



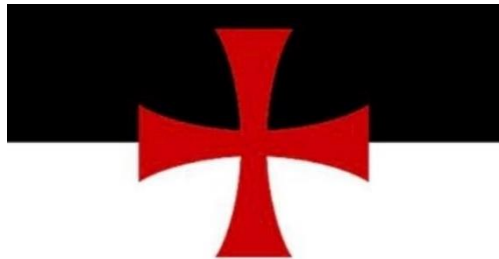
County of the Antioch

A County within the Empire of Medieval Pursuits

The County of the Antioch is founded to unite the Baronies and Fiefs in the Eastern regions who follow the Templar Code of Honor. The Charter shall reflect all such future County member branches as an addendum to the original charter.

The purpose of the County of the Antioch is to bring together those who would guard the Gates of the East, to share knowledge, strength, resources, and camaraderie to enhance the grandeur of each of its constituent parts.

Time Period / Place: The County of Antioch acknowledges and includes within this charter the time periods of each branch based upon their specific charter.



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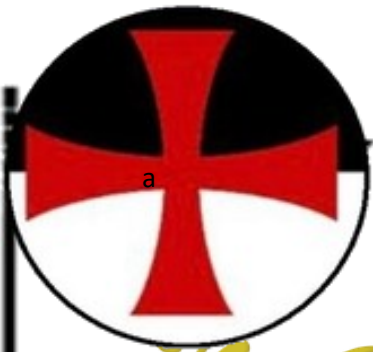
Notice: The following does not supersede an individual Barony/Fief's charter but is set forth for the governance of the County.

Article I

Membership of Baronies/Fiefs in the County:

1. Any group who desires to follow the Templar Code of Conduct may petition to join the County of Antioch. (hereinafter "County").





The 24 Virtues of the Templars

Godliness - Imitating God in your everyday life. Fleeing sin and pursuing righteousness.

Faith - Trusting in God and His purpose. Seeking God with all your heart knowing that He is always there for you.

Hope - Knowing that God will provide for our needs if we hope in Him to make the answers in life clear to us.

Love - A state of kindness, compassion, humility, patience and intense caring for one another.

Justice - To act justly by doing what is right and pleasing to God. Being fair and square with others.

Prudence - The ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason - making good decisions.

Temperance - To be moderate with actions, thoughts and deeds. To exhibit restraint and avoid excess.

Strength - The spirit and conviction to live a life that is true to God based on His divine and sanctifying grace.

Humility - To humble ourselves and yield completely to the hand of God being free of pride and arrogance.

Perseverance - To be patient and committed to pursue something until it has been completed.

Honor - To serve and live only for God with the highest of respect and esteem - through your actions.

Charity - Unlimited kindness and love toward all others. Giving of your time, talent and treasures.

Sacrifice - To deny oneself by relinquishing something to the favor of God.

Compassion - The feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the unfortunate with a strong desire to alleviate suffering.

Loyalty - Faithful dedication and loyalty to God with an unwavering commitment.

Truth - The honest acceptance of fact and being sincere and candid with others regarding those truths.

Purity - To be free from anything that taints or impairs goodness. To be free from life-impairing sin.

Gallantry - Unbridled courage and bravery knowing that God has provided everything needed to be successful.

Hospitality - Ignoring convenience and going out of your way to help and serve others.

Courtesy - Behavior that is gentle, polite, well-mannered and considerate of others.

Gratitude - Being grateful and thankful for all the blessings in life that are gifts from God.

Grace and Mercy - The humble acceptance and giving of something that is either undeserved or rightly deserved.

Mentorship - Providing wise and influential counsel to others through the exchange of ideas and advice.

Overcoming Failure - Perseverance over difficult and challenging aspects of life.



Any Barony/Fief requesting to join or leave the County must petition the Council of Antioch (County Lords) (see Article III).

2. Baronies/Fiefs must meet the stated membership requirements at all times.
 - a. If at any time a Barony/Fief in the County falls below the base membership requirement they will be provided a period of six (6) months to increase their numbers to meet membership requirements.
 - b. If after the full period of six (6) months, the Fief/Barony is still below stated membership, the Council of Antioch will convene to determine the next steps.
 - c. If any Barony/Fief dissolves, disbands, or collapses any members from the affected Barony / Fief are welcome and free to join any of the remaining groups, or the County itself.

Article IV

County Leadership:

1. All County Lords must be paid members in good standing with the EMP, and their Barony/Fief.
2. All County Lords are expected to participate in events, appropriate meetings, and County functions to the best of their ability.
3. All County Lords must remember they are servants of the County.
4. All County titles are null and void following the end of their service term.
5. All Lords are expected to assist with recruiting efforts so others can enjoy the fun!

Count or Countess of Antioch:

1. The County will be served by a Count/Countess.
2. A seated Count/Countess will retain their position in their respective branch.

Responsibility of the Count/Countess of Antioch:

1. Oversight of the Council of Antioch.
2. Ensure the independent operation of constituent Baronies/Fiefs.
3. Defend the domains of the County from all threats.
4. Strive to grow the realms of Antioch.
5. Oversight of the Baronies/Fiefs within the County.
 - a. The Count/Countess does not reserve the right to make enforce any changes to the branches within the County.
 - b. The Count/Countess does not have voting rights within the branches of the County of which they do not belong.



6. Act as an appellate body for any citizens of the County.
7. Oversee The Conclave each year.

Selecting the Count/Countess:

1. Only a Count/Countess, Baron/Baroness, or Lord/Lady in good standing of the County is eligible to be a Count/Countess.
 - a. A Lord/Lady in good standing is any individual who has been head of their branch for a minimum of one (1) year.
2. The first term of the Count/Countess is a minimum period of two (2) years with no limits. After that period, the term is one (1) year.
 - a. The Count/Countess must defend their seat through combat which will be held during the annual The Conclave.
 - i. The Conclave will be held each year on or nearest to the Summer Solstice in June, or other designated date agreed upon by the Council of Antioch.
 - ii. The winner of that competition, whether through war or single combat (as determined by the current Count/Countess and the Council of Antioch), will be the new Count/Countess.
 - b. Consorts
 - i. The Count/Countess by Right, may select a consort who will be ennobled with the honorary title of Count/Countess respectively but has no authority.
 - ii. It is requested, however, that the Count/Countess Consort be treated with the respect due their position.
 - iii. The Title of will be the respective title the Count/Countess by Right has chosen to be called.
 - c. The Count/Countess Consort may hold any office within their respective branch as determined by that ranch.
 - d. The Count/Countess may also choose a bodyguard known as the Count's Champion (Captain, etc.) at their leisure, but preferably by a tournament to hold such a prestigious title.
 - e. The Count/Countess may also choose a War Commander to martial their forces in distant lands (or closer to home) at their leisure.



Removal of a sitting Count/Countess

1. In the event that 2/3rds of the County Lords or population call for removal of a current Count/Countess:
 - a. The current Count/Countess can choose to resign
 - b. Otherwise, the County Lords must choose a reasonable time and venue to hold a civil war for the seat.
 - c. Once this location is chosen, the war is hosted, and the winner takes all.
 - d. Once a victor is determined, the below guidelines for a resigning Count/Countess are followed.

Abdication - Resigning Count/Countess - Interim Count/Countess

1. In the event that the Count/Countess is unable to fulfill their tenure in their position, the Council of Antioch will be called to address the vacant seat.
2. The incoming Count/Countess will be "interim" in that they will hold the vacated seat until the next annual The Conclave.
 - a. The first choice should be a prior Count/Countess, if they agree.
 - b. If there is only one Barony at the time of abdication, the head of the Barony will become the interim Count/Countess.
 - c. If there is more than one Barony within the County a war or tournament will be scheduled at the pleasure of the seated Count/Countess and the seated Baron/Baronesses of the respective Baronies.
 - i. Only the members of the Barony may fight for their Barony.
 - ii. Mercenaries may not be enlisted for this battle.
 - d. The interim Count/Countess will serve until the next annual The Conclave in which, to continue, they must defend their seat in combat.
 - i. Upon defense of their seat, or if not challenged at the next annual War, they are then the true and rightful Count/Countess.

Article III

Council of Antioch (Council of Lords)

The Lord of each branch within the County will be a member of the Council of Antioch along with the Count/Countess and their respective consort to discuss and decide upon current affairs affecting the County or to ensure understanding and action of any new Kingdom laws and/or EMP rules.

1. The Count/Countess may call a Council as they see fit.



- a. The Count/Countess will hold one vote and will represent any citizens under the County.
 - b. Lords may attend electronically.
 - c. Any Lord not able to present may choose a proxy member from their branch, OR,
 - d. The Count/Countess has the right of proxy for any absent Lord from a council meeting after consultation and agreement between them.
 - e. The Count/Countess and their Consort together have only 1 vote.
2. In the Kingdom when there is a Kingdom Law vote, for House of Lords, each independent group within the County will be able to vote their own ways to Kingdom issue.
 - a. The Count/Countess will **not** control the number of votes withheld inside the County **nor** will the Count/Countess force any branch to vote in any particular fashion.
 3. Any officers of any branch are officers for that respective branch and are **not** part of the Council of Antioch.
 - a. Each Lord may, at their leisure, consult with their officers or populace when voting upon a County matter.

Article 10

The Conclave

1. Every year, the Count/Countess will host The Conclave for War Points and bragging rights.
 - a. County branches may put in a bid for the War to be held in their local fiefdom through the Council of Antioch, or an alternate, more centralized location may be arranged.
 - b. This is to ensure that we are inclusive of all of our county fiefs and a sitting Count/Countess does not always have the "home field" advantage.
 - c. Mercenaries are welcome and encouraged. (Please note: you may not 'purchase' mercenaries with County goods, services, nor promises; payment must be wholly from within the buyer's branch.)
 - d. Competition is a friendly and fun way to keep the skills of the people of the Antioch strong. Participation is encouraged in all aspects of games and competitions. While these competitions may be held at other events, during The Conclave, War Points will be awarded.





Article V - Other Rules

Awards:

As a County in the EMP we have awards that can be handed out for exceptional individuals who excel in a given area.

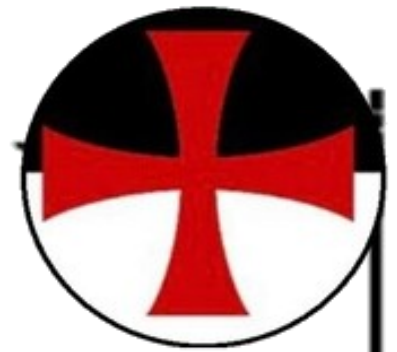
1. *Martial*
 - a. *Ordo Novem (Order of the Nine - Knights)*
 - i. They may wear a black and white belt
 - ii. Squires may wear a black and red belt.
 - b. *Ordo Custodes (Order of the Guardians) - award for courage, honor, and prowess on the field*
2. *Service*
 - a. *Ordo Hospitii (Order of Hospitality)*
 - b. *Ordo Officii (Order of Duty/Service)*
3. *Arts & Sciences*
 - a. *Ordo Magisterii (Order of Mastery)*
 - b. *Ordo Artificum (Order of Artisans)*

Membership:

1. Membership rules are based on the rules of the Empire of Medieval Pursuits.
2. The County, from time to time, may conduct a census of members.
3. Baronies/Fiefs must report to the county if their membership goes below the required number for their Barony/Fief.
4. We request Baronies/Fiefs report new members so that the Count/Countess may welcome them to the County.
5. Baronies/Fiefs retain their rights to banish members based on their individual charters.
 - a. Any banishments from a branch should be reported to the Count /Countess.

Changes to the Charter:

1. Any changes to the Charter will be democratically voted upon during meetings, as long as a quorum is reached (2/3rds of the populace voting).
2. All changes to the Charter will be submitted to the Crown for final approval.



3. Any member who has suggestions of changes to be made or can think of new things we should incorporate within the County should share this in written format with their Lord who will add it to the agenda of the next Lord's meeting.
4. Official meetings are held quarterly.

Note to the Populace:

While our County has very few rules, we do ask that everyone to work and play well together for the greater good of our County. Discrimination, harassment, and/or bullying will not be tolerated.

Three Simple Rules of the County of Antioch:

1. Be excellent to one another
2. Don't steal from anyone.
3. If not covered in laws, refer to Rule 1.

All other items not mentioned herein, default to the rules of the Empire of Medieval Pursuits. Any rule contained herein that conflicts with EMP rules, EMP rules will prevail, and the Charter will be amended upon learning of such conflict.

Any inter-county disputes will default to EMP rules of challenged combat. So be excellent to each other, and remember, this is a fun hobby, don't screw it up for someone else.

All news, updates, and events will be posted on Facebook.

