

The Charter of the Barony of Brendoken

PREAMBLE: To all good gentlefolk of the Knowne World, greetings. We, Alexander of Hawkwood and Catriona nicHugh Mclae, Premier Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Brendoken, right mindful of the desire of our people to better order the affairs of this land, do hereby summon all to hear these words, which we declare to be our true will, in accordance with the will of Their Majesties of the Middle Kingdom.

SECTION ONE: We hold these lands as a Landed Barony of the Society for Creative Anachronism, in fiefdom to Their Majesties of the Midrealm. The name of this Barony shall be Brendoken, to include the Marches of Alderford, Gwyntarian, Thistle and Three Towers. In common parlance, this shall be understood to encompass in the State of Ohio the Counties of Ashland, Carroll, Crawford, Holmes, Medina, Morrow, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit and Tuscarawas and Wayne.

SECTION TWO: As this Barony is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, we are mindful of the responsibilities incumbent upon us toward the Society as a whole. As such, we freely acknowledge that we and all our people are subject to all relevant regulations and laws of the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Middle Kingdom; and that in the event of conflict, Society rulings supersede Kingdom. Furthermore, we also acknowledge our responsibilities to civil authority, and recognize that civil law shall supersede both Society and Kingdom. We also are mindful of our responsibility to the groups within the Barony. They are now, and ever shall be, equal in precedence within our Barony.

SECTION THREE: To better organize activities within our lands, The Society for Creative Anachronism requires that certain offices be established to assist us. As per Middle Kingdom policy, these offices are: Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, and *any other officer warranted by Kingdom*. Other offices may be created by the Barony, pursuant to Society and Kingdom policy. All officers will discharge the duties of their office as per the handbook for the office, and shall be responsible to the Seneschal of the Barony and to their regional and Kingdom superiors. These officers are to seek out their local equivalent officers in order to maintain communication including report information.

Officers of the Barony are expected to attend at least one meeting per quarter. If they are unable to do so, a Deputy Officer may attend in

their stead. Barring this, they must contact the Baronial Seneschal and report on the status of their office. If an officer is lax in this requirement for more than six consecutive months, this will be considered cause for replacement. An officer may be recommended to their superiors for removal if a majority of the other officers believes it to be in the best interest of the group as a whole.

SECTION FOUR: The Barony will adopt a financial policy in accordance with the rules of the SCA and the Middle Kingdom. The Barony will also maintain a policy for proposing and conducting events sponsored by the Barony. A committee of at least five members of the populace to include at least one Baronial officer will be required to change either of the policy documents.

SECTION FIVE: In addition to supporting local group events, we shall endorse the creation of Baronial events. A Baronial event shall include activities that will benefit the Barony as a whole. To hold a Baronial event, a written proposal is required and must be submitted in accordance with the event proposal policy of the Barony. Approval of the event will be made by the Baronial Seneschal in conjunction with the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) after taking counsel from the populace. The distribution of net profits and losses from a Baronial event shall be stipulated in advance as part of the event proposal.

SECTION SIX: It is our resolve that there shall be at least one Baronial meeting per quarter. These meetings shall be announced in advance in accordance with SCA policies for such announcements. This stipulation in no way limits the number of meetings to four per year.

SECTION SEVEN: We agree that the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall have terms in their office of *up to 5 years, then poll again if desired per ARTICLE XV of Midrealm law*. We strongly urge that Baronial officers be held to the general Kingdom practice of three year terms in office, with an option for yearly extensions, should the concerned individuals be willing.

SECTION EIGHT: Champions may compete in multiple championships but they may only hold one championship at a time. If they compete in and win more than one in any calendar year, they may choose which championship to accept, and the runners up in the other contests will become champion. This policy may be waived at the discretion of the Baron(s) and Baroness(es).

SECTION NINE: It is recognized that as our community grows and develops, circumstances may warrant changes to this charter. Be it enacted, therefore, that changes can be brought up for discussion and possible action at Baronial meetings at which the Baron and/or Baroness are present. In such instances, changes to the charter will be made by the Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) with consultation from the baronial officers and representatives of the populace. Be it further enacted that a complete review of the Charter is required upon the succession to the Baronial Seat.

May all approach, and bear witness therefore, to the setting of our hand and seal to this, Our Great Charter of the Barony of Brendoken, Done this 21st day of February, Anno Societatis 38, at the Masque of Courtly Love in the Marche of Alderford.

Amended this 7th day of March, Anno Societatus 44, by Einar Blakkar and Maerwynn of Warwick the 2nd Baron and Baroness with the assent of the officers and populace.

Affirmed with housekeeping on this 6th day of April, Anno Sosciatus 48, by John Roslyn the Ox and Cerridwen verch Ioreword, 3rd Baron and Baroness of Brendoken, with the assent of the officers and populace.