

# Barony of Seagirt

**Constitution**

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## **I The Constitution**

A. The Barony of Seagirt, its Baronial Coronet, its Officers, and its peoples wish to clarify and codify the procedures by which this, our Barony, operates. To this end, we have written the following Constitution specifying the methods which we employ to govern ourselves.

1. In all cases, this Constitution shall be consistent with Tir Righ and An Tir Law and Corpora. If such conditions should ever arise where there may be conflict, these documents shall supersede this Constitution and the Constitution shall be amended to conform to both An Tirian Law and Corpora.

B. Changes to the Constitution.

1. The Constitution can be amended or altered by the Barony of Seagirt at any time, provided:
  - a) All proposed changes to the Constitution are published in a Baronial publication(s) at least one month prior to the Council in which they will be discussed and/or voted upon.
  - b) No changes are to be made or acted upon without the approval of the Baronial Council (Section IV).
2. Changes shall not be effective until such time as they have been announced; whether in a Baronial Council, a Baronial Court, or published in a Baronial publication(s).
3. Approved changes must be published in a Baronial publication(s).

## **II The Barony**

A. The Barony of Seagirt shall be defined by those geographical regions specified by the Kingdom of An Tir to be within the Barony.

1. In addition, any ceremonial or unofficial groupings such as, but not limited to households, guilds, companies, etc., who are recognized through special treaty with the Barony of the Seagirt, shall also be considered a part of the Barony regardless of geographical location.
  - a) Such special treaties shall be made with the Baronial Coronet.

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2. In addition, any individuals who have petitioned in writing for, and have been granted, baronial citizenship, shall also be considered a part of the Barony regardless of geographical location.
  - a) Such petitions shall be made in writing to the Baronial Coronet for consideration.

### **III The Baronial Coronet**

- A. The Baronial Coronet shall be defined as the territorial baron and/or baroness appointed by the Crown of An Tir.
- B. The Baronial Coronet shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the Barony (II.A.)
- C. The Baronial Coronet must present themselves to the Crown of An Tir or their Royal Representatives at least once during each Royal reign.
- D. Ninety days written notice of intent to no longer serve as the Baronial Coronet should be submitted to the Baronial Seneschal(e).

### **IV The Baronial Council**

- A. Baronial Council is the regularly scheduled assemblage of the populace which is held in order to gain consultation and advice on the administration and governance of the Barony or for the populace to vote on such issues as are required by Constitution.
- B. Baronial Council is called by and presided over by the Baronial Seneschal or a designated representative.
- C. The members of Baronial Council shall consist of:
  1. The Baronial Coronet (Baron and/or Baroness).
  2. All Baronial Officers.
  3. All citizens (as defined in Sections II.A., II.A.1., II.A.2.) who wish to attend.
- D. Meetings of the Baronial Council shall be called as follows:
  1. The date, time, place, and, if possible, a tentative agenda for Baronial Council shall be made public prior to Council's commencement.

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2. Between scheduled Baronial Councils, Special Councils consisting of the Baronial Officers, Baronial Coronet, and such councillors as defined by special treaty may act in the Barony's best interests. Such actions must be announced at the next regularly scheduled Baronial Council.

### V Baronial Officers

- A. All Baronial Officers shall report on the state of their offices at each Baronial Council. These reports must be sent to the Baronial Seneschal(e), Baronial Coronet, and Baronial Chronicler prior to Baronial Council.
- B. All papers (including official correspondence) and regalia accruing to any office are the property of the Barony and that office and must be transferred in their entirety to any new Baronial Officer within seven (7) days of any change of office.
- C. Appointment of Baronial Officers.
  1. The opening of a Baronial Office shall be made public by announcement at a scheduled Baronial Council, through written announcement in a Baronial publication(s), and through any other medium deemed appropriate.
  2. Persons interested in a vacant office opening shall have until the next regularly scheduled Baronial Council meeting to declare themselves a candidate for the office, in writing, to the outgoing officer and the Baronial Seneschal.
  3. At that Baronial Council Meeting the list of all candidates shall be made public, inviting commentary from the populace.
  4. At that Baronial Council meeting or within thirty (30) days of that meeting, the Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Coronet, and outgoing officer shall discuss all candidates and commentary, recommending a single candidate, in writing, to the warranting Kingdom Officer. Said candidate shall become an "Acting" Baronial Officer until warranted.
  5. The name of the "Acting" Baronial Officer shall be made public.
  6. Baronial Officers may select whatever deputies they require for the duration of their office.

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G. The Officers of the Barony of Seagirt must consist of:

1. Seneschal(e).
2. Herald.
3. Marshal.
4. Minister of Arts and Sciences.
5. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
6. Chronicler.
7. Chatelaine.

H. In addition to the aforementioned duties and responsibilities of all Baronial Officers, there shall be the following:

1. Herald.
  - a) The Baronial Herald shall provide heraldic consultation or designate an acceptable deputy.
2. Marshal
  - a) Within six (6) months, the Baronial Marshal shall attain the level of Junior Marshal in one of the following disciplines; rattan (heavy), rapier, or combat missile.
  - b) Within six (6) months, the Baronial Marshal shall either become a Junior Marshal in the remaining disciplines (rattan, rapier, combat missile, or target) or appoint an appropriate Junior Marshal as a deputy.
  - c) The Baronial Marshal shall be responsible for maintaining the Baronial Lists or designate an acceptable deputy.
4. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - a) The Baronial Exchequer shall be responsible for enforcing and maintaining Baronial financial policy.
5. Chronicler.

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- a) The Baronial Chronicler shall be responsible for taking the minutes at Baronial Council and making those minutes available to the populace, or designate an acceptable deputy.

### **VI Baronial Events**

- A. Branches, groups or individuals wishing to host a Baronial Event must submit a written proposal complete with cost breakdown to the Baronial Council.
- B. Post-event reports including finalized financial statements must be submitted to the Baronial Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting or no later than 45 days after the event.

### **VII Waiving the Constitution**

- A. Any part of this Constitution can be waived under special or extreme circumstances by approval of the Baronial Officers and Baronial Coronet with a full accounting to be given at the next regularly scheduled Baronial Council.

Ratified by the Baronial Council of Seagirt, May 4, 2004.

