



Barony of the Far West  
Golden Peach Pursuivant

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Unto Johann and Duversa, Baron and Baroness of the Far West, does  
Bernard the Nameless, Golden Peach Pursuivant, send greetings:

I have reviewed your recommended changes to the Customs and Traditions of the Far West. Overall the concept has merit, unfortunately it will face some problems. Your proposal is almost exactly the way that Baron Edward of Effingham became Baron of the Far West in the first Arts and Sciences Baronial Tourney. Chuzan, your home canton, complained loud and long about this selection process. In fact, this is how the A&S versus Martial tournaments controversy started in the first place.

Speaking for myself only, I would like to see this kind of event, however, there are always going to be "stick jockeys" who will belly-ache should they be beaten out of the Coronet by a non-fighter.

Before you get the idea that I am giving my approval, I must bring up some points that must be addressed in order to get my support.

1. The Coronet presides over the event that selects his/her successor. If you allow the Coronet to enter the competition (even though they can only become Baronial Champion or the proposed Counselor) he/she invalidates their impartiality to preside over the competition.

What's more, his/her presence in the competition, forces all the others to compete against someone who cannot win, but could eliminate *them* by possibly taking away points they may need to win the Coronet.

2. What will be the judging criteria for the A&S half of the competition? Lack of published and consistent criteria has been the major argument used by the opponents of A&S.

Consider these changes and let me see your next draft.

As always I remain in service to the Barony and the Dream,

Bernard the Nameless  
Golden Peach Pursuivant

cc: King Fabian  
Kingdom Seneschal  
All Baronial Officers