

Cavalry of the Sword Horse

CAVALRY OF THE SWORD HORSE is an SCA-based household dedicated to the recreation and enjoyment of the SCA. It's time period spans that of the SCA and last during the period before 1700AD. This household is structured around a drinking household, their significant others, children, and their retainers. The household remains dedicated in service to their King. The Heads of the Household reserve the right to amend or change this charter, in part or as a whole, as needed. The Heads of the Household will duly note and consider the sage advice of the Household Council in matters of change.

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- A. To serve the Kingdom of Artemisia through *ars martial*, specifically arming and training members in both armored and light weapons forms, providing a tactical fighting unit to the Kingdom of Artemisia in times of campaigning and war, and to support interest in and provide contacts for education and training new members of the Society in arts and sciences and the courtly graces.
- B. To perpetuate enjoyment of the Society for Creative Anachronism (henceforth known as SCA) through activities focused towards recreation, camaraderie and social interaction (Party!)
- C. To encourage service to the Kingdom of Artemisia on an individual basis on the local and Kingdom levels.
- D. Motto of the Household: PULSAT, ET POSTURAT EA – *Line 'em up and knock 'em down*
 - *Refers to winning a tablero game and commanding opponant to take some shots*
- E. Household Fighting Motto: PULSAT, ET POSTURAT EA – *Line 'em up and knock 'em down*
 - *Refers to melee combat; however, the statement is the same as above.*

II. HOUSEHOLD COUNCIL

- A. Heads of the Household: This is Killian Flynn MacThoy of the Clan MacThoy. Should be self-explanatory. Whatever he says regarding the household goes. He may take a vote, but does not need to abide by the vote. This is his household.
- B. Succession: In the event of the death or resignation of Killian Flynn MacThoy, the title of Head of the Household shall pass to Fritz Zapff (m.k.a. Matthew Kunzman).
- C. Warlord of Calvalry of Sword Horse: Ronan is chosen as the warlord of the Calvalry of Sword Horse. He will:
 - 1. Act as COMBAT liaison to the general of the Artemisian Army at events or other inter-kingdom wars, and as marshal of the annual House Champion Tournament.
 - 2. Sees to the training, arming and armoring of soldiers in the Calvalry, insuring their equipment and training will meet or exceed standards established in the Artemisian Marshall's Handbook.
 - 3. Communicates with other households to get an inter-household tournament off the ground.
- D. Household Pursuivant
 - 1. Chosen and appointed by Killian Flynn MacThoy, on advice of household members.
 - 2. Shall act as Voice of the Heads of the Household in court. The Pursuivant may also appoint and designate deputies of their own choosing, to more efficiently perform their duties.
 - 3. Shall perform duties similar to their SCA counterpart EXCEPT in case of monetary responsibility regarding the heraldic submissions process.
- E. Household Infirmarer
Maria MacThoy shall serve in the capacity of Household Chirurgeon.

F. Household Draper

1. Chosen and appointed pending majority vote of Household at large, and approval by Killian Flynn MacThoy.
2. Shall be responsible for maintaining and constructing Household regalia including tabards/surcoats, mantles, and other items listed in Section V. Draper may also appoint and designate deputies of their own choosing, to more efficiently perform their duties.

G. Household Quartermaster

1. Chosen and appointed pending majority vote of Household at large, and approval by Killian Flynn MacThoy.
2. Responsible for coordinating Calvalry of Sword Horse encampment on campaign; organizing layout of encampment and communal equipment, registering of house members. Arranges storage, construction and distribution of loaner arms and armor, and other kit pertaining to collective Household use, and other duties as required by the Heads of the Household. Quartermaster may also appoint and designate deputies of their own choosing, to more efficiently perform their duties.

H. Champion of Calvalry of Sword Horse

1. Chosen by right of arms at annual Household Champion Tournament, held at the discretion of Killian Flynn MacThoy, and subject to a vote of all Household members present.
2. In times of peace:
 - Issues and accepts all challenges given to and sent from the household, except in matters of personal insult.
 - Shall escort Killian Flynn MacThoy on official household duties and in court.
3. In times of war:
 - Bear Household War banner IN BATTLE
 - The Champion should stand at the center of the formation as a rally-point.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Gentles interested in joining Calvalry of Sword Horse may approach the Heads of the Household or may request another member to the household intercede on their behalf.

B. Induction Process

1. As this is Killian's household, he reserves absolutely the right and honor of accepting or rejecting new members at his own discretion, and the right to override or change any of the following guidelines, as need arises. He do, however, heartily request and respect the opinions and guidance of all members of the Household. After all, it's their household, too.
2. An individual expressing interest in joining the Household (applicant) is brought to the attention of, and/or is introduced to the Heads of the Household.
3. If the applicant passes the initial Observation Checklist, s/he is placed under a vote from the membership.

C. Household Oath of Fealty

1. Member:

I, ----- swear (affirm) by head and foot and all between to serve the Kingdom of Artemisia and this Household of Sword Horse, and to keep faith with the Crown of Artemisia and to have fun, but not be a dick as best I might.

2. Response:

Today we hear and accept this oath of service and faith.

D. Maintaining Household Membership Membership in Calvalry of Sword Horse can be maintained by making contact with the Heads of the Household and the Warlord in person, telephonically, through letter or postcard, or via an in person proxy. Such contact must be maintained at least annually. If contact has not been made by any of these means after one year and one day, the member shall be considered to left the household. The exceptions to this are either mundane considerations, to include, but are not limited to, military service, transfer in civilian status or serious illness or disability.

Persons should consider their membership carefully, and remember that in essence, Cavalry of Sword Horse is a freely chosen association of friends, sharing a common interest. If a member is unhappy with being an associate of Cavalry of Sword Horse, or believes that they have a conflict of interest or of fealty, or find their interest in the Society diminish, they may submit a formal resignation in person or in writing. Such a resignation will be received without rancor or hard feeling, as it is understood that ultimately, modern day concerns must take priority.

IV. HOUSEHOLD HONORS AND AWARDS

A. The Order of the Quarter Horse – One token per year will be given to each founding member of the Cavalry of Sword Horse.

- The member can give this token to anyone they feel worthy of being a 'Quarter Horse'
- If a Quarter Horse comes to the encampment bearing the coin, they get a free drink from the Cavalry. (once per event)
- If a member of the Cavalry goes to the quarter horse's encampment and they cannot produce the token. The quarter horse must provide the Cavalry member an alcoholic beverage. (once per event)

B. Order of the Dildo Purpue--Fieldless, a dildo purpue.

Service award, given to someone who's not a dick at all but gets fucked nonetheless.

C. Order of the Brown Pile-- Filedless, a brown on a man's chest.

Service award, given to someone who takes the shit no one should put up with.

D. Order of the Drunken Skunk-- Azure, a drunken skunk proper.

Infamy award, given to greatness (good or bad) performed while intoxicated.

E. Lame Ass Award--Sable, a donkey sitting, Azure.

Given for the worst excuse for missing an event.

F. Hung Like a Horse – Azure, a horse hanging from a rope sable.

Combat, Given for being a bad ass (or making a horrible mistake) on the field.

G. Beerslayer – Winner of annual spear the beer competition.

H. Tablero Dancer – Given to the winner of the annual tablero competition

I. Mother Glucker – Given to the winner of the annual gluckhaus competition

V. HOUSEHOLD BADGES AND REGALIA

A. Household Badges:

1. Tabards/Surcoats:

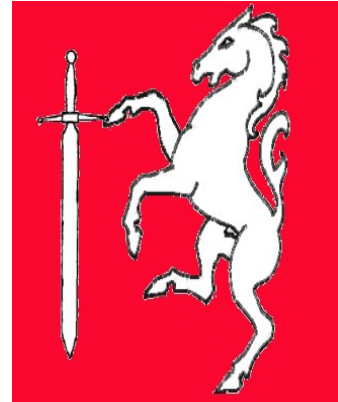
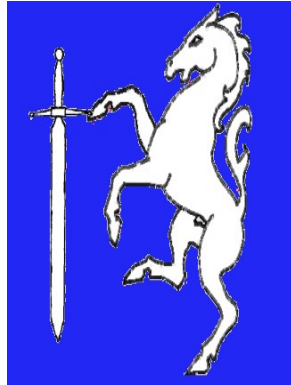
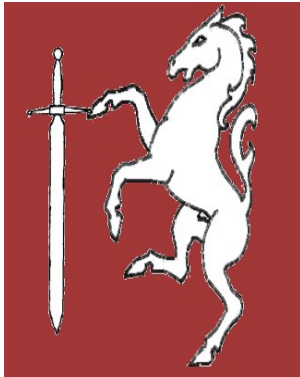
Fighting members of Cavalry of Sword Horse are entitled to wear Household colors in battle and tournament.

2. Mantles:

All members may wear a mantle on their helmets made of the household colors. The Head of the Household and the Warlord may differentiate their mantles with gold piping.

3. Background colors. Brown (Quarter horse), Blue (Fighting Unit), Red (Drinking Unit)
(Through rose colored glasses)

4. The colors differentiate when we are fighting and drinking as those should not mix. The blue color is our respectable color. The red color is our party color.



Clan MacThoy

The Cavalry of
Sword Horse
would be the
Idaho arm of
Clan MacThoy



B. Banners, Pennons and Heraldry:

1. Banners:

Heraldry is encouraged. The Calvalry of Sword Horse is a medium to large banner made of red. It may be painted, embroidered or appliquéd. The banner shall bear the badge of the Household: *Fieldless, a sword and horse conjoined argent*. The banner shall be trimmed as best suits the design, but shall not detract from the badge itself. A center swallow-tail may bear the motto.

There shall also be a war-banner. The banner shall be blue in background. The banner shall be painted and appliquéd with the badge of the Household, and bear the motto. The war-banner may bear a pair swallow-tails of moderate length.

2 Pennons:

There may be lance-pennons to be borne on spears. These pennons shall measure six inches at the hoist and twelve inches at the fly. The pennons may bear two swallow-tails of moderate length. The pennons shall be parti-colored horizontally in blue, and shall be trimmed with extra wide, double fold bias tape. They shall bear a white sword or remain blank.

3. Shields:

Each fighter may maintain a shield for campaign and war. The shield may be made of any material considered legal to use by SCA or Artemisian standards. The shields may be painted blue bearing the badge. Fighters may place their personal armory in canton of the Calvalry of Sword Horse shield, to add to heraldic display.

Sister (daughter?) Household

The Cavalry of Sword Horse will be the (un?)official drinking unit of the House of the Rising Sun.
(For plausible deniability)

The banner of the sword horse will denote areas of the encampment that may be impure.

