

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
HOUSE OF RED WOLF

Article I. Name and Purpose.

- Sec. 1. This organization shall be known as 'The House of Red Wolf.'
- Sec. 2. The purposes of this organization will be as follows:
 - a. To promote and engage in research, education advancement in the field of Medieval Culture and its various aspects at North Carolina State University and the local area.
 - b. To engage in research; to publish material of relevance and interest in Medieval Culture; to present activities and events which re-create the environment of said era, such as, but not limited to, tournaments, jousts, fairs, parties, dances, classes, et cetera; to acquire authentic or reproduced replicas of Medieval Culture, such as banners, arms, designs, et cetera; and to engage in fund-raising activities to support this group and its activities.

Article II. Membership.

- Sec. 1. Membership shall be open to all students who are interested in the promotion of the stated purposes of this organization and who exhibit interest in the re-creation of the middle ages (c. 600-1600 A.D.) without regard to race, sex, creed, religious or political convictions.
- Sec. 2. Membership is open to those who; a) attempt to present themselves in period garb at official household and Society of Creative Anachronism functions where such garb is required; b) attend meetings and participate in those events supported by this household as specified below; and c) uphold the constitution of this organization and the constitution of its fraternal organization, The Society of Creative Anachronism, which is known as The Copora.

Sec. 3. Members of this organization shall be considered full members of the local canton of Elvegast and of the national organization of the Society of Creative Anachronism and should support the activities of these groups as well as those of the household.

Sec. 4. There shall be a thirty day probationary period for all new members of the Household; to give these new members the chance to decide their interests in this organization and in the Society of Creative Anachronism. After this period it shall be required that all members obtain paid membership and maintain their membership annually in the Society of Creative Anachronism. Failure to do so shall result in expulsion from this household.

Article III. Dues.

Sec. 1. Dues for the household shall be determined each semester by the membership in a majority vote. Special assessments may be voted on by the membership in a majority vote as deemed necessary during the year. All members shall pay the determined dues.

Sec. 2. As listed under Article II, Sec. 5; all members shall pay national dues to the Society of Creative Anachronism each year to maintain their membership in this household, in addition to household dues as listed in Sec. 1. above.

Article IV. Officers and Their Duties.

Sec. 1. The elective officers of this organization shall be the Head of Household (president), Doorkeeper (vice-president), Scribe (secretary), Exchequer (treasurer), and Chronicler (historian).

Sec. 2. The duties of said officers shall be as follows:

a. The Head of Household is the chief administrative officer of the organization.

i. The Head of Household shall act as chief representative to the local seneschal and university officials. He/She shall give a semestral report to the seneschal and the Household.

ii. The Head of Household shall conduct meetings of this organization and meetings of the officers.

- iii. The Head of Household shall see that the household's activities and meetings are in order and that members uphold this constitution.
 - iv. The Head of Household shall delegate household duties as needed and in the case of special activities.
 - v. If this office is vacated, the Doorkeeper shall automatically become the new Head of Household. Should the Doorkeeper decline, a new Head of Household shall be elected by the membership in a majority vote.
- b. The Doorkeeper shall assist the Head of Household perform the duties thereof.
- i. The Doorkeeper shall automatically assume the office of Head of Household in the event of the Head of Household's loss of office. The Doorkeeper may decline, in such case a Head of Household may be elected from among the non-office-holding membership by majority vote.
 - ii. The Doorkeeper shall work closely with the Exchequer to assist in the collection of dues and other monies of the Household. The Doorkeeper is also charged with the validation of membership in the Society of Creative Anachronism of the Household member.
 - iii. The Doorkeeper shall enforce this constitution and assume responsibility for amendments and other business relating to the constitution. He/She shall instruct and advise the Head of Household in the Articles of the Constitution and The Copora.
 - iv. Replacements for the office of Doorkeeper shall be elected as necessary in case of the resignation of the Doorkeeper or his/her advancement into the Head of Household's office.
- c. The Exchequer shall perform the duties of treasurer for the household.
- i. The Exchequer shall keep a ledger of all monies earned and spent by the household. He/She shall be responsible to the household for said monies.

- ii. The Exchequer shall handle all monies at events and meetings, keeping exact ledgers of all transactions.
- iii. The Exchequer shall pay all debts of the Household from the Household monies as necessary or as authorized by the Doorkeeper as in the case of emergency expenditures.
- iv. It shall be required that all expenditures in excess of fifty dollars be cosigned in the Exchequer's ledger by the Doorkeeper, as shall all emergency expenditures as outlined in part c, iii. above.
- v. The Exchequer shall take all dues from members as required, except for national Society of Creative Anachronism dues which are to be the responsibility of the individual members.
- vi. The Exchequer shall report financial status of the Household on request of the officers or Household members.
- vii. The Exchequer shall mediate between the Household and the university or other groups on financial matters.
- viii. Misappropriation of Household or Society of Creative Anachronism funds by this officer shall result in the Exchequer's removal from office by a 2/3 vote of the officers and a majority vote of the members.
- ix. Should this office be vacated, the Doorkeeper shall assume the duties of this office until a new Exchequer is elected from the non-office holding membership or thirty day, whichever is shorter.
- x. In the event of part c, ix above, and should no replacement for the Exchequer be elected from the non-office holding members and the thirty days of which the Doorkeeper carry out the duties of Exchequer expire; the Scribe shall assume the duties of the Exchequer until a new Exchequer is elected from among the non-office holding members.

- d. The Scribe shall perform secretarial duties for the Household that pertain to Household and Society of Creative Anachronism business.
 - i. The Scribe shall assist the Head of Household in correspondence for the Household.
 - ii. The Scribe shall assist the Head of Household in announcing meetings and events and in the advertising of such events (see also part e, ii).
 - iii. The Scribe shall assist the Head of Household in scheduling meetings and events, and arranging locations for these meetings and events.
 - iv. The Scribe shall take minutes at meetings of the Household and officers meetings. If possible the Scribe shall also take minutes at local canton meetings, but as this is of secondary importance, this shall not be a requirement of this office.
 - v. Should this office be vacated, the Head of Household shall assume the responsibilities of this office until a new Scribe can be elected from the non-office holding members.
- e. The Chronicler shall perform duties of historian and be responsible for all publishing activities of the Household.
 - i. The Chronicler shall keep both written and pictorial histories and records of meetings and events of the Household, as well as canton, kingdom, or other Society of Creative Anachronism events in which household members participate.
 - ii. The Chronicler shall work closely with the Scribe and Head of Household as it shall be the Chronicler's main duty to be responsible for the public advertising and announcements proclaiming the events and meetings of the Household, and of the Society of Creative Anachronism as deemed necessary by the Chronicler and Head of Household or Scribe.

- iii. At his/her discretion, the Chronicler may edit a newsletter for the Household, and organize a newsletter committee to assist publishing this newsletter; to announce events and Household or canton meetings and advance the promotion of this Household and its Medieval interests.
- iv. If this office is vacated, the Scribe shall assume the duties of Chronicler until a new Chronicler is elected from the non-office holding members of the Household.

Sec. 2. Selection of Officers shall take place as follows:

- a. The officers of this Household shall be elected by a simple majority of all voters present at the general elections meeting held at least two weeks before final exams during any semester. Absentee votes shall not be honored unless delivered to the Head of Household, signed by the Head of Household and initialed by the voter within five days before the general elections meeting.
- b. Elected Officers shall serve a term of one semester, and may succeed themselves in office. Exceptions to this are Officers who take office during the semester because of a previous vacancy. They may volunteer to succeed themselves automatically on the grounds of their previous vote to get into office to fill the vacancy, and therefore serve over on semester. Other exceptions are Officers elected in the Spring who serve over the summer.
 - i. The terms 'semester' are interpreted as follows:
 - 1) Spring semester Elections; officers take office the first day of final exams of the Spring semester and serve over the summer until the first day of final exams of the Fall Semester.
 - 2) Fall Semester Elections; Officers take office the first day of final exams of the Fall Semester and serve over Christmas until the first day of final exams of the Spring Semester.

- ii. Regardless of the semester term in office elections are to be held at least two weeks, preferably three weeks, prior to final exams of any semester. Exceptions are of course for officers voted in during the semester because of a vacancy (see part b).
 - c. Household officers may hold offices in the local canton or kingdom and are urged to do so, but may not hold more than one office within the Household except as exempt in Article IV, Sec. 2, parts a, b, c, d, or e, or this constitution.
 - d. Only voting members may hold office, see Article V, Sec. 3. for requirements.
- Sec. 3. Any officer who does not perform his/her duties to the satisfaction of the Household-at-large, or who flagrantly violates this constitution may be impeached by a 2/3 vote of the membership, except the Exchequer who may be impeached by a 2/3 vote of the officers and a 1/2 vote of the membership.
- i. Any officer facing impeachment has the right to cross-examine any witnesses before the assembled membership and to enter a plea in their own defense prior to the impeachment vote.
 - ii. At least 90% of the voting members must be present for an impeachment vote including the officer facing impeachment.
 - iii. (ii) Above may be waived only under the following circumstances:
 - 1) The officer facing impeachment refuses to attend the impeachment proceedings and two witnesses will verify his/her refusal to attend.
 - 2) All Household members attend the impeachment proceedings, except for the Officer facing impeachment as (1) above.

Article V. Meetings

- Sec. 1. The Household shall meet bi-monthly each semester, except in the summer. Wherein the frequency of Household meetings shall be determined by those members remaining at North Carolina State University for all or part of the summer.
- Sec. 2. The meetings of the Household shall be considered open to the general public and to the students of North Carolina State University; however, general vote meetings, as well as impeachment proceedings are closed to all except the Household's faculty advisor (s) and Household members.
- Sec. 3. Each Household member shall attend at least 2/3 of the meetings and absence from two consecutive meetings may result loss of voting privileges and/or expulsion from Household membership. A member may contest loss of membership be obtaining 1/2 of the membership to sign a petition to remain a full member.
- Sec. 4. Officers shall meet three time semesterially, 100% attendance is required.
- Sec. 5. Honorary members may attend all meetings and are invited to all Household events.

Article VI. Committees

Committees shall be created at the discretion of the Head of Household, except for the formation of a newsletter committee which may be formed at the discretion of the Chronicler.

Article VII. Household Behavior and Requirements.

- Sec. 1. This Household shall be considered a member of the Canton of Elvegast and shall support events and meetings of said Canton.
- Sec. 2. This Household and members shall adhere to the rules of The Copora unless in violation of university rules, North Carolina law, or Federal law. This Household shall uphold the purpose and direction of this constitution and of the national organization of the Society of Creative Anachronism.

- Sec. 3. The Offices of this Household and Canton of Elvegast shall be given all due respect of the Household members.
- Sec. 4. The Household shall look to the Canton of Elvegast for advice and support, the Canton being a more established part of the Society of Creative Anachronism.

Article VIII. Amending the Constitution.

- Sec. 1. Amendments to the Constitution or bylaws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.
- Sec. 2. All amendments to this constitution or bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the student Government.
- Sec. 3. Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government Constitution or By-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences between the club and the President of the Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

Article IX. General.

- Sec. 1. Honorary Membership.
 - a. Honorary membership in the House of Red Wolf may be extended by the Head of Household after a 2.3 membership vote on the prospective Honorary member.
 - b. Honorary members may attend all events and meetings of the House of Red Wolf and Society of Creative Anachronism events sponsored by the Household free of charge or if this is objectionable to the site aristocrat, for 1/2 price to be made up by the Household monies.
 - c. Honorary members need not have to be students at North Carolina State University.
- Sec. 2. There shall be a fourteen day probationary period for all members, who because of unforeseen circumstances, allow their membership in

- the Society of Creative Anachronism to lapse or fail to pay Household dues, so they may correct this situation without loss of membership in the Household. The Doorkeeper may at his/her discretion lengthen this period up to, but not exceeding, thirty days after the expiration date on that Household members card. Failure to pay Household dues will result in expulsion from the Household as will failure to pay dues to the Society of Creative Anachronism, as outlined in Article III, Sec. 1 and Sec. 2.
- Sec. 3. The Household will sponsor a minimum of one joint Society of Creative Anachronism/House of Red Wolf event per semester. This event may be a recruiting event, party, tournament, et cetera but it must be open to the general public to generate interest in the House of Red Wolf and the Society of Creative Anachronism.
- Sec. 4. The Household of Red Wolf may, as time deems wise, vote to become a separate entity from Elvegast, at such time becoming a canton with all rights and duties thereof. This action may only take place with a 2/3 majority vote of all Household members, and the approval of the Board of Directors of the Society of Creative Anachronism.

I probably do not have a copy of these rules, but I can get one. The rules I can remember are ...

Weapons are made of rattan so they won't splinter. You cannot thrust with a weapon unless it has 4 inches of padding on the tip. Since this is so hard to do, nobody ever thrusts.

Helmets are made of 16 gauge ~~aluminum~~ steel and neck protection must be provided.

The maximum ~~eye~~ opening in the helmet (for eyeholes etc) is 1", the minimum diameter of any weapon tip is 1/4".

Shin cup, kidney protection, elbow pads, knee pads, hockey gloves or equivalent are required. There might be other things required that I don't remember. (Helm, of course)

You can't hit anyone with your shield. Shield edges must be bound (shields are usually plywood, sometimes metal)

Combat is supervised by a marshal. The knight marshal of a group must have a first aid card. Usually 2 or more marshals watch the combat.

There must be eye contact before any blow is struck (no hitting from behind). Usually only 2 people are fighting at a time. Even when more are fighting it is usually one-on-one. If anyone falls or drops a weapon fighting must stop. If any item of equipment comes loose all fighting must stop. Only marshals can be on the field with the fighters.

No fighter is forced to fight any given person or weapon - refusal is always accepted. Weapons and armor are inspected before all tournaments.

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ADDENDA TO
THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
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(Branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism)

Please change all "Society of" to "Society for" Creative Anachronism.

Please strike Article II., Section 4.

Please replace Sections 1 and 2 of Article III with:
"While dues are not required to join the House of Red Wolf, paying national dues to the Society for Creative Anachronism is highly recommended."

Please strike in Article IV., Section 2., b.ii. the sentence: "The Doorkeeper is also charged with the validation of membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism of the Household member."

Please replace Article IV., Section 2., c.v. with: "Payment of national dues to the Society for Creative Anachronism is to be handled by the individual member, not the Exchequer."

Please change in Article IV., Section 2., c.viii. the phrase: "by a 2/3 vote of the officers and a majority vote of the members." to "at the Household members' and officers' discretion."

Please replace Article IV., Section 2., d. with: "Any member of the Household may hold office."

Please replace Article IV., Section 3. with: "Any officer who does not perform his/her duties to the satisfaction of the Household-at-large or who flagrantly violates this constitution shall be considered for removal from office at the discretion of the Household and its officers."

Please change in Article V., Section 1. the word: "bi-monthly" to "weekly".

Please strike in Article V., Section 2. the phrase: "as well as impeachment proceedings."

Please replace Article V., Section 3. with: "Attendance is at the discretion of the member. Full attendance is highly recommended for the officers."

Please replace Article V., Section 4. with: "Officers will meet as need and issue require."

Please strike Article IX., Section 2.

Please change the first sentence in Article IX., Section 3.
to: "The Household will sponsor a minimum of one joint Society
for Creative Anachronism/House of Red Wolf event per semester
at their discretion."



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February 11, 1981

Mr. James Albright
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Dear Mr. Albright:

We have reviewed the Constitution submitted for your organization and wish to inform you that this document has been accepted, and we are pleased to recognize The House of Red Wolf as a student organization.

All student organizations are expected to work within the policies of the University and with the Student Government.

In extending recognition, neither the University nor Student Government accepts any financial responsibility for any liability, fiscal or otherwise, which may be incurred by your organization; nor does either guarantee that permanent University facilities will be available. The University, however, will endeavor to make meeting rooms available to your group.

I shall be pleased to be of assistance to you and your organization in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry N. Gracie".

Larry N. Gracie
Director of Student Development

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cc: Joe Gordon, President, Student Government
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Whom it May Concern
FROM: Rose Harrington ^{RG} For Larry W. Gracie
RE: The House of Red Wolf

The organization mentioned above should be given full recognition at this time.

Because an updated information sheet was not completed for this organization they were not included on the current list of Student Organizations.

If you have any questions please call 2441.

LRG/R/r

cc: Ms. Corinne Philbrick
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