

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## New Peerage Timeline and Process

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### 1. What is the intended timeline for the creation of the new peerage?

Here is the timeline for the establishment of the new peerage:

- **10 March 2025:** Affiliate consultation begins.
  - **31 March 2025:** Affiliate consultation closes.
  - **Early April 2025:** Communication with Seneschals and Crowns of the Known World.
  - **April 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting:** Vote followed by announcement of the New Peerage Name, Arms, Regalia, and plan for opening the order.
  - **1 May 2025:** Writs for the new order may be issued for 3 principals in each kingdom.
  - **7 June 2025:** Elevations to the new Order may commence. Additional writs for the order may be offered after that weekend.
  - **Date TBA:** In celebration of the new Order and its communities, a Known World Ranged Pursuits Celebration Day is proposed to occur during the Pennsic timeframe
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### 2. Why is there a two-month gap between the announcement and the opening of the order?

The two-month period allows:

- **For individuals:** Premiers of the Order to plan and execute vigils (where applicable), invite guests, and organize elevation ceremonies.
  - **For kingdoms:** Officers to create ceremonies, update kingdom laws, prepare regalia, and complete other administrative tasks.
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### 3. What are the criteria for elevation to the new peerage?

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

#### **General Requirements (Patents of Arms):**

- a. Obedience to the governing documents of the Society and kingdom laws.
- b. Consistent respect for the Crown of the kingdom.
- c. Demonstration of courteous and noble behaviour suitable for a peer.
- d. Support for the Society's aims and ideals through authentic dress, equipment, and behaviour.
- e. Sharing knowledge and skills with others.
- f. Practicing hospitality according to their means.
- g. Knowledge of a wide range of period forms (e.g., literature, dancing, music, heraldry, chess) and familiarity with SCA combat.
- h. Participation in Society recreations of medieval and Renaissance culture.

### **Specific Requirements for the Order of {Name}:**

- a. Excellence in a pre-17th century martial pursuit (including ranged martial pursuits) as practiced in the SCA.
- b. Application of skills and knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom beyond normal expectations.

### **Duties of Members of the Order of {Name}:**

- a. Set an example of courtesy and chivalrous conduct on and off the field.
  - b. Respect the Crown and uphold kingdom laws and Corpora.
  - c. If in fealty, support and uphold the Crown.
  - d. Enrich the kingdom by sharing knowledge and skills.
  - e. Enhance the renown and defend the honor of their Lady or Lord.
  - f. Advise the Crown on candidates for the Order of {Name}.
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## **4. Can members of the Order of {Name} swear fealty?**

Yes, members of the Order of {Name} may choose to swear fealty but are not required to do so.

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## **5. What should Crowns consider when selecting principals for elevation?**

Crowns should consider whether any of the principals they intend to elevate are already peers, as their experience may support the creation of the new order.

However, this is not a requirement and should not be a barrier to any who have shown themselves worthy of recognition.

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## **6. What administrative tasks must kingdoms complete before the order opens?**

Kingdoms will need to:

- Create call to vigil and elevation ceremonies.
  - Write and implement changes to kingdom law.
  - Prepare regalia for the new order.
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## **7. When can elevations to the new order begin?**

Elevations to the new order may commence on **the first full weekend in June**. All candidates inducted into the Order of {Name} on the weekend of June 7, 2025 will carry equal precedence, regardless of the time of day each such candidate was inducted.

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## **8. What was the purpose of the affiliate consultation period?**

The affiliate consultation period (10–31 March 2025) allows for feedback and input from the broader SCA community before finalizing the details of the new peerage. It is legally required in some existing agreements but is being offered to all affiliates out of respect.

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## **9. How many principals can each kingdom elevate initially?**

Each kingdom may issue writs for **3 principals** starting on **1 May 2025**.

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## **10. What is the significance of the April Board Meeting 2025 announcement?**

On this date, the name, arms, regalia, and plan for opening the new order will be officially announced, providing clarity and direction for kingdoms and individuals.

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For further questions, please consult the Society Seneschal or SCA Inc. President.