

# The Customary of Kaldor Ness

containing the customs, guidelines, expected outcomes, and traditions of the  
Canton of Kaldor Ness

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## SECTION I -- SCOPE

1) These are the rules for governance of the Canton of Kaldor Ness, as permitted by Corpora I.A, a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies.

2) These rules are superseded by Federal, State and local Laws and Ordinances, the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir. These rules may be amended by an action of the members of the Canton.

3) Harassment and Bullying - The SCA prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups. Harassment and bullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

- offensive or lewd verbal comments directed to an individual;
- the display of explicit images (drawn or photographic) depicting an individual in an inappropriate manner;
- photographing or recording individuals inappropriately to abuse or harass the individual;
- inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying.

Participants violating these rules are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual feels subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, they should contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or the Kingdom's Board Ombudsman. If a participant of the SCA becomes aware that someone is being harassed or bullied, they have a responsibility pursuant to the SCA Code of Conduct to come forward and report this behavior to a seneschal, President of the SCA or Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

## SECTION II -- DEFINITIONS

**Barony:** The Barony (adj., Baronial) is our Parent Baronial branch, the Barony of Three Mountains, unless otherwise specified.

**Budget Committee:** A meeting of the officers of the Canton and one additional citizen for the purpose of evaluating bid proposals.

**Business meeting:** The Monthly non-garbed gathering of the officers and populace of the Canton for the purpose of furthering the events and

activities of the canton. Often also referred to as a “monthly canton meeting” or the “BS meeting”.

**Canton:** The Canton is the Canton of Kaldor Ness unless otherwise specified. When referencing the people of the canton, “Cantonese” is often used. A Canton is a branch reporting through a Barony, and is defined in An Tir Kingdom Law and Corpora.

**Consulting Event Steward (CES):** A Consulting Event Steward is an experienced Event Steward guiding a less-experienced or new Event Steward in running an event. See also Event Steward

**Consensus:** Consensus is the general accord of Citizens at a Business Meeting.

**Contingency Deputy:** A Contingency Deputy is a person approved by Council who is capable of performing the duties of an office when the officer is unable to function.

**Coronet, Baronial:** q.v., Baronial Coronet in reference to our parent Barony.

**The Crown, The Crown of AnTir:** The Crown is the King and Queen of An Tir acting in concert.

**Demo: Demonstration (Demo)** A showcase of what the SCA has to offer for non profits, schools, or fairs.

**Demo Steward:** Person designated to organize a Demonstration (Demo)

**Deputy:** A Deputy is a person chosen by an officer and not by business meeting consensus, to assist in the performance of the Officer of the Canton’s duties, and who may be in training to succeed the Official.

**Event Steward (ES), formerly called Autocrat:** An Event Steward is a person to whom the Officers and populace have given responsibility for the management of an event by consensus.

**Governing Documents:** Governing Documents refer to Kingdom and Society documents that organize the game we play. They are the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Corpora of **The Society**, and the Governing and Policy Decisions of its Board as found in its Organizational Handbook. The Seneschal of the Canton will have access to these documents and all of them are available through the SCA.org website and the Antir.org websites.

**Kingdom:** The Kingdom is the Kingdom of An Tir, unless otherwise specified.

**Member:** A Member is a paid card-holder member of the Society as defined in Governing Documents.

**Meeting Head or Steward :** A Meeting Head is a person who is approved by the Business Meeting to hold a Canton official meeting or gathering such as fighter practice or Arts night.

**Moderator:** A Moderator is a person who presides over business meetings. In most cases the moderator will be the Seneschal, unless otherwise needed.

**Office, Required:** Required Offices are those required for a branch of the Society to be a Branch, as listed in Governing Documents and/or Kingdom Law. For a Canton, this is Seneschal, Exchequer, and either a Herald or an Arts and Sciences minister.

**Officer, Acting:** An Acting Officer is a person approved by consensus of the business meeting who is acting as an officer and has the same rights and responsibilities.

**Quorum:** A Quorum is needed to hold official Canton meetings either at an Event or as a business meeting. Quorum is achieved if the seneschal (or designate) is present, one other officer, and two other members of the branch are present. If Quorum is not present at a business meeting, no money may be authorized or paid out, no changes to officers may be made, no events may be added or canceled, and no authority may be transferred. Updates may be noted and meeting notes provided without a Quorum.

**Successor:** A Successor is a person who has been approved by approval at a business meeting as the designated successor to an Office.

**Society, The:** The Society is the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., PO Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036-0789.

### SECTION III -- OFFICIALS OF THE CANTON

Note: No one is permitted to be Contingency Deputy to a position they cannot hold (e.g., the Seneschal cannot be Contingency Deputy to the Exchequer). If an office is open, the responsibilities of the office fall to the overseeing officer, or to the Seneschal if no overseeing officer exists.

1) The Canton of Kaldor Ness will consistently fill Seneschal, Exchequer, and one or more of the following officers: A&S Minister, Herald, or Marshall. Other officers may be named at a later date depending on branch size and need.

2) General Duties for **all Officers include**, where applicable, but are not limited to:

A) **Paid member** of the Society for the duration of your tenure (usually 2 years unless otherwise noted)

B) **FORMS**: On Stepping up they must be able to complete these items in the first 2 months:

- FORMS: Change of Officer form turned in to Kingdom within 30 days of office acceptance
- Office Inventory: Check or complete a full inventory of the office within 60 days and acknowledge locations of all officer materials in writing.
- Office Job Description: Update or create officer job description
- Contact Info: Update Kingdom, Barony, and Canton web pages as to current contact information (including Canton website and KaldorNess Seneschal notebook).

C) **Duties** during tenure:

- Train & Encourage: Train your successors and encourage activities in your office focus.
- Contingency: Set up a contingency deputy. (Who can step in if you got called away suddenly)...
- Reporting:
  - Monthly to Canton business meeting on local activities, office issues, events attending, and movement of activities in the local area in a written report
  - Quarterly to Kingdom and Barony parent branch
- Inventory: Maintain and update materials, information, and physical inventory of your office.
- Events: Ensure that the duties of the office, relating to an event, are fulfilled by you or a designate as decided with the Event Steward before the event and after.
- Approve Minutes: Read last month's meeting minutes and correct any errors at next meeting.
- Meetings: Attend monthly meetings as much as possible

D) **On stepping down**:

- Have a successor ready to take over
- Inventory and return of all Canton property or its replacement at the end of officer tenure

- Update job description
- Ensure Change of Officer Form is supplied to Kingdom

### **OFFICERS JOBS (Specific):**

The Seneschal : [Kaldorness.seneschal@antir.org](mailto:Kaldorness.seneschal@antir.org) The Seneschal is the administrative head and legal representative of the Canton (Chapter president) . As such, the Seneschal is responsible for smooth functioning and continued communication between the Officials of the Canton. Duties and Responsibilities of the Seneschal(e) include, but are not limited to:

- A) Office duties: Performing the Office of Seneschal(e) in accordance with directions from Kingdom and/or Regional superior(s).
- B) Moderate monthly business meetings:
  - Moderate the business meeting, and if unable to attend, ensuring that a moderator acceptable to the branch officers is present.
  - Customary adhered to for meetings.
  - Quorum checked
  - Reports filed from all officers monthly
  - Information from 3M Baronial and Kingdom Seneschal passed on to officers in monthly meeting
  - Bank statement checked from Exchequer quarterly
  - Receipts noted and authorized for reimbursements in notes'
  - Meeting notes taken and published to online canton community
  - Canton Inventory updated yearly in January
  - Canton information and directories updated yearly
- B) Coordinating the Customary update with the consent of Council at least every other year.
- C) Referring proposals to committees as appropriate.
- D) Sitting as a member of the Council of the Exchequer.
- E) Ensuring that the Branch books are audited at least annually.
- F) Submitting to a background check if needed
- G) Maintaining the Canton online emails, web presence, and social media presence or assigning an officer to this task
- H) Overseeing items for which the Canton has no officers , which may include:

- i) The Stock Clerk, who is in charge of maintaining and providing materials for distribution as the Council requires including the Canton Library of documents
- ii) The Demo Coordinator, who is in charge of coordinating branch demonstrations for the Society.
- iii) The Family Activities Coordinator is responsible for educating people on appropriate age-related aspects of both our historical period of study and the Society, and for coordinating activities and establishing guidelines for them at Branch event. (Submitting to and passing a background check as required by the Governing Documents and/or Kingdom Law)
- iv) Social Media Coordinator is responsible for social media (facebook, twitter etc) for KaldorNess as allowed by the Kingdom and Society.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer [Kaldorness.Exchequer@antir.org](mailto:Kaldorness.Exchequer@antir.org) or “Exchequer” is the Treasurer of the Canton. Duties and responsibilities of the Chancellor of the Exchequer include, but are not limited to:

- A) Performing the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer in accordance with directions from Kingdom and/or Regional superior(s).
- B) Reporting:
  - Providing a summary report of the branch finances to Three Mountains and KaldorNess monthly, including a copy of the bank statements to the Seneschal of KaldorNess.
  - Provide a summary report to 3M, the equivalent Kingdom office, and the Seneschal of KaldorNess,
  - Complete a Yearly Money report (called the Domesday Report) for the Canton and provide it to Kingdom, 3M and the Seneschal of KaldorNess.
- C) Financial Policies and procedures: Updating with help of the officers, written financial procedures for the Canton, that they meet the approval of Superior(s) and Council, and that they are followed.
- D) Donations: Acknowledging donations to the Canton as appropriate.
- E) EVENTS: Collecting and handling properly all event monies and receipts either personally or through a designated representative.

- Gate forms: making sure all gate forms and waivers are copied (copy to Seneschal), tallied, and checks written and sent to Kingdom for NMS within 7 days of an event

F) YEARLY:

- Annual Budget : preparing an annual budget of **non-event expenses** for submission to, and approval by, officers at February business meeting.

I) Overseeing Lesser Officers and/or Deputies, which may include:

- The Chamberlain, who is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date inventory of the Canton's physical assets: their value, condition, maker, instructions for maintenance, any insurance required, and any other pertinent information.

**The Minister of Arts and Sciences** The Minister of Arts and Sciences is responsible for fostering the practice of period arts and sciences within the Canton. Duties and responsibilities of the Minister of Arts and Sciences include, but are not limited to:

- A) Performing the office of the Minister of Arts and Sciences in accordance with directions from Kingdom and/or Regional superior(s).
- B) Ensuring that an Arts and Sciences meeting is scheduled and open to Citizens.
- C) Assisting those with questions in the arts and sciences in finding the information or resources needed, if possible.
- D) Encouraging arts and sciences competitions and displays within the Canton.
- E) Working with and fostering communications with any arts- and/or sciences-related groups and guilds as applicable.
- F) Maintaining a list of resource people and their skills.

**Herald** The Herald is responsible for the heraldry and order of precedence within the Canton. Duties and responsibilities of the Herald include, but are not limited to:

- A) Performing the office of the Herald in accordance with directions from Kingdom and/or Regional superior(s).



- B) Duties of the Herald include being responsible for assigning heralds for town cry, court and field heraldry as needed.
- C) Ensure that all populace have access to Heraldic consult, discussion and submission for names and devices.
- D) Oversee Heraldic activities of KaldorNess .
- E) Ensuring that all order of precedence in the Canton are kept up to date and corrected through Kingdom when needed.
- F) Reporting happens monthly and Quarterly to canton, Barony and Kingdom.

**Marshall** The Marshal is responsible for the marshal activities within the Canton including armored, live steel, and projectile activities . Duties and responsibilities of the Marshall include, but are not limited to:

- A) Performing the office of the Marshall in accordance with directions from Kingdom and/or Regional superior(s).
- B) Duties of the Marshal include being responsible for the conduct and safety of Society legal combat.
- C) Ensuring that a warranted Marshal is present at all Canton martial activities to include all forms of combat.
- D) Ensure that all participants in all martial activities within the Canton meet the requirements concerning equipment, training, waivers and safety.
- E) Oversee warranted Marshals of the Canton or Deputies including:
  - The Rapier Marshal, who has similar duties and responsibilities with respect to Rapier Combat
  - The Archery Marshal, who has similar duties and responsibilities with respect to Archery
  - The Thrown Weapons Marshal, who has similar duties and responsibilities with respect to Thrown Weapon
- F) Carry on them the proper documentation for certification and waivers at all martial activities.
- G) Reports will be sent monthly to the Seneschal of the Shire and all needed Kingdom Officers. This also includes the 4 Quarterly reports required of the Office.

## SECTION IV – DEFENDERS (PLACEHOLDER)

Note: The branch does not currently have them. The following is listed as suggested guidelines only. KaldorNess will decide at a later date whether or not it will institute defenders if at such time, they become a Shire.

## SECTION V -- OPERATING GUIDELINES

1) Changes: Proposed changes to the operating guidelines may be suggested at any Canton meeting and will be discussed during at least two meetings prior to final decision by the populace. Consensus must be reached by the populace for any changes to the operating guidelines.

2) Monthly Meetings: The Canton business meeting shall meet monthly from January to November, unless otherwise changed by the Seneschal and one the other officers and published on electronic media. December does not have a standing business meeting unless decided by the officers in November.

A) Decisions are made by consensus of the populace.

B) Minutes shall be kept of business meetings, and accepted into the records at the next council after any necessary corrections. These minutes shall be kept in the Seneschal's file as legal records of the proceedings of this Canton. Minutes shall include, as applicable:

- date, time, and place of meeting; who is moderating; list of attendees signing in;
- acknowledgment of acceptance of the previous minutes and any corrections;
- financial report;
- correspondence sent and received;
- reports of officers, committees, and event reports
- summaries of outstanding issues
- new proposals (to include not less than the item of discussion and conclusion);
- A note of any off the record issues;
- record of adjournment and the time.
- All written reports received will be attached as part of the minutes.

- The minutes shall be published on electronic media and any other appropriate forum and available by request from the office of the Seneschal.

C) The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall have up-to-date financial records available at the beginning of the Canton meeting.

3) Office Terms: A KaldorNess term of office is set at two years except for Event Stewards and other short-term capacity officers whose terms shall end upon completion of their duties.

- Officers are encouraged to declare a period of open applications 6 months before the ending of the term, with selection no later than a month prior to changeover to allow for training time.
- An Officer may then reapply for another term.
- It is strongly encouraged that Officials take a break after two consecutive terms.
- Requests for applications for replacement of Officers will be published on electronic media, or other media as appropriate. Applications shall be in writing and the names of the applicants shall be published for two months before a decision is made at the next business meeting.
  - Discussions of an Official's selection will be off record, and only final recommendations and decisions recorded.

4) Performance Lack: Officials determined to be deficient in the performance of duties shall be subject to a reminder, a retraining, a written warning, and then (with discussion of other officers) possible suspension from the office. If such suspension is necessary, the Canton Seneschal shall be requested to remove the officer from the position.

- Officers who miss two consecutive business meetings without submitting a report shall be determined to be deficient in the performance of duties.

5) From time to time KaldorNess may rent or loan property on a case by case basis. Property belonging to KaldorNess shall be inventoried on a regular schedule, and copies of such inventories shall be filed with the Seneschal and the Chancellor of the Exchequer

6) An action by the populace and officer at a business meeting may override this document in special circumstances. All exceptions should be noted in meeting minutes with details and if needed checked with parent branch or Kingdom.

## SECTION VI -- EVENT STEWARDS AND EVENTS

A) New Events: For the Canton to sponsor an event, a written proposal must be submitted to and approved by, the populace at a business meeting at least 4 months prior to event time frame. More lead time is preferred for larger events (1 year minimum for Kingdom Level)

B) For information on running a successful events <http://events.antir.org/>

A new event proposal includes:

- Name and nature of event,
- Proposed Event Steward names and full contact info
- Contingency deputy and/or Consulting Event Steward and contact info
- date, time, & place,
- general budget, ,
- Staff heads: including Gate, activities (games, dance, family, contests, etc), Food/ Feast, Royal liaison (if needed) , Site (biffies, tables, decorations), volunteer coordination (if needed)
- Comp list: A list of members working for more than half the event that should be offered a free entry into gate. These comps will reduce your profit for an event and should be limited to those essential for the running of the event such as Exchequer. Non-members cannot be comped into events.

B) New Demonstration (demo) Events: For the Canton to sponsor a demo, a written proposal must be submitted to and approved by, the populace at a business meeting at least 2 months prior to the demo. More lead time is preferred for larger demos.

- Name and nature of demo (school, kids, book club, explorer club, STEM focus, fair, general interest, etc),
- Proposed Demo Steward name and full contact info
- Contingency deputy and/or Consulting Demo Coordinator and contact info
- date, time, & place
- general budget if needed
- prep needed for visiting location (passes, school sign in, background checks, etc)
- limitations (no live weapons, no projectiles, etc)

2) Event or Demo Stewards or their Contingency Deputies are required to attend the two business meetings prior to the event date. Reports should be presented monthly from the time of acceptance of the proposal until event closure. Info available here:

<http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/#eventstewart>

A) Contact Officers: Event Stewards should contact officers right away to ensure that event-related duties are fulfilled. (Exchequer will need to handle money from gate, Seneschal will need to sign contracts and check sites, Arts Minister will need to coordinate arts activities with Event staff). It is the responsibility of the Event staff to have checked in with officers on needs and expectations, not the other way around.

B) Event Stewards are to ensure that any event-related needs are fulfilled, including but not necessarily limited to:

- Advertising: Local and Kingdom: Creating copy for publication which includes directions and all pertinent contact information for the Event Steward and any other necessary assistants. Publication should be to local SCA social media lists, the canton website and the 3M baronial website. *Seneschal must approve all Advertising before publication.*
- Kingdom Paperwork: *Seneschal must approve copy before it is submitted or publicized.* <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/#eventstewart>
  - **Date Reservation Form (DRF)** Reserve date in Kingdom Calendar online <http://www.antir.org/events/event-request-form/> At least 90 days before an event.
  - **Event Information Form (EIF)** Getting event copy to Kingdom Calendar, <http://www.antir.org/events/event-request-form/> At least 90 days before an event.
  - **Crier Copy** 350 word submitted to Kingdom calendar to describe your event. Full Crier copy submission information is available here: At least 60 days before an event [crier@antir.org](mailto:crier@antir.org)
  - **Insurance forms:** Filling out & submitting Kingdom Insurance waiver as needed. At least 30 days before an event
- Day of Signs: Posting any necessary signs for visual assistance to the site.

- Gate: Ensuring appropriate and sufficient waivers and sign-in sheets are provided and used, and submitting them to the Seneschal.
- Closing Report: Event and Demo Stewards shall give a closing report on an event at the business meeting immediately following the event or within 30 days whichever comes last. Closing reports should include
  - Gate Sheets and Money
  - any accident reports
  - reports from any staff heads
  - any receipts and reimbursements needed or completed
  - original comp list
  - insurance form
  - copies of advertising and crier copy
  - final report write up (what worked, what did not, challenges, triumphs, volunteer staffing, etc)
- Gate Sheets and Money: Stewards must provide the money and a gate report ( with all sign-in sheets, comp list, and gate waivers) to the Seneschal within 7 days of the close of an event, unless all gate information was delivered to the Exchequer at the event with Seneschal approval. Recommended that all money, checks, and gate sheets be photographed before turning over to officers.

A) An event will not be considered closed until:

- i) Gate Sheets and Money are submitted to the Seneschal
- ii) A Closing report has been submitted within 30 days.
- iii) all items borrowed or used for event have been returned to Canton officers, other branches or members.

4) Event Stewards shall appoint a Contingency Deputy who shall be kept fully informed of the details of the event (or loop the Seneschal in to all of these activities). Event Stewards may appoint additional deputies as needed for the running of an event.

5) If a person approved as an Event Steward has insufficient experience in running events (e.g., by size), or is new to the area, a Consulting Event Steward should be utilized.

6) It is recommended that no Event Steward have more than one event open at a time.

7) Comp list: A comp list should include officers, Royalty, Landed Coronets and staff heads having vital or office-related obligations at a Canton event that are not required to pay a site fee, as determined by the Event Steward, for that event. Only members with blue cards can be comped into events and comp lists should be submitted to the business meeting before an event occurs.

- By tradition, all Kingdom sitting Royals shall be comped (King & Queen, Crown Princes/esses, Principality Princes/Princesses)
- By tradition, all local Barons/esses are comped (Three Mountains, Stromgard, Dragons Mist, Terra Pomeria)
- Exchequer if event has gate closure duties
- Feast Steward if event has a feast
- Hall Steward if event has extensive hall logistics (chairs changed, décor up and down, Royal rooms to prep)

## SECTION VII -- AWARDS , ORDERS, AND RECOGNITIONS

A) **Canton Three Mountains Pointe D'Or** (Golden point): The Barony of Three Mountains has a thank you award given to members of the Canton of KaldorNess called the Pointe D'Or which is given for exceptional work and dedication on behalf to the Canton. Only 2 of these awards have been awarded.

- Aedan mac Suibne Dec 19, 2009
- Jacinda of Three Mountains Dec 1, 2012

B) Canton Tokens: KaldorNess has two tokens that it can bestow upon worthy populace and visitors.

- Frayed Knot : (a red knot): Given as a token of gratitude for making the event or activity better. No limit to the number of times this can be given. May be awarded by any officer of KaldorNess. (instituted 12/2018)
- Golden Point: (a golden arrowhead) : Given as a token of thanks for service to KaldorNess contributors that go above and beyond the call. Reserved for those that have redefined hospitality and service for the Canton. (instituted 4/2019)

## SECTION VIII -- TRADITIONS

1)The Name: Kaldor Ness

Loosely translated from Scottish as a finger of land between the woods and water. The canton's main area of population is South Columbia County Oregon. This strip of land is west of the great Columbia River and to the east of the timber lands and hills of the northern Tualatin Hills.

2) Heraldry: The Heneage knot and Pantheon: heraldry of the canton:

3) Motto: We are a little out there

## SECTION IX -- HISTORY

1) 2004: Columbia County is "a little out there" from Portland (about 40 miles north and west) . There were no active SCA branches here for many years but around 2004 we had several families from Three Mountains and Dragons Mist move out here. They started gauging interest in getting together to make garb and to do projects of an SCA nature.

2) 2005: In 2005, we had some tentative meetings in Columbia County in Scappoose and St. Helens and had about 6 folks showing up monthly. So we approached the Barony of Three Mountains in Portland OR, where many of us still played to see if they would be willing to sponsor us as a Canton. It took a while to get buy in for Three Mountains but we continued to go to events in the area and talk about a Canton out in the county with others.

3) 2007: Paperwork, heraldry, talking it up to populace, and even putting on an event for the Barony, moved the barony officers into endorsing us as a canton. In January, we moved, with Kingdom and baronial help, into Incipency, the first step to creation. We think it helped that there were a few sites out here that were far cheaper and better for SCA use than we had found in the Barony proper. The Incipient Canton of Kaldor was chosen as our name from a long list put together by heralds and argued over by our populace. We spent a lot of time trying to come up with a device...some wanted simple, some complex. It had to be red and gold as we had tons of fabric in those colors, and we wanted some kind of critter....

4) 2009: By Jan 2009 we had adopted several more SCA members and were up to 12 regularly attending. We stepped up as a full Canton and out



of Inciency at 12<sup>th</sup> Night but Kaldor was not flying as a name with the Heralds (Cawder was used in a Shakespeare play and due to this, the Scottish name we had chosen was returned as too close to a real place name and we had to modify it. Our top three voted choices were:

**Kaldorfirth** would translate as "dense wood by the water" OE or possibly "cold wooded inlet or fjord" in Old Norse

**Kaldorburn** would loosely translate as "wood by the specific waterway" Liked because it is very Scottish sounding and because way back in the 70s there was a branch in Columbia County that went by the name of "Burning Hall" The burn could be a nice nod to that.

**Kaldorness** would loosely translate as "a jut of wooded land by the water" or a "Nose of land by the water" Surprisingly enough the nose of land appealed to most of our group....

We had some more wrangling and with Kaldor Ness (heralds broke the word up in an Anglicized version of the Scottish naming convention we were good. In 2011 we became a full Canton

## SECTION X -- REGISTERED CANTON ARMORY

1) **Kaldor Ness, Canton of:** *Gules, a pantheon rampant to sinister argent mullety of six points purple, maintaining between its forelegs a laurel wreath argent, on a point pointed Or a Heneage knot gules.* **Name and Arms registered January 2009**

The history of the device:

*As recorded in meeting notes by ADK from 2006-2009:*

The Columbia County SCA group was working through the heraldry part of the application for becoming a canton of the SCA in 2006 and lots of the populace were excited to be part of the symbology of our heraldry. Many of us wanted a critter. We had many horse loving folks in our midst so something horse-like was suggested. But many of us wanted a mythical creature as well. And then we discovered the period panther. It was a strange creature with stars on its back, sometimes depicted with hooves. We mostly loved it, but then someone read the description of the heraldic pantheon.

Pantheon: (not the famous roman building!) A pantheon is a later period heraldic mythological creature sort of horse-ish with a fox tail, cloven hooves, and the head of a deer that seems to have come from England (the arms of the Marquis of Winchester for example). The critter is also strewn with stars like the panther, had a name that harkened to architecture which many of us appreciated, and was described as possibly a

misinterpretation of the period panther. So we had a critter sort of horse-like that was probably a telephone game version of a heraldic panther. That was a story worthy of a SCA group for sure. Especially a group that loved the silly and the puns. And better yet, the pantheon's mythology indicated that its flesh, when eaten, was "magically delicious". Could a groups of punsters have asked for a better mascot than a pantheon? And its commonest version is white with purple stars (looking from any distance like a bowl of lucky charms). So very perfect. A white pantheon on a red background would work.... we only needed a laurel wreath to be a branch and so Lucky, our pantheon, would juggle a Laurel wreath in his front legs. And to keep it fun, the critter would stand opposite its natural direction so that we could blazon it "sinister". A sinister pantheon came into being. On top of this we have scientists in our band of merry SCAdians which loved that the pantheon is also used for the British engineering council's logo and the British Atomic Energy heraldry. The pantheon was now our mascot and device focus.

The mountain: Sending it off to the vacuum of herald space, we heard back after a month that we still were not quite clear of conflict so we needed another element on the shield. Could we get the device to pass now? I'm afraid not quite yet, we were told. We were meeting at the time in the city of St. Helens. Now St. Helens is named for Mount St. Helens, but the mountain it is named for is 39 miles and a large river away from the city, oh yes, and that mountain is in another state. Wait a second, you ask. Why would anyone name a city that is in 40 miles from anything after that thing? Well history is full of awesome, is why. St. Helens was originally named Plymouth. But because it had a great VIEW of the mountain called St. Helens in the distance, the name was changed. So the golden mountain (the *pointe or*) was added to the device as a nod to that fun bit of history.

The knot: We now had a silly critter juggling a wreath and a golden pointe below it. That golden triangle was bare of anything and the device looked odd now, unbalanced. So it was suggested that we put some new element on the pointe. And back we went to our books. How about a hat? Or a brush? Or a salmon, or a tree....and on and on. Nothing got much traction until one populace member suggested a knot. The old joke about "a frayed knot" and being "afraid not" was flying. The discussion from the heralds was remembered. And now we had our inspiration. A Heneage knot was clear of conflict, from Lincolnshire England, and further it was a knot that

was invented around the same time as our Pantheon came into being.... First there was the fact that there were 3 loops like a more balanced trinity knot, but the loops were uneven and would fall away when pulled almost as if the knot had frayed. Somehow a knot that is confused seemed like it might be the perfect “frayed knot”. And most importantly, we tried tying the knot, and when you created the knot for the Heneage loops in string, it does become a knot, but it tightens into a single overhand knot despite all of that looping. All of the loops and twists were just window dressing for the first step of shoe tying, something which 5 year old children learn. Of course that was the perfect knot for us. And now it fell to balancing the colors and our device was ready for submission.

## SECTION XII – Bullying and Harassment Policy (Per SCA)

The SCA prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups.

Harassment and bullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

- offensive or lewd verbal comments directed to an individual;
- the display of explicit images (drawn or photographic) depicting an individual in an inappropriate manner;
- photographing or recording individuals inappropriately to abuse or harass the individual;
- inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying.

Participants violating these rules are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual feels subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, they should contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or the Kingdom’s Board Ombudsman. If a participant of the SCA becomes aware that someone is being harassed or bullied, they have a responsibility pursuant to the SCA Code of Conduct to come forward and report this behavior to a seneschal, President of the SCA or Kingdom’s Board Ombudsman.

## SECTION XII -- FINANCIAL POLICY

Note: The financial policies of the Canton of Kaldor Ness are contained in the Kaldor Ness Financial Policy as a distinct document and updated regularly by the populace.

**Here ends the Customary of the Canton of KaldorNess.  
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