

**By-laws for the Barony of Sternfeld, being within the
Boundaries of the Middle Kingdom, under the auspices
of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.**



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Article I. Defined Arms of the Barony of Sternfeld

Section 1.01 The Arms of the Barony of Sternfeld shall be as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, here blazoned:

Azure, mulletty of four points, on a bend cotised Or a laurel wreath vert.

Section 1.02 The Badge of the Barony of Sternfeld shall be defined as follows:

Azure, mulletty of four points, a bend cotised Or

Section 1.03 The Barony of Sternfeld shall include the territory covered by the following ZIP Codes: 46032, 46033, 46040, 46060, 46104, 46107, 46131, 46158, 46167, 46168, 46201, 46202, 46203, 46204, 46205, 46206, 46208, 46214, 46216, 46217, 46218, 46219, 46220, 46221, 46222, 46224, 46225, 46226, 46227, 46228, 46230, 46231, 46234, 46236, 46237, 46239, 46240, 46241, 46244, 46250, 46251, 46254, 46256, 46259, 46260, 46268, 46278, 46280, 46290, 47429, 47456.

Article II. Powers and Duties of the Baron and Baroness

Section 2.01 The Baron and/or Baroness of the Barony of Sternfeld, hereinafter referred to as the Coronet, shall reign in fief to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom over these lands in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 2.02 The Coronet shall have power to change these laws only after obtaining sage counsel from the Barony in open council as defined in Article III, Section 3.01, provided that said changes do not in any way conflict with any part of the laws of the modern governmental institutions having authority over those areas within which the Barony of Sternfeld is said to hold sway. These changes must be publicly proclaimed at Court and published in the baronial newsletter, *The Sternfeld Star* (hereinafter referred to as the *Star*), before becoming law.

Section 2.03 The Coronet shall have the power to bestow Baronial awards as they are defined in Baronial Law.

Section 2.04 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 published in the *Star* before taking effect. Such proclamations cannot be contrary to common laws.

Section 2.05 The powers of the Coronet shall extend only to the affairs of the Barony, not extending to the modern era.

Section 2.06 The Coronet shall report all awards given at Baronial Courts to the *Star*. The Coronet may delegate this responsibility to the Herald as it sees fit, but the ultimate responsibility shall rest with the Coronet.

Section 2.07 A member of the College of Seneschals and of the College of Heralds shall be at the side of the Coronet at all times when Court and other public Baronial business is being conducted.

Section 2.08 Term limits. There is no term limit upon the Coronet. However, in accordance with Kingdom Law, a poll shall be conducted every five (5) years from the investiture of the Coronet confirming the Coronet.

Article III. Baronial Policy

Section 3.01 An Open Council of the Barony shall be defined as business meetings, Althings, and/or fighters practice (in emergency situations) that are:

- (a) Publicly announced and published in the *Star*.
- (b) Open to all residents of the Barony.
- (c) Held within the territory of the Barony.
- (d) Having a Quorum of Officers consisting of the Coronet, the Seneschal, and three (3) other Great Officers. The Coronet and the Great Officers may designate deputies to attend for them.

Section 3.02 All decisions concerning Baronial Law, Baronial Offices, Baronial events, property, or finances shall be made by consensus at two (2) or more open councils, and the question published in the *Star* prior to at least one (1) open council, before being adopted.

Article IV. Baronial Officers

Section 4.01 The Great Officers of the Barony, as required by Kingdom Law, are Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Herald, Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer, Baronial Heavy Weapons Marshal, Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Baronial Chronicler, and Baronial Chirurgeon.

Section 4.02 All Great Officers of the Barony shall be appointed by the Crown in consultation with the office's predecessor, the Coronet, and in open council, subject to approval from the appropriate Kingdom officer.

Section 4.03 All Great Officers of the Barony shall be held, with their subordinates, responsible to uphold all Laws of the Middle Kingdom, the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and in particular, those of the Barony of Sternfeld.

Section 4.04 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.

Section 4.05 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 4.06 All Great Officers shall be duly warranted by their respective Kingdom superior.

Section 4.07 The Baronial Seneschal shall act as legal representation for the Barony in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 4.08 The Baronial Herald shall act as the voice of the Coronet in making all proclamations of the Coronet in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 4.09 The Baronial Herald shall act as the voice of the people in all petitions to the Coronet.

Section 4.10 The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall submit an income and expense report to the Barony in open council at least once every six (6) months in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

- (a) Monies not exceeding the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be disbursed from Baronial funds with the consensus of a single open council.
- (b) Expense Budgets. The following Officers are granted expense budgets from Baronial funds for use in the course of their office. These funds will be reimbursed to the officer upon receipt of proof of purchase by the Exchequer. The budget amounts, per Corporate fiscal year, are:

(i) The Coronet	\$50.00
(ii) Seneschal	\$50.00
(iii) Herald	\$25.00
(iv) Marshal	\$25.00
(v) Chirurgeon	\$25.00
(vi) Chronicler	\$25.00
(vii) Exchequer	\$25.00
(viii) Minister of the Arts and Sciences	\$25.00
(ix) Marshal of Fence	\$25.00
(x) Archery Marshal	\$25.00

Section 4.11 The Baronial Heavy Weapons 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 Lists, the conventions of the Middle Kingdom, and in accordance with the By-laws and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 4.12 The Baronial Heavy Weapons Marshal shall be responsible for the proper training and conduct of all armored combatants and prospective combatants of the Barony and shall develop a positive program for the attainment of this end.

Section 4.13 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 within the Barony, and for the maintenance of records of research in these arts and sciences in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Section 4.14 The Baronial Chronicler shall have the responsibility for publishing and distributing the *Star*, the official newsletter of the Barony of Sternfeld, 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 for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

- (a) The *Star* shall be published on a monthly basis with the exception of the month of August. The deadline for submissions shall be either the last Tuesday of the preceding month or at the discretion of the Chronicler.
- (b) The Chronicler shall be responsible for the securing of funds above the yearly expense budget to publish the *Star*.

Section 4.15 The Baronial Chirurgeon shall have the responsibility for the encouragement, development, and organization of the study, practice, and research of the practical applications of first aid and research into period medical techniques, in accordance with the By-laws, the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

- (a) The Baronial Chirurgeon shall have the responsibility for coordinating with the Baronial Marshals the participation of the Kingdom Chirurgeons' guilds and water bearers as needed at events.

Section 4.16 All Lesser Officers of the Barony shall be appointed or removed from office under signed warrant of the Crown by their respective superiors.

- (a) The Baronial Marshal of Fence shall coordinate all period fencing activities within the Barony. The Marshal of Fence shall be responsible for all required paperwork pertaining to period fencing. The authority of the Marshal of Fence shall not extend to other forms of combat activity.
- (b) The Baronial Archery Marshal shall make every effort to promote the safe and orderly conduct of archery within the Barony.
- (c) The Baronial Chatelaine shall be responsible for the introduction and education of new and prospective members in the culture, customs and courtesies of the Society.
- (d) The Baronial Signet shall be responsible for the coordination of scribes' efforts to provide scrolls for the Coronet.

Section 4.17 Special Deputies of the Seneschal shall be appointed to oversee short-term and on-going projects. They shall report directly to the Seneschal and the Barony in open council on a regular basis.

- (a) The Baronial Clerk of the Roster shall make every effort to keep a current roster of local members and shall coordinate with the Baronial Herald to maintain the Baronial Order of Precedence.
- (b) The Baronial Historian shall be a deputy of the Baronial Seneschal and shall be responsible for the accumulation and compilation of records of all historical affairs.
- (c) Ad-Hoc Committees shall be formed for the discussion and implementation of ideas when discussion of said ideas would exceed the amount of time allotted in open council. These committees shall report directly to the Seneschal and the Barony in open council on a regular basis.

Section 4.18 Selection process of an Officer. The process to select a Baronial officer shall be as follows:

- (a) Announce the opening in two (2) open councils and publish it in the *Star*.
- (b) Candidates will be invited to discuss their qualifications and answer questions in open council.
- (c) Candidates may be asked to excuse themselves from open council during discussions and/or voting.

Section 4.19 Removal of an Officer. The process to remove a Baronial officer from his or her office shall be as follows:

- (a) In open council, the decision is made that the officer in question is unable to fulfill the office.
- (b) The Seneschal 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) The Seneschal will report on the situation at the next open council and recommend a course of action. Possible actions include appointing a temporary deputy to fill the office for a limited time or declaring the office vacant and starting the selection process as stated in Article III. Other actions can be determined as the situation requires.
- (d) A decision to declare an office vacant must follow Baronial Policy as described in Article III. Appointing a deputy can be done in a single open council.

Article V. Orders and Awards

Section 5.01 The Arms of the Barony of Sternfeld may only be borne by the Coronet or by express permission of the Coronet.

Section 5.02 The Order of Precedence within the Barony shall be as follows:

- (a) The Order of Sternfeld
- (b) Friends of Sternfeld
- (c) The Order of the Golden Tower
- (d) The Award of the Winged Crescent
- (e) The Award of the Azure Swan
- (f) The Award of the Nova
- (g) The Award of the Cloved Orange (closed)
- (h) The Order of the Sternfeld Border Guards
- (i) The Award of the Sternfeld Yeoman

Section 5.03 The Order of Sternfeld

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Order of Sternfeld, hereafter referred to as the Order.
- (b) The Order shall be given to individuals for long and devoted service to the Barony, such that they shall ever be considered a part of the Barony.
- (c) Recipients of the Order may be styled and announced in precedence as Members of the Order of Sternfeld.
- (d) Recipients of the Order may bear the Arms of the Barony of Sternfeld without let or hindrance.

Section 5.04 Friends of Sternfeld

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Friends of Sternfeld, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals not resident in the Barony for great service and continued friendship to the Barony.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Friends of Sternfeld.
- (d) Recipients of the Award may bear in canton upon their arms the badge of the Barony of Sternfeld.

Section 5.05 The Order of the Golden Tower

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Order of the Golden Tower, hereafter referred to as the Order.
- (b) The Order shall be given to individuals for service to the Barony.
- (c) Members of the Order shall recommend to the Coronet those deserving admittance to the Order by virtue of their service to the Barony.
- (d) Recipients of the Order may be styled and announced in precedence as Members of the Order of the Golden Tower.
- (e) Recipients of the Order may bear the badge as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms:

Azure, a tower Or within a bordure Or, mulletty of four points azure

Section 5.06 The Award of the Winged Crescent

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Winged Crescent, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals for skill in the Arts and Sciences.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of the Winged Crescent.
- (d) Recipients of the Award may bear the badge as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms:

Azure, mullety of four points, in cross a crescent, inverted and winged, argent (proposed).
- (e) The Award shall be counted in the order of precedence as equal to the Order of the Golden Tower.

Section 5.07 The Award of the Azure Swan

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Azure Swan, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional courtesy and grace.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of the Azure Swan.
- (d) Recipients of the Award may bear the badge as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms.
- (e) The Award shall be counted in the order of precedence as equal to the Order of the Golden Tower.

Section 5.08 The Award of the Nova

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Nova, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals for individual instances of exceptional service.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of the Nova.
- (d) Recipients of the Award may bear the badge as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms:

Gules, a mullet within and conjoined to five mullets in annulo, the whole within and conjoined to a bordure Or, semy of mullets of four points azure.
- (e) The Award may be received more than once.

Section 5.09 The Award of the Cloved Orange

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Cloved Orange, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals who have demonstrated courtesy and grace.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of the Cloved Orange.
- (d) The Award shall be counted in the order of precedence as equal to the Award of the Nova.
- (e) This Award is closed.

Section 5.10 The Order of the Sternfeld Border Guards⁴

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Order of the Sternfeld Border Guards, hereafter referred to as the Order.
- (b) The Order shall be given to individuals who have practiced the arts of warfare or of peace under the banner of the Barony at any inter-kingdom war, battle or raid, or who have served as a Baronial Champion.
- (c) Recipients of the Order may be styled and announced in precedence as a Sternfeld Border Guard.
- (d) Recipients of the Order may bear the badge of the Barony, decorated with a symbol of their art, in Canton upon their Arms or upon a tabard, baldric, mantle, or other token.
- (e) The Award shall be counted in the order of precedence as equal to the Award of the Nova.

Section 5.11 The Award of the Sternfeld Yeoman

- (a) There shall exist in the Barony an Award which the Coronet may grant to such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Sternfeld Yeoman, hereafter referred to as the Award.
- (b) The Award shall be given to individuals, resident in the Barony, who have taken up the study of the arts of warfare or of peace.
- (c) Recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as a Yeoman of Sternfeld.
- (d) Recipients of the Award may bear the badge of the Barony in Canton upon their Arms or upon a tabard, baldric, mantle, or other token.
- (e) Any Yeoman of Sternfeld may request a Baronial Court either to present a new member of the Barony or have a member recognized as a Yeoman. This may be done at any official activity of the Barony.
- (f) On the date of adoption, all residents of the Barony who have authorized for combat (heavy, light, youth), shot archery at an SCA event, or completed an A&S project (T-tunic, pouch, or better) will be deemed Yeomen.

Article VI. Champions of the Barony of Sternfeld

Section 6.01 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, and
- (e) Should the Coronet be unable to continue, to help hold the Barony until the Coronet is duly succeeded.

Section 6.02 No Champion may compete to succeed him or herself. A single individual may not hold different Championships concurrently.

Section 6.03 The Armored Combat Champion shall be determined by tournament according to the Rules of the Lists and Combat Conventions of the SCA and the Middle Kingdom. Said tournament to be held twice per year, once in the month preceding the Baronial Birthday and once in the month preceding the Baronial Holiday Court.

Section 6.04 The Rapier Champion shall be determined by tournament according to the Rules of the Fencing Lists of the SCA and the Middle Kingdom. Said tournament to be held twice per year, once in the month preceding the Baronial Birthday and once in the month preceding the Baronial Holiday Court.

Section 6.05 The Archery Champion shall be determined by an Archery tournament to be held at the Better War Though Archery event, or another event chosen by the Coronet, once per year.

Section 6.06 The Arts and Sciences Champion shall be determined by competition according to the A&S criteria of the Middle Kingdom and the wishes of the Coronet. Said competition to be held once per year and judged at the Baronial Birthday. The judging will be administered by the Coronet, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, and the current A&S Champion.

Article VII. Baronial Events

Section 7.01 The Barony shall hold a maximum of three (3) large events per calendar year.

- (a) Better War Through Archery (January)
- (b) A Simple Day in the Country (July)
- (c) Fencing Tourney and Ball (September/October)
 - (i) **In the event that the Barony is to be hosting the Fall Coronation/Fall Crown Tournament, the September/October event will be cancelled for that year.**
 - (ii) The Barony shall not hold any large event in the month of May.

Section 7.02 The Barony will hold two (2) local events during the year.

- (a) Baronial Birthday and Spring Court (May/June)
- (b) Baronial Yule and Winter Court (December/January)

Section 7.03 The Barony may hold smaller local/regional events during the year with the approval of the Coronet and open council.

Section 7.04 Those wishing to be an event coordinator for one of the large events should volunteer at least ten (10) months prior to the event they wish to run. If no one has volunteered to be coordinator by eight (8) months prior to the event, the Barony shall vote in open council on whether to hold that event.

- (a) No one person shall be the event coordinator for two (2) chronologically consecutive events (Kingdom, regional, or baronial level).
- (b) Two (2) people may co-coordinate an event; however, neither may have coordinated the chronologically previous event.
- (c) The same person may coordinate the same event for two (2) consecutive years, but not more than two.

Section 7.05 An initial budget for each event will be submitted and approved in open council at least six (6) months prior to the event. Special consideration will be made for regional and local events .

Section 7.06 All reimbursements for event-related expenses must be approved by the event coordinator.

Article VIII. Public Demonstrations

Section 8.01 The Barony shall appoint, in open council, a coordinator to organize and be the contact person for each public demonstration.

Section 8.02 After initial contact has been made through the Seneschal, the coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining contact with the requesting organization, disseminating information to the Barony, recruiting the necessary participants, and requesting and retrieving any necessary Baronial equipment.

Section 8.03 The coordinator shall be responsible for a report to be submitted to the Seneschal no later than seven (7) days after the demonstration.

Section 8.04 Requests for demonstrations need to be made a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date desired if more than three people are needed to attend.
