

We, the members of Jotun Heim, are a Barony within the Kingdom of Ardesca of the Empire of Medieval Pursuits (EMP). Our current home is in the South-Lands. Jotun Heim will do our best to grow the EMP throughout the South-Lands with the goal of one day growing the region into a Kingdom of our own. Members of Jotun Heim are an adventuring group of Vikings situated on the coast of Scandinavia. We farm most of the year and then raid when the crops are harvested and the snows begin. While primarily focused on 9th-11th century Norse culture, members have come into contact with many other cultures who are welcomed in our community as long as they follow the rules set forth by the Baron and the Council of Jarls.

❖ Heraldry for group:



Gyronny Arrondi Sable and Gules, 6 Spearheads in Annulo Points from Center

In and around Scandinavia is where the Barony will hail from, but the group is located in Selma, AL. (1515 Pine Flat Church Rd, Selma AL 36701) Jotun Heim is forming to continue our pursuits of medieval play, fellowship and to keep fighting as much as possible. We are a primarily warrior branch, but will have artisans and layfolk in our midst as well. Jotun Heim will be a mix of fighters, and artisans as we see the value of all arts and sciences. We will try to capture the look and feel of a Viking war band and maintain the values and virtues of courage, truth, honor, discipline, hospitality, industriousness, self-reliance and perseverance as is befitting of the Norse traditions.

The Baron/Baroness is the “Lord” of the Branch and as such makes the rules (it’s good to be the Baron/Baroness). Must be a member in good standing. They are responsible for the general welfare of the populace and protector from both internal and external disputes. His/her word is law unless overridden by a 2/3rd majority vote of the Council of Jarls. Position is held until the Baron/Baroness resigns or his/her authority is challenged by a sitting Jarl. If challenged, the Jarls will stand for or against the Baron/Baroness and will rally the troops of Jotun Heim to take the field in support of the Baron/Baroness or the Challenger within 4 weeks of the formal challenge. Only fighters who are currently EMP members in good standing and members of Jotun Heim are eligible to fight. The winner is Baron/Baroness and the loser and his/her supporters are removed from the council. The loser cannot challenge again for a period of one year and then only if a seated Jarl agrees to represent them. Baron/Baroness may sit in tandem with their significant other as co-rulers.

The Thegn is a member of the council of Jarls and is appointed by the Baron/Baroness and serves at his pleasure. The Thegn must meet the same criteria as the Jarls. He is the second in command and serves as the Baron in his absence. Appoints new Jarls should one step down.

The Hersir is Warlord of the Branch. Responsible for all things martial in the Branch including defense and leading the warriors during raids. Determined every year by a rattan tournament held at the Allthing during the Yule season. Only Heavy EMP fighters can enter this tournament. If the Hersir is not a member of the council of Jarls they will be elevated as such for the duration of their tenure. They can be removed by a majority vote of the council of Jarls and approval by the Baron/Baroness. Must be a paid

member in good standing.

The Jarls are a council of paid members that are advisors to the Baron. Initial 4 are the founding members of Jotun Heim. They can be removed in the same manner as the Baron/Baroness. The Karls can petition to add members to the Council of Jarls at the annual Allthing but they must be accepted by a simple majority of the sitting Council (Baron, Thegn, Hersir and Jarls). Must be a paid member in good standing.

The Council of Jarls will appoint a treasurer. This person must be a paid member in good standing appointed by the Council of Jarls. Serves at their discretion.

The Baron will appoint the Skald of House Jotun Heim who will be responsible for the telling and keeping of the lore of the group. This will also include keeping the rolls current of all whom have been recognized with awards for their efforts in the barony as well as training future skalds for our legacy is alive only as long as the story is told.

The Baron shall appoint the Chief Dróttseti who will be responsible for the organizing and administration of the Barony.

The Baron will appoint the Chief Smidr who will be responsible for promoting the Arts and Sciences within the Barony.

The Karls are the free people of the Branch. Includes all paid members in good standing and can have their voices heard through the Jarls. They may also directly petition the Baron/Baroness if they feel there is a conflict deserving of his/her attention.

The Thralls are the unpaid members of the Branch. These members are not able to sit on the council and are considered "with but not of" our Branch. They will have no say in the running of the Barony. Membership in EMP is **highly encouraged**.

Memberships shall be renewed annually by April 15 to remain in good standing. Please ensure that your membership is kept up to date.....no one WANTS to be a thrall.....

The Baron will call for an annual Allthing to be held traditionally during the Yule season. At this time, all grievances will be heard and any new rules and bylaws will be voted on. Only those in attendance will have a vote unless there is extenuating circumstances.

The Barony of Jotun Heim would like to recognize those whose efforts reflect great credit upon themselves and the Barony. Any member of the Barony may recommend someone for an award. Awards are given only with the approval of the Baron and can be removed or changed as the Baron sees fit.

The House of Jotun Heim- Awarded to those free folk who have demonstrated their love and allegiance to the barony through hard work and regular attendance. The regalia shall be a Norse arm ring and after swearing an oath of fealty to the Baron, they will henceforth be known as Drottin (lord) or Fru (lady).

Order of the Huscarl- Awarded to those who have distinguished themselves on the field of battle and who share their martial knowledge with those around them. The regalia shall be a necklace with the sword of Tyr attached and can display the image of the sword upon their garments if so chosen.

Order of the Dróttseti- Awarded to those whose efforts in stewardship, organizing and administrating the greater workings of the Barony are indispensable. The regalia shall consist of a token of Hugen and Mugen feathers.

Order of the Smidr- Awarded to those whose abilities in the arts and sciences enrich our lives in the Barony. The regalia shall consist of a disc cast with the dwarves' most powerful work of art, Thor's hammer upon it.

Depending on the grievance, Trial by Rattan combat shall be used to resolve challenges to leadership. One can call for a champion during these disputes. Civil discussions will be had to resolve all other grievances unless combat is called for. Disputes of honor can be made in the fashion of a Holmgang. Results of the Holmgang will be posted publicly and shall be witnessed by at a minimum either the Baron/Baroness, Thegn or Hersir and 2 sitting Jarls of Jotun Heim. After the Holmgang has concluded the dispute is considered settled in favor of the victor. Challenges to Holmgang shall follow an order of precedence of their clan. Method of combat shall be determined by the Baron, Hersir, and attending Jarls. The Baron can choose which type of combat is appropriate for the grievance when it is between branch members.

If a Baron/Baroness should step down, the Thegn will assume his/her duties until the council of Jarls appoints a new Baron/Baroness or a challenge is made.

Jotun Heim exists for the sole purpose to enjoy all things medieval and to revel in our friendships. As such, all mundane politics, issues and grievances will be left at the door. Members and guests found to be violating this will be warned once and then asked to leave if the behavior continues. All barony members in attendance at our events are expected to help and to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Be Excellent or Be Gone!

Jotun Heim will host two events annually:

Viking Spring Raids - This will be our main annual event at which we celebrate the Spring Equinox. We will hold an EMP rattan tournament to celebrate the coming of summer and several melees to prepare for the upcoming raids in the far lands. The event will also host an arts and sciences fair.

Yule Allthing- Held traditionally in the winter months. Allthing convenes for the group and a rattan tournament is held for members of the group only to determine the next Hersir. This will be followed by a tournament open to all visitors. Much frivolity and feasting to occur.....

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