

## **New Western Peerage Cloaks:**

Here are the draft specifications for the new peerage cloaks, and the criteria that the proposals will be assessed by:

### **Specifications: New Peerage Cloaks/Mantles must:**

- **Be peerage specific:** The cloaks/mantles must prominently feature the heraldic charge of the order they're representing, as follows:
  - Pelican: A pelican in its piety
  - Laurel: A laurel wreath
  - Order of Defense: Three rapiers in pall inverted tips crossed
- **Evoke the West Kingdom:** These cloaks/mantles are uniquely Western Regalia and should look it.
- **Be time Period Neutral:** Be from the SCA time period, BUT no specific period since the garments must fit a variety of SCA personas for each peerage, respectively.
- **Be location/Culture Neutral:** Not be specific to any one region/culture in its design, since the garments must fit a variety of SCA personas for each peerage, respectively.
- **Fit many:** The cloaks/mantles must fit a broad range of body types/sizes from the largest to the smallest in our Kingdom.
- **Be Durable:** Use materials and techniques that will stand up to long (though not particularly hard) use over time.
- **Consider the user:** Fully lined cloaks/mantles are frequently hot and heavy. Few central-Kingdom Western events are cold enough call for a fully lined cloak made of something like a fur or even a linen or silk. Consider the end user in the design.
- **Be reasonably low maintenance:** For example, dry-clean only is expected, as hand work cannot be thrown in a washing machine. However, fragile hand-woven fabrics that fray, shred, or catch easily on things are not.
- **Use Natural Fibers:** Preferably period fabrics/materials will be used in the design. Compromises are acceptable for intended use, for example such as cotton velveteen vs. silk velvet so that it does not crush but wears well and maintains a rich, natural appearance. Consider that some have allergies to wool fabrics, and plan accordingly.
- **Employ a high degree of workmanship and artistic skill:** As these are regalia for generations of Peers to come, they should reflect high quality workmanship.
- **Clasps/Closures:**
  - Secures the cloak around many sizes of neck
  - Be easy to fasten

**SCHEDULE: New cloaks must be ready by 1-year after acceptance of proposals.**

**COST: Please include a budget with each proposal.**

## **Criteria to Assess Proposals: Cloaks will be assessed based on:**

- **Basic requirements:** (Scale of 1-10)
  - Do the cloaks feature order badges? \_\_\_\_
  - Are they evocative of the West Kingdom? \_\_\_\_
  - Are they time period neutral? \_\_\_\_
  - Are they culture neutral? \_\_\_\_
  
- **Functionality:** (Scale of 1-10)
  - Do the cloaks fit many? \_\_\_\_
  - Are they durable? \_\_\_\_
  - Do they consider the user? \_\_\_\_
  - Are they low maintenance? \_\_\_\_
  
- **Design:** (Scale of 1-10)

How well do the cloaks/mantles:

  - Use natural fibers/materials? \_\_\_\_
  - Use period fibers/materials? \_\_\_\_
  - Use period techniques? \_\_\_\_
  - Utilize high quality workmanship? \_\_\_\_