

Dun Carraig Baronial Charter
Revised: September 2006

I. Concerning this Charter

- A. All provisions of this Charter are subject to Kingdom Law & Corpora.
 - 1. Any portions of this Charter which are found to be in conflict with Kingdom Law and/or Corpora will be immediately suspended until amended by the Barony using standard amendment procedures.
 - 2. The remainder of this Charter shall remain in effect.
 - 3. The action will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.
- B. This Charter may be amended as follows:
 - 1. A proposed amendment must be submitted at a Baronial business meeting.
 - 2. If the consensus of the meeting is that the proposed amendment is a good idea, a meeting shall be selected at which to conduct a vote.
 - 3. The proposed amendment shall be published in two issues of the newsletter before the meeting designated for the vote. If approved by 60% of those voting, it shall take effect upon publication in the next issue of the newsletter. A member unable to attend may send a written opinion to the meeting to be counted in the vote.

II. Baronial Heads

- A. There may be either a Baron, a Baroness or both.
- B. The Baron and/or Baroness shall serve for a term of two years. At the end of the term the Baron and/or Baroness may request to serve another term provided it is not in violation of Kingdom Law and is the desire of the group and the Crown for them to do so.
- C. Candidacy for Baronial Heads
 - 1. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another person.
 - a. All nominations must be made at a Baronial business meeting designated for that purpose.
 - b. If a potential candidate is not present at the meeting where s/he is nominated, the Seneschal shall inform them of their nomination.
 - c. If the candidates choose to accept their nomination, it must be done so in writing, to the Seneschal, by the next Baronial business meeting.
 - 2. Persons nominated to serve as a couple must agree to do so.
 - 3. All candidates must agree in writing to the provisions within the Charter for term of office and selection of successors, and must pledge to maintain them.

- D. Polling to determine the membership's preference for Baronial Heads shall be conducted as prescribed by Kingdom Law and no less than 4 months before the planned investiture.
 - 1. Pollings, in accordance with Kingdom Law, shall be sent to all members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., who reside within the ZIP codes belonging to Dun Carraig. Each polling shall contain the names of all candidates, a deadline date for returning pollings, and a signature line.
 - 2. Pollings will be sent to associate members of Dun Carraig who request a polling and are members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. Pollings will be sent at the associate member's expense. The Seneschal shall send to the Crown a list of all associate members requesting pollings prior to the polling deadline.
 - 3. Dun Carraig shall request that the Crown determine their choice as the new Baron and/or Baroness within a month after the polling deadline and that the choice be communicated to the Dun Carraig Seneschal in order to facilitate an orderly transition.
- E. If half of a Baronial couple cannot fulfill a term, the other individual may elect either to serve the remainder of the term alone or to resign. If a sole Baronial head or both members of a couple cannot fulfill a term, a Regent shall be recommended to the Crown by the outgoing Baron and/or Baroness with the consensus of the Barony.
 - 1. The Regent shall serve until a polling can be completed and a new Baron and/or Baroness invested.
 - 2. Time spent as Regent shall not affect eligibility to serve term(s) as Baron or Baroness.

III. Orders and Awards

- A. All Baronial Orders and Awards are granted at the discretion of the Baronage.
- B. None of the Baronial Orders are polling.
- C. A person may only be inducted into each of the Baronial Orders once.
- D. Order of the Sea Hawk – Shall be the pre-eminent order of the Barony and shall be granted to those who have proven themselves to be stalwarts of the Barony for supporting Dun Carraig through their efforts and skills in a varied and diverse means. Badge of the Order: “(Fieldless) Three sinister wings conjoined in pall inverted argent.”
- E. Order of the Company of the Wayfarers – Shall recognize members of the group who no longer reside within the Barony. Badge of the Order: “(Fieldless) On a compass star within and conjoined to an annulet gules a cross bottony argent.”
- F. Order of the Emerald Flame– Shall be given to those who show on going excellence in the Arts and Sciences.

- G. Order of the Garnet Tower– Shall be given to those who show on going excellence in Service.
 - H. Order of the Silver Blade - Shall be given to those who show on going excellence in any marshaled activity.
 - I. Mark of Excellence – shall be given for a specific achievement or action within the Barony. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may receive this award. On an individual’s first award they should receive the token of the award, plus the bead to denote what it is for. For each successive award the individual should only receive an additional bead to denote what it is for.
 - 1. Carraig Uaine (Green Stone) – Bead given to denote a specific Arts and Sciences achievement.
 - 2. Carraig Deirge (Red Stone) – Bead given to denote a specific service or action.
 - 3. Carraig Gile (White Stone) – Bead given to denote a specific achievement in any marshaled activity.
 - J. Baroness’ Award of Courtesy – Awarded to an individual who has repeatedly demonstrated exceptional courtesy to others.
 - K. Company of Dun Carraig’s Champions – A company for those who have served as any of the Baronial Champions. In addition to a token from the Baronage they served, a medallion of red and white; Heater and Sword (armoured), Buckler and Sword (rapier), drawn Bow and Arrow (archery), Lantern (A&S), others as the Baronage desires.
- IV. Baronial Business Meetings
- A. Baronial business meetings shall be scheduled to occur monthly. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.
 - 1. The meeting shall be conducted by the Seneschal or his designated proxy.
 - 2. Minutes of all meetings shall be published in the newsletter.
 - B. The date, place, and time of the meetings shall be published in the newsletter. However, if time does not permit the publishing of the date, place and time of an emergency meeting then a reasonable attempt shall be made to contact all members of the Barony prior to the meeting.
- V. Unofficial Modes of Communication
- A. The disbursement of all unofficial communications within the Barony shall be limited to members and associate members of the Barony.
 - B. Exceptions may be granted with the approval of a simple majority at any Baronial business meeting.