# **2025 International Court Council Member Agreement**

Our goal is to help you be a successful Council Member. The purpose of this document is to let you know what the expectations and opportunities are for you as a Council Member. If you are unable to agree to the requirements listed here it is likely not a good match for you this year. Declining this year IN NO WAY adversely affects your future opportunities for service on the Council.

### **ATTIRE**

Council Members are expected to dress in formal attire for specified events. In addition to potentially specific colors for different events (usually black, red or gold). As well as specific hair (wig) styling Council Members are required to obtain and wear a robe with patches and a sash- all to specifications. These can be made by a couple of people, or you may be able to obtain them from a prior Council Member. If you are a new Heir the entire cost of the Robe, Patches, and Sash should be under \$500. The Council Member medallion is bestowed by the QM/KF at the first meeting of the year for new Council Members and is worn for the duration of your membership on the council unless it is modified during your term(s).

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Council Members are required to attend all Council Meetings unless their absence is approved IN ADVANCE by the Queen Mother and the Board President. Attendance includes completing the required agenda review/committee reports/etc. prior to attending, and committee attendance.

# In 2025 The Council meetings/attendance expectations are:

January 16 & 17 Council Meeting/Induction & Ft Lauderdale Coronation Jose October 31, November 1 Council Meeting & Gala (both required)

#### **FINANCES**

Council Members, like many national and international charities, have a financial obligation to support the organization. The Council Member obligation is \$1,000 for 2025. Heirs are expected to stay current on their support obligation. Each month this is reviewed so, for example, at the end of January the Council Member should have contributed \$100 using either PayPal or Venmo with the final contribution at the end of October. That said, we understand that different situations arise that may affect your ability to meet this. Exceptions may be granted *in advance* by agreement of the Queen Mother who will then inform the Treasurer. The Council also supports two fundraisers, Casa de Luz and The Scholarship Fund. Council Members are strongly encouraged to support fundraisers for these projects, but funds raised are not allocated to the Members obligation. This year we are also hosting the 60<sup>th</sup> Gala celebrating the International Court System. Council Members are encouraged to become a sponsor but this is separate from their Council Member obligation. Each Council member is required to bring to each meeting an item for a silent auction. (proceeds of your donated item count towards your council dues). No Council Member may spend funds "on behalf" of the Council or their dues without PRIOR approval by the Executive Committee.

#### YOUR REALM INVOLVEMENT

Review the Bylaws at the end of this agreement (Sections 4.02, 4.03, 4.06), Council Members are encouraged to limit their membership on local Court Boards because of potential confusion between their service as a Council Member and their service as a local Board Member. Council Members are strongly encouraged to not serve as elected Monarchs or Regent Monarchs during their term on the Council without advance discussions and approval by the Titular Head(s) and the Board President. Members are specifically prohibited from *interfering* in the legal activities of local Courts. Council members are expected to provide the Titular Head(s) and Council President advance notice of any significant issues that are arising in their Court, local Courts, or their personal life that may reflect on the

international court system. Council members are required to announce any potential conflicts of interest and to abstain from substantive discussions or voting on any such identified issues, in accordance with California state statute.

# **ABOUT YOU**

| Legal Name   |
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| Royal Name/Title   |
| Email  |
| Phone Number   |
| Mailing Address  |
| "Home" Court   |
| f you do not live in that realm, what realm do you live in now?  |
| Are you in good standing with your home court?   |
| Are you able to travel to all realms in the International Court System?  |
| (A No Answer does not preclude you from membership)  |
| Have you ever served as a Council Member before?   |
| f yes, year(s)   |
| List any ICS Awards received:  |
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| Are you planning to serve as an <i>elected, appointed or regent</i> Monarch at any time in 2025?  If yes, please explain                       |
| Are you planning to serve as a Board <i>Officer</i> of your local Court at any time in 2025?  If yes, please explain                           |
| Do you understand, acknowledge and agree to the requirements noted in the sections listed above (Attire, Attendance, Finances and Involvement) |
| Signed Dated   |

**Bylaws Sections Noted Above** 

Section 4.02 Board of Directors. The legal position of all Council Members is that of a member of the Board of Directors. Some members may additionally qualify as Heirs Apparent and may include that in their public recognition. Council Members are encouraged to limit their membership on local Court Boards because of potential confusion between their service as a Council Member and their service as a local Board Member. Council Members are strongly encouraged to not serve as elected Monarchs or Regent Monarchs during their term on the Council without advance discussions and approval by the Titular Head(s) and the Board President.

**Section 5.01 Officers**. Any person who has at least one-year prior service on the Council is eligible to become an officer of the Council. Persons who are serving as elected Monarchs or Regent Monarchs or who are serving on any local Court Board of Directors will generally not serve as an officer of the Council, though it is not specifically precluded.

**Section 4.03 Power of the Board.** Council Members are expected to be active in discussions between meetings, are required to serve on one or more committees, and to volunteer for projects where your expertise will improve the success of the project. The power of the Board is limited to the International Court Council and members are specifically prohibited from interfering in the legal activities of local Courts.

**Section 4.06 Removal of Council Members.** You may be removed by the Titular Head(s) acting jointly or by the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws of the organization. If you serve on a local Board of Directors, the actions of that Board may affect your membership on the Council whether you participate in the decision/action or not.