

# PLEASE NOTE: Proposed changes are highlighted in **GREEN**, and the change itself has been underlined.

Here is the Charter for the Barony of the Flame, Last Revision April 2013

**Overall proposed change: capitalize Barony, Baronial, Kingdom, and Crown.**

**Overall proposed change: decide if subsections are a., (a), or A.**

## **Article I. Defined Arms of the Barony of the Flame**

**Section 1.01** The Arms of the Barony of The Flame shall be as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, here blazoned.

Flame, Barony of the; registered Feb 1983 via the Middle Kingdom; Device:  
Sable, a wavy-bladed sword gules, hilted and the blade enflamed, in base  
a laurel wreath Or.

**Section 1.02** The Badge of the Barony of the Flame shall be defined as:  
Sable, a wavy-bladed sword gules, hilted and the blade enflamed Or

**Section 1.03** The Barony of The Flame shall include the territory covered by the following ZIP Codes:

47104, 47106, 47111, 47119, 47122, 47124, 47126, 47129, 47130, 47131, 47132, 47133, 47134, 47141, 47143, 47144, 47146, 47147, 47150, 47151, 47162, 47163, 47172, 47177, 47190, 47199, 40003, 40004, 40006, 40007, 40008, 40009, 40010, 40011, 40012, 40013, 40014, 40018, 40019, 40020, 40022, 40023, 40025, 40026, 40027, 40031, 40032, 40033, 40036, 40037, 40040, 40041, 40045, 40046, 40047, 40048, 40049, 40050, 40051, 40052, 40055, 40056, 40057, 40058, 40059, 40060, 40061, 40062, 40063, 40065, 40066, 40067, 40068, 40069, 40070, 40071, 40075, 40076, 40104, 40108, 40109, 40110, 40111, 40115, 40117, 40118, 40119, 40121, 40140, 40142, 40143, 40144, 40145, 40146, 40150, 40152, 40153, 40155, 40157, 40159, 40160, 40161, 40162, 40164, 40165, 40170, 40171, 40175, 40176, 40177, 40178, 40201, 40202, 40203, 40204, 40205, 40206, 40207, 40208, 40209, 40210, 40211, 40212, 40213, 40214,, 40215, 40216, 40219, 40220, 40221, 40222, 40223, 40224, 40225, 40228, 40229, 40231, 40232,, 40233, 40241, 40242, 40243, 40245, 40250, 40251, 40252, 40253, 40255, 40256, 40257, 40258, 40259, 40261, 40266, 40268, 40269, 40270, 40272, 40280, 40281, 40282, 40283, 40285, 40287, 40289, 40290, 40291, 40292, 40293, 40294, 40295, 40296, 40297, 40298, 40299, 40328, 41008, 41045, 41046, 41083, 41086, 41095, 41098, 42124, 42129, 42133, 42140, 42151, 42154, 42157, 42166, 42167, 42214, 42701, 42702, 42711, 42712, 42713, 42715, 42716, 42717, 42718, 42719, 42720, 42721, 42722,, 42724, 42726, 42728, 42729, 42731, 42732, 42733, 42735, 42740, 42741, 42742, 42743, 42746, 42748, 42749, 42753, 42754, 42755, 42757, 42758, 42759, 42761, 42762, 42764, 42765, 42776, 42782, 42783, 42784, 42786, 42788.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 1.03 needs to have commas removed/added to clean up the list, and the zip codes need to be reviewed for accuracy, as some might be missing (ex. 40218).**

## **Article II: Powers and Duties of the Baron and Baroness**

**Section 2.01** The Baron and/or Baroness of the Barony of the Flame shall be considered individuals even if the persons are married to each other. The Baron and the Baroness may also be referred to as the Baronial Seat, shall reign in fief to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Section 2.02** The Baron shall be in attendance at least five (5) business meeting per calendar year. Likewise the Baroness shall attend at least five (5) business meetings per year. They may or may not be the same meetings.

**Section 2.03** The Baronial Seat shall hold a minimum of one (1) court per calendar year.

**Section 2.04** They may appoint Ambassadors or other ceremonial positions, including champions.

**Section 2.05** They will swear fealty annually to the crown.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 2.05** They will reaffirm their fealty in person to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom (or the Crown's appointed representative) at least once per reign, as per Kingdom law.

**Section 2.06** They may entreaty with other local groups to alliances during times of war.

**Section 2.07** They must make every reasonable attempt to attend events within their Barony.

**Section 2.08** The shall have the right to bestow Baronial awards as they see fit, and hold regency courts, if the Crown wishes.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 2.08** They shall have the right to bestow Baronial awards as they see fit, and hold regency courts, if the Crown wishes.

**Section 2.09** They will make a report to the Crown, in writing, once per reign, per the laws of the Middle Kingdom.

**Section 2.10** Submit a signed statement to the Registrar pledging to support and abide by this Charter. This statement must be witnessed by the Seneschal and two other Baronial officers.

**Clarification needed: Define "Registrar".**

**Section 2.11** The Barony understands that meeting and event attendance is subject to temporary emergencies, i.e. health, job, car etc..

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### **Article III: Appointment, Resignation, and Removal of the Baron and/or Baroness**

**Section 3.01** The office of Territorial Baron and/or Baroness shall be for a term of 5 (five) years. They are eligible for one (1) additional term and may serve if a poll of confidence of the Barony shows support for them. After a second term, the individuals are eligible for future terms, but the full polling process must be followed. The Baron and/or Baroness must sit out a 5 (five) year term after two consecutive terms.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 3.01** The office of Territorial Baron and/or Baroness shall be for a term of 5 (five) years, as per Kingdom law. They are eligible for one (1) additional term and may serve if a poll of confidence of the Barony shows support for them. After a second term, the individuals are eligible for future terms, but the full polling process must be followed. The Baron and/or Baroness must sit out a 5 (five) year term after two consecutive terms.

**Section 3.02** Each candidate must possess at the time of the initial polling, and maintain throughout the entire warrant period, a valid SCA membership which meets the criteria of Copora Bylaws.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 3.02** Each candidate must possess at the time of the initial polling, and maintain throughout the entire warrant period, a valid SCA membership which meets the criteria of the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Section 3.03** If the Baron and/or Baroness fail to meet the requirements set down in Section 2 and Section 6 of this article, the Barony can call for a vote of confidence. If the vote of confidence is negative, then a petition can be circulated and a letter requesting removal can be sent to the Crown.

a. If only one member of the Baronial Seat is removed or resigns, the crown decides if the other member may fulfill the term of office alone.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 3.03** If the Baron and/or Baroness fail to meet the requirements set down in this Charter, the Baronial Officers can call for a vote of confidence. If the vote of confidence is negative, then a petition can be circulated and a letter requesting removal can be sent to the Crown.

**Section 3.03(a).** If only one member of the Baronial Seat is removed or resigns, the Crown decides if the other member may fulfill the term of office alone.

**Section 3.04** The Crown may suspend and/or remove a Baron and/or Baroness for just and stated cause.

**Section 3.05** Upon the resignation or removal of the Baron and/or Baroness the Barony is required to follow polling procedures as set down in Section 6.06 in order to replace either person.

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**Section 3.06** Polling and Election Processes

Polling and the Election process shall be followed by the laws and regulations of the Middle Kingdom.

#### **Article IV: Baronial Officers**

**Section 4.01** The Great Officers of the Barony, as required by Kingdom Law, are Seneschal, Herald, Exchequer, Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chronicler.

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**Section 4.02** All great officers of the barony shall report to their superiors by the kingdom mandated dates.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 4.02** All Great Officers of the Barony shall report to their superiors by the Kingdom mandated dates.

**Section 4.03** Lesser Officers of the Barony shall include: Rapier Marshal, Archery Marshal, List Mistress, Chirurgeon, and Chatelaine.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 4.03** Lesser Officers of the Barony shall include: Rapier Marshal, Archery Marshal, List Mistress, Chatelaine, Minister of Youth, and Webminister. (Remove Chirurgeon)

**Section 4.04** in order to be eligible to hold Baronial office the following qualifications must be met:

- A. The candidate must reside within the confines of the Barony or obtain a waiver from his/hers superior.
- B. Be a member in good standing of SCA Inc., and pledge to support Corpora, Kingdom Law, and abide by this charter. This statement will be witnessed by the Seneschal and two other baronial officers at the time the Change of Officer form is filled out.
- C. Candidates are also encouraged to publicly declare their candidacy
- D. Must be willing and able to report to their superiors in a timely fashion.
- E. Are strongly encouraged to hold office no less than 2 years.
- F. All baronial officers are required to have a stable mailing address, email access and reliable telephone access.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 4.04** In order to be eligible to hold Baronial office the following qualifications must be met:

- (a) The candidate must reside within the confines of the Barony or obtain a waiver from their superior.
- (b) The candidate must be a member in good standing of SCA Inc. for the duration of their position, and pledge to support Corpora, Kingdom Law, and abide by this Charter. This statement will be witnessed by the Seneschal and two other Baronial officers at the time the Change of Officer form is filled out.
- (c) The candidate must be warranted in their office if required by Kingdom Law.

- (d) Candidates are also encouraged to publicly declare their candidacy. (Add period)
- (e) The candidate must be willing and able to report to their superiors in a timely fashion.
- (f) Candidates are strongly encouraged to hold office no less than 2 years.
- (g) All Baronial officers are required to have a stable mailing address, email access and reliable telephone access.

## **Article V: Greater Officer Duties**

**Section 5.01** All Great Officers of the Barony shall be empowered to appoint such assistants in office as are needful to the effective performance of the duties of that office.

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These deputy officers serve as any combination of the following:

- A) Assistants in day to day responsibilities
- B) Backup, for when the officer cannot be present
- C) A replacement "in training"

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(edit section letters for consistency)

Should a deputy be required to take over in a "drop dead" situation, they would be expected to fulfill the job responsibilities for three months. In the first month the office vacancy would be announced, and nominations declared. The elections would be held in the second and third month, with the permanent replacement determined in the third month.

**Section 5.02** There shall be maintained a permanent record of all correspondence and activities carried on in the performance of the duties of each office, the same record to be subject to examination by any member, with cause, of the Barony and further subject to be turned over to any successors in the office.

**Section 5.03** All officers shall make every reasonable attempt to attend Baronial events. Officers are responsible for overseeing all official activities that fall within their area in person or their appointed representative.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 5.03** All officers shall make every reasonable attempt to attend Baronial events. Officers are responsible for overseeing all official activities that fall within their area in person. Officers shall appoint a representative to oversee official event activities if the Officer cannot attend the event.

**Section 5.04** The Baronial Seneschal shall act as legal representative in accordance with the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Section 5.05** The Baronial Herald shall act as the voice of the Baronial Seat and if necessary the voice of the Crown in making proclamations of the Baronial Seat in accordance with the Charter, the law of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Herald shall also lend assistance as needed to the populace to create and submit their heraldic device and persona name.

**Proposed change:**

**Section 5.05** The Baronial Herald shall act as the voice of the Baronial Seat and, if necessary, the voice of the Crown in making proclamations of the Baronial Seat in accordance with this Charter, the law of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Herald shall also lend assistance as needed to the populace to create and submit their heraldic device and persona name.

**Section 5.06** The Baronial Exchequer shall submit an income and expense report to the Barony at least once a year in accordance with the Charter, Laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Exchequer shall report the baronial balance at monthly meetings.

Proposed change:

**Section 5.06** The Baronial Exchequer shall submit an income and expense report to the Barony at least once a year in accordance with this Charter, laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Exchequer shall report the Baronial balance at Baronial meetings.

**Section 5.07** The Baronial Knight Marshal shall make every effort to promote the safe and orderly conduct of armored combat on the Lists of the Barony in accordance with the Rules of the List, the conventions of the Middle Kingdom, and in accordance with the Charter and the Corpora of the Middle Kingdom.

Proposed change:

**Section 5.07** The Baronial Knight Marshal shall make every effort to promote the safe and orderly conduct of armored combat on the Lists of the Barony in accordance with the Rules of the List, the conventions of the Middle Kingdom, and in accordance with this Charter and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Section 5.08** The Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences shall have the responsibility for the encouragement and organization of the study and practice of the peaceful Arts and Sciences with in the Barony, and for the maintenance of records of research in these arts and sciences in accordance with the Charter, laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

**Section 5.08(a)** The Baronial Knight Marshal, Baronial Archery Marshal, and the Baronial Rapier Marshal shall be responsible for the proper training and conduct of all participants and prospective participants of the Barony, in their respective areas, and shall develop a positive program and be ultimately responsible for the attainments of this end.

Proposed change:

Renumber to **Section 5.07(a)**, as that is a more relevant location for this.

**Section 5.09** The Baronial Chronicler shall have the responsibility for publishing and distributing The Flame publication "Flamberg" hereafter referred to as The Flamberg, the official newsletter of the Barony of the Flame, on a regular schedule. The Chronicler shall print all public announcements and report news therein in accordance with the By-Laws, the Laws of the Middle Kingdom and the Corpora of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc.

(a) The Flamberg shall be published on a quarterly basis. The deadline for submissions is at the discretion of the Chronicler.

Proposed change:

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**Section 5.09(a)** The Flamberg shall be published on a quarterly basis. The deadline for submissions is at the discretion of the Chronicler.

## **Article VI: Lesser Officers**

Proposed change:

### **Article VI: Lesser Officer Duties**

**Section 6.01** The Lesser Officers All Lesser Officers shall be appointed or removed from office under signed warrant by their respective superiors.

Proposed change:

**Section 6.01** All Lesser Officers shall be appointed or removed from office under signed warrant by their respective superiors. (Remove "The Lesser Officers")

**Section 6.02** The Baronial Rapier Marshal, a deputy to the Knight's Marshal, shall coordinate all period fencing activities within the Barony. The Rapier Marshal shall be responsible for all required paperwork pertaining to period fencing. The authority of the Rapier Marshal shall not extend to other forms of combat.

Proposed change:

**Section 6.02** The Baronial Rapier Marshal, a deputy to the Knight's Marshal, shall coordinate all period fencing activities, as permitted within the rules of the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Middle Kingdom, within the Barony. The Rapier Marshal shall be responsible for all required paperwork pertaining to such fencing. The authority of the Rapier Marshal shall not extend to other forms of combat.

**Section 6.03** The Baronial Archery Marshal, a deputy to the Knight's Marshal, shall coordinate all archery and missile activities within the Barony. The Baronial Archery Marshal shall be responsible for all required paperwork pertaining to archery and related activities. The authority of the Baronial Archery Marshal shall not extend to other forms of combat.

Proposed change:

**Section 6.03** The Baronial Archery Marshal, a deputy to the Knight's Marshal, shall coordinate all archery and missile activities within the Barony, as permitted within the rules of the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Middle Kingdom. The Baronial Archery Marshal shall be responsible for all required paperwork pertaining to archery and related activities. The authority of the Baronial Archery Marshal shall not extend to other forms of combat.

**Section 6.04** The Baronial Chatelaine, a deputy of the Seneschal, shall be responsible for the introduction, and education of the new and prospective members in the culture, customs and courtesies of the Society. The baronial chatelaine is responsible for the maintenance and storage of the gold key.

Proposed change:

**Section 6.04** The Baronial Chatelaine, a deputy of the Seneschal, shall be responsible for the introduction and education of the new and prospective members in the culture, customs and courtesies of the Society. The Baronial Chatelaine is responsible for the maintenance and storage of the gold key.

**Section 6.05** The Baronial Chirurgeon, a deputy to the Seneschal, shall be responsible for training Chirurgeons within the Barony, and organizing Chirurgeon activities for Baronial events according to the Corpora of the SCA, the Laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Chirurgeon's Handbook.

Proposed change:

Remove this section, as Chirurgeon is no longer an SCA office.

**Section 6.06** The Baronial Webminister, a deputy to the Chronicler, shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Baronial official Internet presence, including but not limited to the email mailing list, the Baronial webpage, Facebook account, and any other internet presence created in the future, pursuant to the guidelines in the Webminister's Handbook.

Proposed change:

Renumber to Section 6.05 after removing Chirurgeon.

**Section 6.05** The Baronial Webminister, a deputy to the Chronicler, shall be responsible for the upkeep of the official Baronial online presence, including but not limited to the email mailing list, the Baronial webpage, and any other internet presence created in the future, pursuant to the guidelines in the Webminister's Handbook. (Remove Facebook account.)

## **Article VII Appointment, Resignation or removal process of an officer.**

Proposed change:

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**Section 7.01** Selection process of an officer.

- (a) Announcement of interest in the office at the monthly business meeting.
- (b) Announcement published in The Flamberge for 1 Issue.
- (c) One month after announcements are made, take a vote of confidence from the populace.
- (d) The candidates are subject to approval by the Crown and kingdom officers.

Proposed change:

### **Section 7.01 Selection process of an officer.**

- (a) Announcement of interest in the office at a Baronial meeting.
- (b) Announcement published in The Flamberge for one issue, and posted to Baronial Facebook group.
- (c) One month after announcements are made, take a vote of confidence from the populace.
- (d) The candidates are subject to approval by the Crown and Kingdom officers.

### **Section 7.02 Removal of an Officer.** The process to remove a baronial officer from his or her office shall be as follows:

- (a) In the monthly business, or preferably officer's meeting, a quorum of officers decides if the officer in question is unable to fulfill the office.
- (b) The Seneschal and/or officer will contact the officer and determine if the situation is temporary and the officer will be able to resume his or her duties in a timely manner.
- (c) If the situation is not temporary, the seneschal or officer then contacts the Kingdom superior for immediate action.
- (d) Other actions can be determined as the situation requires.

#### **Proposed change:**

### **Section 7.02 Removal of an Officer.** The process to remove a Baronial officer from their office shall be as follows:

- (a) In a Baronial meeting, or preferably officer's meeting, a quorum of officers decides if the officer in question is unable to fulfill the office.
- (b) The Seneschal (remove "and/or officer") will contact the officer and determine if the situation is temporary and the officer will be able to resume their duties in a timely manner.
- (c) If the situation is not temporary, the Seneschal or officer will contact the Kingdom superior for immediate action.
- (d) Other actions can be determined as the situation requires.

## **Article VIII Term Limits for Great Officers**

### **Section 8.01** The term of office for Great Officers shall be a maximum two (2) years, counted from the date of their assumption of their duties

#### **Proposed change:**

### **Section 8.01** The term of office for Great Officers shall be a maximum two (2) years, counted from the date of their assumption of their duties. (Add period)

### **Section 8.02** The Barony shall place a limit of three (3) consecutive terms a person may serve in these positions. A person can sit out one term and then run again. However, should no individual volunteer to take the position, the incumbent shall be allowed to serve additional terms until a suitable replacement can be found.

### **Section 4.03** All terms of office are subject to warranting by the appropriate authorities.

#### **Proposed change:**

Remove, as this has been added to Section 4.04 and does not pertain to Term Limits.

## **Article IX: Financial Policy**

### **Section 1.01** See Baronial Financial Policy

#### **Proposed change:**

### **Section 9.01** The Barony of the Flame will adhere to the rules outlined in the Middle Kingdom Financial Policy.

## **Article X: Events**

### **Section 10.01** See also Baronial Financial Policy

#### **Proposed change:**

### **Section 10.01** See also Middle Kingdom Financial Policy.

### **Section 10.02** The following steps are part of the event approval process:

(a) The potential autocrat will submit a proposal which includes an event plan.

(b) The Barony will vote on the proposal.

Proposed changes:

There needs to be a discussion amongst the officers to propose edits to this section of the Charter, to be discussed at a future Baronial meeting and voted on as laid out in the Charter review process.

## **Article XI: Charter Reviews and Amendments**

**Section 9.01** A charter review session will be held annually, (normally in October)

Proposed change:

**Section 11.01** A Charter review session will be held on a regular basis, no less than once every two (2) years. However, any Baronial member can propose Charter changes at any time by announcing them at a Baronial meeting or informing the Seneschal, who can announce it at a meeting.

**Section 9.02** Any proposed changes to the charter must be brought up at a baronial meeting. The proposed change shall be printed in two consecutive issues of "The Flamberge". At the baronial meeting occurring after the two printings, the populous shall vote on the proposed change(s). Said changes will need a plurality of the voting members present to pass. Changes are subject to approval by the Crown and appropriate kingdom officials.

Proposed change:

**Section 11.02** Any proposed changes to the Charter must be brought up at a Baronial meeting or brought to the Seneschal's attention. The proposed change shall be printed in one issue of "The Flamberge". At a Baronial meeting occurring at least one month after the proposed changes have been published, the populace shall vote on the proposed change(s). Said changes will need a plurality of the voting members present to pass. Changes are subject to approval by the Crown and appropriate Kingdom officials.