

What is Warranting for Officers?

We use the term “warrant” rather loosely in the SCA. It is more accurately a “Warrant Roster” maintained by a Kingdom officer that lists all of the current, approved branch officers under their purview. For many positions, attendance at a “Warranting Class” is required when first taking office. This helps ensure that a new officer is off to a good start, and provides an opportunity to meet the Kingdom-level officer in person and ask questions. While attendance every six months during the term of office is not necessarily required, it is a great opportunity to stay abreast of current information and meet other officers from around the Kingdom.

Warranting Classes are held for many positions at Round Table twice per year (in January and in July). These classes are open to anyone who is interested, and provide key information about rules for each activity in the SCA and changes to Society and/or Kingdom Law. For some officer positions, meetings are held in lieu of a formal class, but provide the same level of information. Unless listed as a “closed meeting,” these meetings are also open to any interested member of the populace. Completion of a Warranting Class does not automatically make one “warranted.” It simply fills a requirement to become so.

Once all requirements of a position are met, and an individual is selected as an officer, the name is entered onto the Kingdom Officer’s Warrant Roster. Now you are “Warranted!” Officer warrants are generally valid for six months, renewable every six months, up to two years. Extension beyond two years requires special approval, depending on the office. For local branch officers, that permission is typically given by your Landed Nobility or Seneschal, and/or the Regional Officer. While you may step into a role immediately upon selection, required Forms and Policies (“Warranting”) classes must be completed within six months. Your Seneschal can provide you with additional information if this applies in your situation.

Kingdom Officers may give specific instructions or establish requirements for extending a warrant when due. All local branch officers are responsible for ensuring that they are correctly listed on the Warrant Roster throughout the duration of their term in office.

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