



## **The Barony of Shadowed Stars**

### **Baronial Charter, By-laws and Responsibilities**

As this Barony is a branch of the SCA, Inc., we are mindful of the responsibilities incumbent upon us toward the Society as a whole. As such, we freely acknowledge that we and all our people are subject to the relevant regulations and laws of the SCA, Inc., and the Middle Kingdom and that in the event of a conflict, Society rulings supersede Kingdom rulings. Furthermore, we also acknowledge our responsibilities to civil authority and recognize that civil law shall supersede both Society and Kingdom regulations. Below, we therefore detail out these rights and responsibilities.

#### **Article I. Defined Arms and Geographic Area**

##### **Section 1. Defined Arms**

The Arms of the Barony of Shadowed Stars shall be as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, here blazoned:

Or, a mullet of four points, on a pall between three compass stars azure, a laurel wreath Or.

The Badge of the Barony of Shadowed Stars shall be as registered with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms, here blazoned:

Or, a mullet of four points, on a pall between three compass stars azure, a laurel wreath Or.

##### **Section 2. Geographic Area**

The Barony of Shadowed Stars shall include the territory covered by the following postal ZIP Codes:

46502, 46508, 46510, 46524, 46538, 46542, 46555, 46562, 46566,  
46567, 46580, 46581, 46582, 46590, 46701, 46702, 46703, 46704,  
46705, 46706, 46710, 46711, 46713, 46714, 46720, 46721, 46723,  
46725, 46730, 46731, 46732, 46733, 46737, 46738, 46740, 46741,

46742, 46743, 46745, 46747, 46748, 46750, 46755, 46759, 46760, 46763, 46764, 46765, 46766, 46767, 46769, 46770, 46772, 46773, 46774, 46776, 46777, 46778, 46779, 46780, 46781, 46782, 46783, 46784, 46785, 46787, 46788, 46791, 46792, 46793, 46794, 46796, 46797, 46798, 46799, 46801, 46802, 46803, 46804, 46805, 46806, 46807, 46808, 46809, 46814, 46815, 46816, 46818, 46819, 46825, 46835, 46845, 46850, 46851, 46852, 46853, 46854, 46855, 46856, 46857, 46858, 46859, 46860, 46861, 46862, 46863, 46864, 46865, 46866, 46867, 46868, 46869, 46885, 46895, 46896, 46897, 46898, 46899, 46912, 46943, 46946, 46962, 46980, 46982, 46990

## **Article II. Baron and Baroness**

Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es): The Baron/Baroness of Shadowed Stars reign in the name of the Crown and in accordance with the bylaws and corpora of the SCA, Inc. They are the ceremonial head of the Barony. The appointed Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) must comply with Corpora and Middle Kingdom law, specifically Article XV in its entirety. Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall rule for no more than two consecutive terms with a term being defined as three years. Polling of the members of the Barony to determine Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) will be done no less than every three years.

### **Section 1. Duties of the Baron and Baroness**

- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall make every effort to be in attendance at all Baronial business meetings, activities and events. The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall each be in attendance for at least fifty percent of the business meetings per calendar year. They may or may not be the same meetings.
- Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) must swear fealty **at least once per reign** to the Crown of the Middle Kingdom on behalf of the Barony and may not, as Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es), swear fealty to any other individual.
- The Baron(s) and Baroness(es) will make brief written reports to each new Crown on the occasion of their coronation, concerning the state of the Barony, and make them available to the populace.
- The Barony must appoint Baronial Great Officers: Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant (Herald), Knights Marshal, Chronicler, and Minister/Mistress of Arts and Sciences.

- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may appoint additional Baronial Officers as needed: Chatelaine, Webminister, etc.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) must hold Baronial Court at least two times per year.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may not hold any major Baronial office that would hamper the performance of their duties as Baron and/or Baroness.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may not perform any duty at a Baronial event that would hamper the performance of their duties as Baron and/or Baroness.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may not hold the offices of Baronial Seneschal or Baronial Exchequer. In addition, a Territorial Baron and/or Baroness may not be a signatory on any Baronial bank account.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may give Baronial awards to members of the populace in accordance with Baronial policy and as they see fit.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may appoint a Chamberlain to help with the logistics and planning of their term of service.
- The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) may appoint ambassadors or other ceremonial positions.
- Baronial Championships may occur once a year. The event may include heavy weapons, rapier, archery, equestrian and Arts and Sciences competitions. They need not be held at the same event. The Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall preside over the competitions and determine the methods of selecting a champion in each category.

### **Article III. Great Officers**

All Baronial Great Officers serve at the pleasure of the Baron and Baroness.

Baronial Great Officers must serve a minimum of two years in that office. They may resign early at the discretion of the Baron and/or Baroness.

All Baronial Great Officers shall maintain a minimum of one deputy, who will be prepared to take over the requirements of the position in the event of the officer moving, quitting or being otherwise unable to complete his/her duties. If that occurs, as a deputy steps up into the vacated office there will be an automatic vote of confidence at a Baronial business meeting.

Officers are required to announce their deputies at an official Baronial business meeting.

In the event of a dispute between an officer and the Baron/Baroness that cannot be resolved, the Baron/Baroness may remove that person from office and call for an election to determine a replacement.

### **Section 1. Baronial Seneschal**

The Seneschal acts as the administrative head of the group and leads business meetings. The Seneschal is responsible for submitting reports, as directed, to their regional officer.

### **Section 2. Baronial Exchequer**

The Exchequer, or treasurer, handles the financial matters for the Barony and is responsible for reporting, as directed, to their regional officer.

### **Section 3. Baronial Pursuivant (Herald)**

The Herald is in charge of heraldic activities and assists the Barony with other responsibilities, such as coordinating field and court heralds for Baronial events. The Herald is responsible for submitting reporting, as directed, to their regional officer.

### **Section 4. Baronial Knights Marshal**

The combat supervisor, the Knights Marshal, administers Armored Combat (rattan and armor) activities for the group and submits reporting to the regional marshal, on behalf of the Barony, as directed.

### **Section 5. Baronial Minister/Mistress of Arts and Sciences (MoAS)**

This office coordinates arts and sciences activities for the group, arranging classes and demonstrations, and leading participants to others who work in fields of their interest. This office shall be responsible for submitting reporting to their regional officer, as directed.

## **Section 6. Baronial Chronicler**

This office is responsible for publishing a Baronial newsletter and any other administrative duties as necessary.

## **Article IV. Official Baronial Meetings**

The definition of official Baronial business meetings is:

- Business meetings are held once a month on a day agreed upon by the members of the Barony.
- All official business meetings will be scheduled in advance with the schedule posted in all Baronial publications.
- Official business meetings must be attended by a minimum of three of the six Great Baronial Officers, or their designee: Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant, Marshal, MoAS or Chronicler.
- All final voting on Baronial business must occur during the monthly business meeting.
- Only members in good standing of the S.C.A. are allowed to vote on monetary issues.
- Emergency voting for expenditures will be allowed with approval of the Baron(s)/Baroness(es) and the Seneschal.
- Changes to the Baronial Charter must be voted on at an official business meeting.

## **Article V. Financial Committee**

A financial committee will be formed to plan and budget the major expenditures for the Barony. The Committee will consist of at least the Baron and Baroness, the Seneschal, Exchequer, one other Great officer, and three members in good standing of the populace that will be rotated every two years in January. The committee will meet at the beginning of the year and quarterly after, unless more meetings are necessary. Budgets for the Baronial events would be discussed and planned. Information will be taken back to the group for final approval at a monthly business meeting.

## **Article VI. Election of Officers**

Baronial Officers will go up for polling and election by ballot on a rotating schedule every year at the business meeting in March with the changeover occurring on or before June 1st.

In year one (starting in 2016), voting will occur for the Great Offices of Knights Marshal, Herald, and Exchequer plus the Baronial Offices of Webminister, Rapier Marshal, and Chatelaine will occur.

In year two (starting in 2017), voting will occur for the Great Offices of Seneschal, MoAS, and Chronicler plus the Baronial Offices of Archery officer, Thrown Weapons officer and Equestrian officer will occur.

Interested candidates would need to make their intention known at the February business meeting. The current officer may run for their office, but can only serve a maximum of three consecutive terms, unless there were no other candidates for the office.

Elections will be conducted by paper ballot to be tallied by no less than three members.

**Addendum:** Due to the changes in the Charter occurring so close to the normally scheduled officer elections, the elections for new officers will occur in May of 2016. Candidates will need to submit their names for consideration at the business meeting in April of 2016. New officers will take office on or before July 1st.