

# Charter for the Barony of Andelcrag of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

## I. Defined Arms of the Barony of Andelcrag

- A. The arms of the Barony of Andelcrag shall be incorporated herein: Sable, on a pile inverted throughout argent between two lightning bolts in chevron inverted Or a laurel wreath vert.

## II. Powers Duties and Limitations of the Territorial (Landed) Barons and/or Baronesses

- A. The Territorial (Landed) Barons and/or Baronesses of the Barony of Andelcrag (hereafter referred to as the Barons/Baronesses) shall reign over those land given Them to hold in fief by the Crown of the Middle Kingdom as recognized by the Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom and the Charter of the Territorial Barony of Andelcrag.
- B. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall have the power to change the Baronial Charter only after obtaining sage council from the Baronial Council, as herein defined, and pending approval of the Kingdom Seneschal or their designate. Said changes must not in any way conflict with any part of the laws of the modern governmental institutions having authority over these areas within which the Barony of Andelcrag is said to hold sway or the laws and customs of the Middle Kingdom. The Baronial Council must give said changes ratification with no less than 75% majority. These changes must be proclaimed publicly at court and published in the Baronial newsletter.
- C. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall have the power to declare proclamations as They so choose. Such proclamations shall have the force of law and shall be in effect only for the duration of Their reign. These proclamations must be publicly proclaimed at court and published in the Baronial newsletter before taking effect.
- D. The powers of the Barons and Baronesses shall extend only to the affairs of the Barony not extending to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- E. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall report all awards given in their courts to the Baronial newsletter. The Barons and/or Baronesses may delegate this responsibility as They see fit, but ultimately this responsibility rests with the Barons and/or Baronesses.
- F. The Barons and/or Baronesses may act as regent to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom if the Crown has chosen Them and finds Them a person of proven worth according to the Laws of the Middle Kingdom and the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc.,
- G. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall be in attendance at all Baronial business meetings and shall convene at least one business meeting in any calendar year.
- H. The Barons and/or Baronesses may appoint ambassadors or other ceremonial positions, including champions, said champions or ambassadors to be a person of proven worth.
- I. The Barons and/or Baronesses may entreat with other local groups and households to form alliances during times of war.
- J. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall make every reasonable attempt to attend events within Their territorial lands.
- K. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall remain impartial when making judgments within Their territorial lands and may solicit sage council from any gentle residing within Their territorial lands where the Barons and/or Baronesses have recognized the gentle to be a person of proven worth.
- L. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall encourage special care in the extension of hospitality and welcome to new and or perspective members of Their territorial lands.
- M. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall have the right to bestow Baronial awards, defined herein, as they see fit and as recognized by the College of Heraldry.
- N. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall make a "State of the Barony" report, to include a copy of this signed charter, to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom once per reign to be given to the new Crown by coronation per the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom.

- O. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall retain the right to cede lands for the establishment of a new group in accordance with the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom and the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc.,
- P. The Barons and/or Baronesses shall reign for a term of at least three years, but no longer than those guidelines defined in Kingdom Law XV-303, from the date of Their investiture. They are eligible for a second term and may serve if a polling of the populace of the Barony prior to the end of Their term shows a vote of confidence according to the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom.
- Q. No Barons and/or Baronesses shall hold more than two consecutive terms.
- R. Members of the populace are eligible to serve more than two terms as Barons and/or Baronesses, provided that they are not consecutive terms.
- S. In the case where a Baronial couple resigns their office a poll must take place to replace the outgoing Barons and/or Baronesses.
- T. Each candidate for the office of Barons and/or Baronesses must possess at the time of initial polling, and maintain through the entire term of office, a valid membership to the Society for Creative Anachronism and meet the criteria set forth in the By Laws and Corpora of Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., and the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom. At least one of these memberships must provide access to the Kingdom Newsletter.
- U. Appointment and removal of the Barons and/or Baronesses shall follow the criteria established by the Laws and Customs of the Middle Kingdom and the By Laws and Corpora of Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc. In addition, to include the following criteria for polling process;
  - i. The Baronial Seneschal shall solicit recommendations for the office of Barons and/or Baronesses by asking for letters of intent for the position and/or by and initial polling process.
  - ii. The Baronial Seneschal shall step down from the position of Baronial Seneschal if after the initial poll said Seneschal is one of the candidates for the position of Barons and/or Baronesses, until the polling process is finished.
- V. In the case of an extended, but temporary, absence of the Barons and/or Baronesses, the Barons and/or Baronesses may request that the Crown of the Middle Kingdom appoint a Vicar to fulfill the duties of Baron/Baroness until Their return.

### **III. Baronial Officers and Baronial Council**

- A. In accordance with the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., and the Customs and Laws of the Middle Kingdom, the Barony of Andelcrag shall maintain a full complement of officers. These shall include a Seneschal, a Herald, and an Exchequer and either a Marshal or a Minister of Arts and Sciences.
- B. The Baronial council shall be made up of the Baronial Officers and any gentle that the Barons and/or Baronesses have chosen to be placed on the council where the Barons and/or Baronesses has recognized said gentle to be a person of proven worth.
- C. The Baronial Officers are the Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Herald, Baronial Knight Marshal, Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Baronial Chronicler, Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer, Baronial Chatelaine, Baronial Web Minister and Baronial Chirurgeon.
- D. The Baronial Officers first obligation is to the Barony.
- E. All Baronial Officers shall be considered to be of equal rank save for instances of specialty.
- F. All Baronial Officers should be accessible by the members of the council, their superiors, the Crown, Kingdom Officers and all Baronial, Canton and institutional autocrats.
- G. It shall be the right of all Baronial Officers to propose amendments (changes) to and ratify the Baronial Charter with no less than a 75% majority.
- H. All Baronial Officers shall be duly warranted in accordance with Kingdom Custom and Law, the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., where specified therein, and approved by the Barons and/or Baronesses and the Baronial Officer's Superior.
- I. The tenure of all Baronial Officers shall be a term of two years with an option to renew for a third year and no longer with the approval of their supervisor's and the Barons and/or Baronesses.
- J. No Baronial Officer shall hold coinciding tenures in office without the approval of their superiors and the Barons and/or Baronesses.

- K. Appointment of the Baronial Officers and Their Deputies
- i. All Baronial Officers and Their Deputies shall be subscribing members of Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., as defined in the By Laws of Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc., and shall keep said membership valid through the tenure of their office.
  - ii. All Baronial Officers may appoint Deputies to their office as they see fit with the approval of the Barons and/or Baronesses.
  - iii. All Baronial Officers must have a Drop Dead Deputy appointed within 90 days of the beginning of their tenure in office. The Barons and/or Baronesses must approve the Drop Dead Deputy.
  - iv. All Baronial Officers shall have the right to publish letters to the populace in the Baronial Newsletter.
  - v. All Baronial Officers must publish a letter in the Baronial Newsletter stating their intent to step down at the end of their tenure in office and request applications to the office from the populace of the Barony of Andelcrag.
  - vi. Final appointment to all Baronial Offices shall be the prerogative of the Barons and/or Baronesses.
  - vii. All Outgoing Baronial Officers may recommend members of the populace to their office to the Barons and/or Baronesses.

#### **IV. Financial Committee**

- A. A Baronial Financial Committee shall exist for the purpose of approving the expenditure of Baronial funds, whether for the procurement of durable goods, the funding of events or the transfer of funds to other branches of the SCA.
- B. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Baron/Baroness and the Baronial Officers. At a minimum, the Seneschal, Exchequer and at least one other officer must be present at all gatherings of the Committee.
- C. All expenditures must be approved by no less than 75% of Committee members present.
- D. The Committee may seek the council of individuals with knowledge and/or expertise in the type of item for which funds are being approved. This individual will only advise on the expenditure and shall have no vote on the actual expenditure.

#### **V. Populace**

- A. The Populace of the Barony of Andelcrag shall be defined as those gentles who hold a current valid membership and reside within the zip codes listed in Appendix A of this document and as these zip codes have been accepted by the Kingdom Seneschal as the Barony.
  - i. Those individuals who reside outside those zip codes listed in Appendix A or do not hold a current valid membership are still strongly encouraged to participate with the Barony as they so choose. However, for purposes of official Society business (such as pollings, etc.), they may not be considered as members of the Populace.
- B. Every member of the populace of the Barony of Andelcrag shall have the right to bear the badge of the Barony, Or, two lightning bolts in saltire sable, on a shield, banner and/or garment or in any other appropriate fashion.
- C. All members of the populace of the Barony of Andelcrag have the right to recommend to the Barons and/or Baronesses any member of the populace who is worthy of deserving any of the Baronial awards.

#### **VI. Cantons**

- A. The Seneschal of any Canton of the Barony of Andelcrag, which is recognized by the Middle Kingdom, is entitled to a seat at any Baronial level officers meeting.
- B. Each Canton is entitled to the aid and protection of the Barony of Andelcrag as specified in the By Laws and Corpora of the Society For Creative Anachronism, Inc.,

## VII. Awards

- A. The Barony of Andelcrag has devised several awards to recognize the efforts of the populace. These awards may be given at the pleasure of the Barons and/or Baronesses. All members of the populace are encouraged to recommend to the Barons and/or Baronesses those worthy individuals who are deserving of such recognition. Written recommendations that cite specific examples or document activities are most welcome. Petitions are also effective, as a coordinated effort to recognize those deserving of notice. The awards are as follows.
- B. Order of the Guardant Ram
- i. There shall exist in the Barony of Andelcrag an Order unto which the Barons and/or Baronesses may elect such persons as they see fit. The order shall be referred to as the Order of the Guardant Ram, hereafter referred to as the Order.
  - ii. The Order shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Barons and/or Baronesses, have performed outstanding service and dedication to the Barony itself or to a Canton within the Barony.
  - iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.
  - iv. Members of the Order shall have the right to bear the badge: Per chevron sable and argent a brown ram's head caboshed proper armed Or.
- C. Order of the Salient Hart
- i. There shall exist in the Barony of Andelcrag an Order unto which the Barons and/or Baronesses may elect such persons as they see fit. The order shall be referred to as the Order of the Salient Hart, hereafter referred to as the Order.
  - ii. The Order shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Barons and/or Baronesses, have distinguished themselves by their long-terms efforts in Arts and Sciences.
  - iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.
  - iv. Members of the Order shall have the right to bear the badge: (Fieldless) A hart courant azure.
- D. Defender of Andelcrag
- i. There shall exist in the Barony of Andelcrag an Order unto which the Barons and/or Baronesses may elect such persons as they see fit. The order shall be referred to as the Defender of Andelcrag, hereafter referred to as the Order.
  - ii. The Order shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Barons and/or Baronesses, exhibited outstanding prowess or have performed outstanding service in the training and authorizing of combatants (Rattan, Rapier and Archery) for the Barony.
  - iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.
- E. Defender of the Tower
- i. There shall exist within the Barony of Andelcrag an Order unto which the Barons and/or Baronesses may elect such persons as they see fit. The order shall be referred to as the Defender of the Tower, hereafter referred to as the Order.
  - ii. The Order shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Barons and/or Baronesses, exhibited service to the Barony above and beyond what is seen as typical.
  - iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.
  - iv. Members of the Order shall have the right to bear the badge: Sable, on a pile inverted argent a tower sable, a bordure embattled Or.
- F. Award of the Butterfly (La Ricompensa della Farfalla)
- i. There shall exist within the Barony of Andelcrag an Award which the Barons and/or Baronesses may bestow upon such persons as they see fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Butterfly (La Ricompensa della Farfalla), hereafter referred to as the Award.

- ii. The Award shall be given at the discretion of the Barons and/or Baronesses for anything from courtesy to authenticity to above the norm in service or arts and sciences.
- iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.
- iv. Members of the Award shall have the right to bear the badge: Or, three monarch butterflies proper within a bordure purple.

G. Gem of the Mountain

- i. There shall exist within the Barony of Andelcrag an Award which the Barons and/or Baronesses may bestow upon such youth as they see fit. The award shall be referred to as the Gem of the Mountain, hereafter referred to as the Gem.
- ii. The Gem shall be given to youth by the Barons and/or Baronesses to recognize the accomplishments of the youth of the Barony in service, arts and sciences, and fighting.
- iii. Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Barony at large.

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Territorial Baron of Andelcrag Date

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Territorial Baroness of Andelcrag Date

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Seneschal of the Barony of Andelcrag Date

## **Appendix A – Zip codes**

The following are as complete a list of zip codes, which compromise the lands of the Barony of Andelcrag and its subsidiary groups, as of the date of this version of this Charter. Changes may have occurred since that date. Please refer to the Kingdom Seneschal for a current valid list.

### Andelcrag, Barony of (Unclaimed lands)

48897, 49011, 49014, 49015, 49016, 49017, 49018, 49020, 49028, 49029, 49030, 49032, 49033, 49035, 49036, 49040, 49042, 49046, 49050, 49051, 49058, 49060, 49066, 49068, 49069, 49072, 49073, 49075, 49082, 49089, 49091, 49092, 49093, 49094, 49099, 49224, 49245, 49255, 49304, 49325, 49333, 49402, 49623, 49642, 49644, 49655, 49656, 49665, 49677, 49679, 49688

### Dun Traigh, Canton of

49303, 49318, 49401, 49403, 49404, 49405, 49406, 49409, 49410, 49411, 49415, 49417, 49420, 49421, 49422, 49423, 49424, 49425, 49426, 49427, 49428, 49429, 49430, 49431, 49434, 49435, 49436, 49437, 49440, 49441, 49442, 49443, 49444, 49445, 49446, 49448, 49449, 49451, 49452, 49453, 49454, 49455, 49456, 49457, 49458, 49459, 49460, 49461, 49463, 49464, 49613, 49614, 49619, 49625, 49626, 49634, 49645, 49660, 49675, 49689

### Nordheim, Canton of

49305, 49307, 49309, 49327, 49332, 49336, 49337, 49338, 49342, 49346, 49349, 49412, 49631, 49639

### Rimsholt, Canton of

49301, 49302, 49306, 49312, 49315, 49316, 49317, 49319, 49320, 49321, 49322, 49326, 49329, 49330, 49331, 49339, 49340, 49341, 49343, 49345, 49347, 49351, 49355, 49356, 49357, 49413, 49418, 49468, 49501, 49502, 49503, 49504, 49505, 49506, 49507, 49508, 49509, 49510, 49512, 49514, 49515, 49516, 49518, 49523, 49525, 49530, 49544, 49546, 49548, 49550, 49555, 49560, 49588, 49599

### Three Hills, Canton of

49001, 49002, 49003, 49004, 49005, 49006, 49007, 49008, 49009, 49010, 49012, 49019, 49024, 49031, 49034, 49041, 49047, 49048, 49052, 49053, 49061, 49067, 49070, 49074, 49077, 49078, 49080, 49081, 49083, 49087, 49088, 49095, 49097, 49112, 49120, 49130, 49311, 49314, 49323, 49328, 49335, 49344, 49348, 49408, 49416, 49419, 49450

### Three Walls, Canton of

48809, 48811, 48812, 48815, 48818, 48829, 48834, 48838, 48845, 48846, 48849, 48850, 48851, 48852, 48860, 48865, 48870, 48875, 48881, 48884, 48885, 48886, 48887, 48888, 48891

### Westmere, Canton of

49013, 49022, 49023, 49026, 49027, 49038, 49039, 49043, 49045, 49055, 49056, 49057, 49062, 49063, 49064, 49065, 49071, 49079, 49084, 49085, 49090, 49098, 49101, 49102, 49103, 49104, 49106, 49107, 49111, 49113, 49115, 49116, 49117, 49119, 49121, 49125, 49126, 49127, 49128, 49129