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An Act relating to the Blue Guard Corps and its Necessary Reforms

Assented to on the 11th of January, 2022

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Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions, with the advice and consent of the Imperial Parliament thereof, as follows:

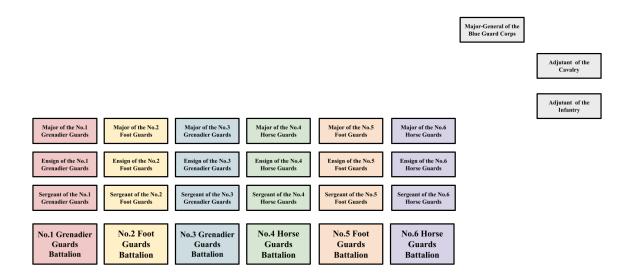
The Purpose of the Guard Reform Act

1. In recent months, the Blue Guard Corps has stagnated and become less of an elite Guard and more of a necessary slot to fill troops within. Due to the lack of manpower due to the Second Sarovian Civil War, Guards have been slotted in Regular Army positions to maintain a proper organisational chart, and as such have suffered the consequences. It is therefore necessary to reform the Blue Guards into a newly effective fighting machine to not only showcase Sarovian strength but elegance and pride.

There are two main objectives to the Guard Reform Act: an organisational reform and an activity reform. The purpose of the organisational reform is to mould the Guard in the style of a self sufficient and high initiative unit which is fiercely loyal to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, Constantine IX. Through reform of positions, battalions and offices, it will become effective and be treated as its own independent Sarovian army, within the confines of the Imperial Army now. The second objective is an activity reform. It is necessary to restore the Guard to their former activity by offering incentive and rewards for good behaviour and activity.

The Blue Guard Corps

2. It is necessary to reform the Blue Guard from an independent Household Division simply split between different Regiments for administrative purposes. It may be vital to reform the administration of the Guard to function as if it was one united regimental tag, though still dispersed. The new organisational chart is the transformation of the Household Division to the newly formed Blue Guard Corps is below:



The leader of the Blue Guard Corps will be as is tradition and custom the Major-General of the Blue Guard Corps, also known as the Imperial Guard Corps. This position will be appointed by the Emperor himself. The Major General will then appoint two staff officers to assist him and his Guard - the Adjutants of the Infantry and the Cavalry. These positions are in charge of logistics of their respective commands. The Adjutant of the Infantry is in charge of ensuring all Guards are properly kitted out with the uniform, with extra equipment, and more. The Adjutant of the Cavalry makes sure all Horse Guards are mounted with the same horse on all games, properly equipped, and more.

There is also the introduction of the Battalion Major - an honorary position for each Guard Battalion. It is customary for the Battalion to appoint a Battalion Major from the Peerage or for old veterans of the Guard. The Major has official authority over the Battalion, but custom dictates this is delegated to the Battalion Ensign and the Major only involves him/herself in administrative affairs. The rest of the Battalion structure remains as follows.

The Imperial Guard Infantry Regiment

- 3. The Imperial Guard Infantry Regiment will consist of the No.1 and No.3 Grenadier Guards and the No.2 and No.5 Foot Guard Battalions. The Foot and Grenadier Guards will consist of bright blue uniforms with golden epaulettes and piping. Each Grenadier and Foot Guard must have and do the following:
 - Have both the No.2 (Grey) and No.3 (Guard) uniforms,
 - Have the necessary epaulettes and the Bobby Hat,
 - Have a realistic looking mount (an actual horse, not another animal)
 - Put the Guard Battalion and the Battalion motto in your status,
 - And have a tag in the Guard tag.

Foot and Grenadier Guards will consist of household guarding, Guard specialty training, and guarding His Imperial Majesty and who he deems necessary only. The only households which will be guarded are found on the Imperial House of Vasa website. All Foot and Grenadier Guards will be given 100 Saros per hour of guarding property should it be properly reported. There shall exist two Guard only trainings per week, to be decided by the Ensign. Failure to conduct the Guard trainings will result in a 500 Saro deduction to all Guards of the Battalion.

The Life Guard Regiment of Horse Guards

4. The Imperial Guard Infantry Regiment will consist of the No.4 Horse Guards and the No.6 Horse Guards Battalion. The Horse Guards will have cuirass chest plates over top of their guard uniform and helmets. The No.6 Horse Guards will have orange plumes and the No.4 Horse Guards will have blue plumes.

Every Horse Guard must have and do the following:

- Have both the No.2 (Grey) and No.3 (Horse Guard) uniforms,
- Have the necessary epaulettes and the horse guard hat,
- Have a realistic looking mount (it is highly recommended to purchase a Castle mount for Graal)
- Put the Guard Battalion and the Battalion motto in your status,
- And have a tag in the Guard tag.

Horse Guards will consist of household guarding, Guard specialty training, and VIP escort for His Imperial Majesty, his wife and his sons. The only households which will be guarded are found on the Imperial House of Vasa website. Horse Guards will be given 100 Saros per hour of guarding property should it be properly reported. There shall exist two Guard only trainings per week, to be decided by the Ensign. Failure to conduct the Guard trainings will result in a 500 Saro deduction to all Guards of the Battalion.

Ceremonial Role in the Imperial Army

5. The Blue Guard Corps will remain a capable fighting force, but it is also necessary that it serves its role as a ceremonial mouthpiece to the Sarovian population as well as foreigners. It is therefore necessary for the Guard to look as professional and as smart as possible. This is done by enforcing strict and proper statuses, proper spelling/punctuation, as well as a constant public presence. It is mandated that once a week each Guard battalion will engage in public duties in their No.3 uniform, such as a recruitment rally, a public drill performance, and/or anything else approved by the Major-General and/or His Imperial Majesty.

Elite Role in the Imperial Army

6. The Blue Guard Corps will remain a capable fighting force and as such be seen as the elite of the Sarovian peoples. As such, sufficient combat skill is absolutely necessary to allow the Guard to adequately defend the many attempts on His Imperial Majesty's life. It is therefore mandated that there be at least one combat training per week per Guard battalion which must consist of the attendance of 4 Guards or more.

Perks and Benefits of the Guard

- 7. The Blue Guard Corps, in order to increase attraction, retention and recruitment, will offer the following perks and benefits to members within its ranks:
 - A 100 Saro bonus per month for all members of the Blue Guard,
 - 100 Saro bonus per hour of guarding authorised property,
 - Increased likelihood of civil side promotions and positions (See here.)
 - The ability to speak one on one with His Imperial Majesty and express complaints freely without reprisal,
 - All Guards may command non-Guards of the same rank.