't had time to think about. "We will take it under advisement" has become a watchword of SCA royalty for good reason – the most plausible sounding plans and requests can be full of unspeakable pitfalls, and the lightest and most casual jest can turn ugly.
- ◆ Remember the ultimate source of your power. Your position and ability to touch people's lives depends on the structure of the SCA, which set up the lists you won and the rules by which you govern. Protect the Society and its good name, because its honor is yours. You can work to change the rules when you don't like them, but do so with the courtesy and restraint that should guide all aspects of chivalrous conduct.
- ◆ The King's Crown has engraved inside it the words "You Rule Because They Believe." Your people give you the trappings of absolute monarchy, but it is a delusion to think you can make them do whatever you please. You can command anything they already want to do, but, while you may have some leeway because most people are reluctant to break the illusion, be cautious about demanding things that carry no intrinsic reward. The best memorial for your reign is the memory of joy – and you can lose that by trying to get too much done or make too many changes. Your people are only playing at being your people; push them too hard and they'll recall that they're really free citizens of a democracy, and they'll make your lives truly miserable.
- ◆ Remember that illusion and reality can't be separated. Whatever you do, you will define royalty for some of your people – newcomers never forget their first King and Queen. As royalty, you are the ultimate chatelaines for the Kingdom. So act like royalty; be gracious whether you feel like it or not, **and look pleased with your lot in life**. Your people need to admire you, respect you and envy you; if you don't give them that, you'll get little in return. Let people serve you in small ways if they wish to do so – it will enhance their enjoyment of the Society, and make it likelier that they will follow you in more serious matters – but remember that demanding personal service from people can easily turn them against you.

## ***AFTER REIGNING***

Once you have reigned as a monarch, your life is forever changed. Many people think they can just get through the reign, and then life will go back to normal, except now they get to wear a coronet.

Following are some of the other responsibilities and expectations that come with being a Royal Peer:

- ◆ You will always be much more of a focal point than you were before. Everyone notices where you are, what you are doing and what you wear.
- ◆ Your opinions and words will still carry more weight than they ever did before your reign.
- ◆ You will become a member of the Order of the Ladies of the Rose, which has a few traditional responsibilities – making wreaths at Crown, accompanying Her Majesty’s progress at Queen’s Champion, attending Princess Tea.
- ◆ You will be expected to act like a peer at all times.
- ◆ As a peer of Caid, the Kingdom will always be judged by your appearance and behavior by those from other Kingdoms.

## ***WORDS FROM LADIES OF THE ROSE***

Following are some short quotes from Ladies of the Rose in response to the question “If you could tell the Princess just one thing, what would it be?”

“This is your opportunity to change your reputation or to confirm it, good or bad. Whatever or whoever you were before no longer really matters. You will be judged forevermore by how you reigned, what you did while on the throne – what kind of Queen you were. Choose how you wish to be known, and become that person!”

Duchess Ceinwen ferch Rhys

## KINGDOM ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

