

Lionheart Crusaders

A Fief within the Empire of Medieval Pursuits

The Lionheart Crusaders is located in Canmer, KY. We are based in the late 12th to early 13th century with a focus on the Crusades of that era. Our goal is to be a place of learning, fun, and creativity, and the history of the Medieval World.

Heraldry: Lion Or Dexter Rampant, Gules field



Article I: Leadership:

1. All leaders must be members in good standing with the EMP and Lionheart for a period not less than one (1) year (following the first year).
2. All leaders are expected to participate in events, appropriate meetings, and branch functions to the best of their ability.
3. All leaders must remember they are servants of the people.
4. Lords
 - a. Lords are chosen by the Witan Council on June 1.
 - i. During the first year, the founders William Fitzstephens and Katia Fitzstephens shall be co-Lords.
 - ii. One or both may choose to serve a term of two years for the establishment of the group.
 - b. Afterwards, Lords may be challenged by any citizen of the fief who meets the 1-year requirement.
 - i. A citizen challenger must declare their intent to vie for the office of Lord no less than thirty (30) days prior to June 1.

- ii. If any citizen challenges for the Lordship for the June 1st date, a vote shall be called and the Witan Council shall choose between the contenders.
 - 1. If it shall please both contenders, they may request from the council the right to win by combat.
 - 2. Champions may not be called.
 - iii. If more than one citizen challenges, the Witan Council shall devise such competition up to and including combat.
 - 1. Champions may be called for combat.
 - 2. Champions must be members of the branch.
 - iv. If there are no challengers and the Lord desires to continue in their position, no change of the Lord will be made.
 - c. A sitting Lord may be usurped in the event of a 2/3 vote of no confidence from the citizens of the branch. Any such challenge shall default to the challenge rules up to and including combat. Champions may be utilized for martial combat.
 - d. If a Lord chooses to step down before the end of their term, the most recent Lord will be offered to fill the position for the remainder of that term or to call for a vote and oversee the selection of a new Lord.
5. The Lord is responsible for
- a. The governance of the fief and promoting martial activities, the arts, and service among their people.
 - b. Meeting the laws of the Empire and the Kingdom by hosting at least one (1) event per annum and filing the required reports.
 - c. Bringing to the attention of the Count/Countess, Coronet, and/or the Crown those individuals who deserve recognition through the awards system with ensuring that the Count/Countess is apprised of nominations given at the Coronet and/or Crown level.

Website/Facebook: [Lionheart Crusaders - EMP \(Canmer, KY\)](#)

Founding Members: William (Alec) and Katia (Katherine) Fitzstephen
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