

Greater Office of Baronial Chirurgeon

Role: A Chirurgeon (The word "Chirurgeon" is a medieval term from which the modern "Surgeon" is derived.) is a member of the first-aid arm within the Society for Creative Anachronism.

It is a group of volunteers who provide first-aid at SCA activities, such as tournaments, feasts, and camping events. Membership includes real world first-aiders, nurses, physicians, and Emergency Medical Technicians of all levels. Together, they make up the Chirurgeonate, or Chirurgeon's Guild.

The good chirurgeon focuses on the most basic issues: being supportive and doing no harm medically while stabilizing immediate problems with breathing, bleeding, and shock.

The chirurgeon then ensures that a patient obtains the most appropriate level of care as quickly as possible. Doing no harm requires that a chirurgeon be able to recognize what may be wrong with a patient, provide basic supportive care (such as band-aids) and immediate care in the event of life-threatening situations that require assistance with breathing and circulation, and how to recognize and control bleeding and certain other medical emergencies.

The symbol of the Chirurgeonate is a red circle with a white teardrop containing a fleam.

The fleam was used in the Middle Ages to open a vein to bleed the patient in order to balance the humors. Rest assured, however, that the first aid provided by the members of the Chirurgeon is strictly 21st Century!

Requirements: Being an officer is not just fun, it is a service to your group in the SCA.

There are certain requirements and regulations that you must abide by, to keep our King & Queen / Baron & Baroness and the one up officers informed about what is occurring throughout Lochac.

As an officer, you are required to have a current SCAA membership, to be at least 18 years of age, in the case of a Chirurgeon hold a CPR endorsed First Aid certificate and a desire to help out.

To be warranted (2 years, with a maximum of 4 years in exceptional circumstances).

To send QUARTERLY reports to the one up officer by the date required

Follow the proper process for appointing your replacement, and conduct a good handover.

If you do not comply with the above, you can be suspended from your Office.

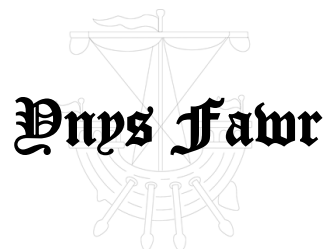
In turn, this could put your group in abeyance, so as an Officer, you are responsible for ensuring you do the above.

As a Local Officer, it is recommended you ask the Kingdom Officer for help if you need it.

Advertise for a successor 18 months after you take over. This gives you six months to find one.

Have other deputies as required to help you with your duties – preferably a drop-dead deputy too.

Workload: Being responsible for first aid at events you wish to volunteer at, paperwork for each event, and quarterly reports to kingdom.



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Reporting Channel: The Chirurgeon sends a monthly written report to the Barony's Seneschal.

Officer Reports must be made *prior* to the second Thursday of every month to ensure inclusion in the Baronial Agendum.

Quarterly reports are made to the Kingdom Chirurgeon and copied to the Baronial Seneschal and B&B. They must be made before the 15th day of the months of February, May, August, and November.

Resources:

Chirurgeonate Email chirurgeonate@lochac.sca.org

Lochac Chirurgeonate Website <http://lochac.sca.org/chirurgeon/>

<http://www.chirurgeon.org/>

Chirurgeon's Handbook <http://www.chirurgeon.org/files/Handbook.pdf>