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Article I. Defined Arms and Borders of the Barony of Fenix

Section 1.01 Baronial Arms: The Arms of the Barony of Fenix shall be as registered with the with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, here blazoned: Per chevron engrailed Or and vert, two laurel wreaths and a phoenix counterchanged.

Section 1.02 Use of Baronial Arms: The Arms of the Barony of Fenix may only be borne by the Coronet or by express permission of the Coronet.

Section 1.03 Territory: The Barony of Fenix shall hold those lands given to the Barony in fief from the Crown. A list of those lands, designated by modern zip codes, is found on the Middle Kingdom website.

Article II. Powers and Duties of the Coronet

Section 2.01 Definition of Coronet: The Barons and/or Baronesses of the Barony of Fenix, hereinafter referred to as the Coronet, shall reign in fief to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom over these lands in accordance with this charter, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 2.02 Scope of Powers and Responsibility: The powers and responsibilities of the Coronet shall extend only to the affairs of the Barony, not extending to the modern era. Any inconsistency or ambiguity of application of this charter shall be clarified in discussion between the Coronet and Seneschal.

Section 2.03 Amendments to the Baronial Charter: Amendments to the Baronial Charter shall be accomplished by two-thirds majority of total votes received, either in person or by proxy. Proposed amendments must be published via the newsletter and announced in a business meeting at least one month prior to the vote on the amendment. Excepted are the Charters for Baronial Honors, which are the sole province of the Baron/Baroness as the duly appointed representatives of the Crown.

Subsection 2.03.01: The Financial Committee (see Section 4.03 Finance) shall review any Kingdom law changes and propose updates to the Charter as needed.

Section 2.04 Proclamations: The Coronet shall have the power to declare proclamations as it so chooses. Such proclamations shall have the force of law and shall be in effect only for the duration of the reign or a year and a day, whichever is less. These proclamations must be publicly proclaimed at Court and officially published before taking effect. Such proclamations cannot be contrary to this charter, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, or the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 2.05 Court: The Baronial Herald or a delegate chosen by the Coronet shall be at the side of the Coronet at all times when Court is being conducted.

Section 2.06 Court reports: The Coronet shall report all awards given at Baronial Courts to the Baronial Herald. The Coronet may delegate this responsibility as it sees fit, but retains ultimate responsibility. These awards must be officially published as per Article IV, Section 4.01. The Baronial Herald shall maintain a historic record of recipients.

Section 2.07 Term limits: No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as Baron/Baroness, except in extenuating circumstances. In accordance with Corpora and Kingdom Law, a poll shall be conducted every three to five years from the investiture of the Coronet confirming or replacing the Coronet or as needed if a Coronet is unable to complete their term.

Section 2.08 Ceremonial Actions: Any ceremonial actions taken in the name of the “Barony of Fenix” and the use of the Baronial Arms and Regalia must be approved by the Baron/Baroness. Traditionally, the Baronial Arms are only borne by the Baron/Baroness and their herald.

Article III: Baronial Officers

Section 3.01 Officers: The Barony shall maintain, at a minimum, the Officers required by Kingdom Law. Additional officers and deputies may be filled as Baronial needs change. In keeping with Kingdom Law and Corpora, the Baronial Officers report to and are answerable to their Regional and Kingdom superiors, but are expected to work with and show due respect for the Baron/Baroness as duly appointed representatives of the Crown. The Baron/Baroness may advise Regional/Kingdom Officers regarding the performance and selection of the Baronial Officers.

Section 3.02 New Officer Appointment: Nomination of Officers must be announced a minimum of one month in advance of the selection of the Officer.

Section 3.03 Selection of Officers: Officer selections and discussions regarding candidates shall take place while the candidate is absent. Officers will be selected by a simple majority of the votes received, either in person or by proxy, at the meeting the selection takes place.

Section 3.04 Removal of officers: Removal of any Baronial Officer must follow Kingdom Law.

Section 3.05 Officers' duties: Baronial Officers shall report at every business meeting. Reports can be in person, in writing, or by phone or recorded video. The Baron/Baroness may recommend to the appropriate Regional/Kingdom superior that a Baronial Officer be suspended or removed for failure to report for 2 consecutive months.

Section 3.06 Records: All Officers shall maintain records in accordance with Kingdom Law.

Section 3.07 Term Duration: Baronial Officers will serve a two-year term, and this term may be extended for one year. The total term of office shall not exceed three years, except in extenuating circumstances.

Section 3.08 Resignation: Resignation from baronial office is without prejudice. All change of officer forms must be turned in to all recipients as per kingdom law.

Article IV. Baronial Policies and Procedures

Section 4.01 Definition of Officially Published: Any reference in this document where something must be “officially published” means published on the Baronial Website. Additional official publications can include the Baronial Newsletter (currently an online version of the Flammeus Alles) or other venue as determined by the Coronet that can be made available to anyone as allowed by the SCA, Inc.

Section 4.02 Voting and Consensus: The format (show of hand, ballot, etc.) for votes/consensus shall be determined by the Baronial Seneschal except where otherwise indicated. Proxy votes are permitted and shall be in writing or sent by email and tabulated by the Baronial Seneschal or designee.

Section 4.03 Finance: There shall exist within the Barony a Financial Committee. The Financial Committee will consist of the Baron/Baroness, Baronial Exchequer, and Baronial Seneschal. The Baron/Baroness shall have one combined vote on this committee.

Subsection 4.03.01: The Financial Committee shall review bid(s) for events and approve or return bids to sender based on the financial merits of the bid. Bids returned to the sender will include explanation of reasons for return and alternative suggestions.

Subsection 4.03.02: The Financial Committee will review all requests for capital expenditures and event bids. Approved requests/bids for over \$60 will be presented to the Barony for approval as described herein.

Subsection 4.03.03: Monies collected at any Baronial activity will be collected by the person in charge of the activity and then given to the Baronial Exchequer at the earliest available opportunity. The person in charge of the activity will independently report to the Seneschal the amount of funds and date the funds were given to the Exchequer.

Subsection 4.03.04: Non-event related capital expenditures (i.e. purchase of new Baronial property or maintenance of existing Baronial property) shall be presented to the Barony one month in advance of the business meeting where the expense is voted upon by the

membership of the Barony, except in extenuating circumstances, or as otherwise described herein.

Subsection 4.03.05: There may exist an event-specific staff position called the “Controller” for any Kingdom level events held by the Barony. The Financial Committee shall determine if such a position is deemed necessary for said event. The Controller is responsible for reviewing all expenditures for the event. The Controller will ensure expenditures are within the approved monetary limits and categories. The Controller is answerable to the Autocrat and Seneschal. The Controller will not be an Exchequer.

Article V. Events

Section 5.01 Event Bid Approvals: Event bids approved by the Financial Committee will be presented to the Barony at a business meeting at least one month in advance of the business meeting where the event is voted upon by the membership of the Barony, except in extenuating circumstances.

Section 5.02 Event Bid Details: All details of event bids presented to the Barony will be included in the ‘New Business’ section of the business meeting minutes from the meeting where the event was presented to the Barony, except in extenuating circumstances.

Article VI. Champions of the Barony of Fenix

Section 6.01 Duties: The Duties of the Baronial Champions are as follows:

- a. To represent the honor of the Barony in their respective fields of endeavor,
- b. To issue and answer all challenges in the name of the Barony,
- c. To provide escort to the Coronet during Courts,
- d. To give counsel and advice to the Coronet according to their knowledge and abilities,
- e. To foster the practice of their activity in the Barony

Section 6.02 Restrictions: Persons in charge of competitions for Baronial Championships may participate in the activity they are supervising but may not be eligible for the Championship title.

Section 6.03 Determination of Champions: Champions shall be determined annually by the Coronet. The format of the competitions shall be at the discretion of the Coronet.

Section 6.04 List of Champion Positions: The Coronet shall select individuals to fill each of the following positions providing there is participation in the area designated. Others may be determined by the Coronet.

- Armored
- Rapier
- Thrown Weapons
- Gaming
- Bardic
- Archery
- Equestrian
- Arts & Sciences
- Youth Arts & Sciences
- Armored Youth

Article VII. Baronial Events

Section 7.01 Kingdom Calendar Events: Kingdom Calendar Events are ones that are published in the Pale with an anticipation of attendance throughout the Region or Kingdom. Demos, as defined in the Midrealm Demo Policy, are exempted from this definition. The Barony shall hold a maximum of three (3) Kingdom Calendar Events per calendar year.

Section 7.02 Local Events: Local events are those which do not meet either the criteria of a Kingdom Calendar Event as defined in Article VII, Section 7.01 or a Demo as defined in the Midrealm Demo Policy. The Barony may hold Local Events during the year with the approval of the Financial Committee and a majority vote at the business meeting.

Article VIII. Baronial Website

Section 8.01 Announcements: All announcements regarding the state, status or business of the Barony will be posted on the Baronial website by the Baronial Web Minister.

Section 8.02 Baronial Events: Information and details for all approved Baronial events will be posted on the Baronial website by the Baronial Web Minister, except in extenuating circumstances.

Section 8.03 Meeting Minutes: All minutes from Baronial business meetings will be posted on the Baronial website, by the Baronial Web Minister, within 72 hours of the receipt of the meeting notes from the Baronial Chronicler, except in extenuating circumstances.

Section 8.04 Newsletter: The Baronial newsletter will be posted to the Baronial website by the Baronial Web Minister each calendar quarter, except in extenuating circumstances.

Section 8.05 Corrections Needed: Any member of the Barony may bring any incorrect information, outdated content or suggestions for improvements to the attention of the Baronial Web Minister.

Article IX. Procedures for the Purging of Baronial Property

Section 9.01 Requesting a Purge: The barony holds many property items in the care of the Chamberlain, also known as the Quartermaster. There may come a time when an item becomes broken or is no longer needed by the barony at large. After looking through the chamberlain's itemized list of baronial property, any baronial member in good standing can request an item be purged from the baronial stores at a baronial business meeting.

Section 9.02 Options for Purged Property: There can be several options for that piece of purged property: a baronial member may request it, it can be donated, it can be sold, or it can be thrown away.

Section 9.03 Voting: A discussion will be held at the baronial business meeting concerning which of the four options would be the best for the piece of property. A vote at the next month's baronial meeting will determine what will ultimately be done. The vote must be announced in the baronial meeting minutes.

Article X. Orders and Awards

Section 10.01 Baronial Arms: There exists awards and formal recognitions within the Barony. It is the sole right of the Coronet to bestow these awards.

Section 10.02 Baronial Order of Precedence: The Baronial Order of Precedence shall be as follows:

1. Order of the Fenix Crest
2. Award of the Fenix Heart
3. Baroness' Favor
4. Baron's Sigil
5. Risen Fenix
6. Company of the Fenix
7. Award of the Fenix Flock
8. Award of the Golden Feather
9. Pin Feather

Section 10.03 Order of the Fenix Crest:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an order into which the Coronet may elevate such persons as it sees fit. The order shall be referred to as the Order of the Fenix Crest.
- The Fenix Crest shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Coronet, have rendered service far beyond that normally expected of subjects of the Barony and over an extended period of time.
- The Fenix Crest is traditionally given only once per year after consultation with existing members of the order.
- Recipients of the Fenix Crest may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The membership in this order confers the privilege of sitting on the Council of Elders.

Section 10.04 Fenix Heart:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Coronet may bestow as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Fenix Heart.
- The award shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Coronet, have displayed many years of extraordinary service to the Barony of Fenix.
- Recipients of the Fenix Heart may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The Award of the Fenix Heart is depicted by an enflamed heart over top a Fenix.

Section 10.05 Baroness' Favor:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Baroness may bestow as she sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of [Name of the Baroness'] Favor.
- The award shall be given to individuals or groups who, in the sight of the Baroness, have displayed outstanding chivalry or courtesy.
- The award may be given more than once by successive Baronesses.
- Recipients of the Favor may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The award of the Favor is depicted by a favor bearing or a chord tied in a donnelly knot, in honor of the Founding Baroness of Fenix, Edana Donnelly.

Section 10.06 Baron's Sigil

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Baron may bestow as he sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of [Name of the Baron's] Sigil.
- The award shall be given to individuals or groups who, in the sight of the Baron, have displayed outstanding nobility and wisdom.
- The award may be given more than once by successive Barons.
- Recipients of the Favor may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The award of the Favor is depicted by an estuchion fieldless; within, the first letter of the Baron's name.

Section 10.07 Risen Fenix

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Coronet may bestow as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Risen Fenix.
- The award shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Coronet, have displayed continuing martial skill/contributions or service or art/science skill/contributions. The award may be given more than once, but only once per area of achievement.
- Recipients of the Risen Fenix may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The award of the Risen Fenix is depicted by a phoenix head with a red eye for martial skill/contributions, a purple eye for service, and a green eye for arts/science skill/contributions.

Section 10.08 Company of the Fenix:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an order into which the Coronet may elevate such persons as it sees fit. The order shall be referred to as the Company of Fenix.
- The order shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Coronet, have displayed continuing martial skill and contributions to the Barony in those martial arts recognized by the Society.
 - o Those persons who were formerly members of the Fenix Fighting Force and the Baroness' Own Company of Archers are granted membership in this order.
 - o There shall exist within the Company of Fenix the Cadre. The Cadre of the Company of Fenix are the senior members of the order recognized for their leadership and teaching in their respective martial arts.
 - o There shall exist within the Company of Fenix the Cadet Corps. The Cadet Corps of the Company of Fenix are the children of the order recognized for their leadership and teaching in their respective martial arts.
- Companions of the Company of Fenix may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- Membership in the Company of Fenix/Fenix Fighting Force/Baroness' Own Company of Archers is depicted by a green and gold braided cord.

Section 10.09 Award of the Fenix Flock:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Coronet may bestow as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Fenix Flock.
- The award shall be given to a group, including households, who, in the sight of the Coronet, have made contributions to the Barony in a given area for the betterment of the Barony, Kingdom, or Society.
- The Award may be given more than once.
- Recipients of the Fenix Flock may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.

Section 10.10 Award of the Golden Feather:

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Coronet may bestow as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Golden Feather.
- The award shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Coronet, have committed a noteworthy act of merit for the betterment of the Barony, Kingdom, or Society.
- The Award may be given more than once.
- Recipients of the Golden Feather may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.
- The award of the Golden Feather is depicted by a golden feather token.

Section 10.11 Pin Feather

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fenix an award which the Coronet may bestow as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the award of the Pinfeather.
- The award shall be given to individual children in the Barony who, in the sight of the Coronet, has given service for the betterment of the Barony, Kingdom, or Society.
- The Award may be given more than once.
- Recipients of the Pinfeather may bear the badge emblazoned as registered with the College of Arms.