



ORDER OF THE WEALD | FIVE YEARS CHARTER

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Vision

- Grow and protect a strong, united and independent world.
- The Order will train and regulate this association of chivalry to provide the means of defence for self and others in Christendom against evil speech and deeds.

Officers

- The Lord Commander will lead the Order of the Weald.
- The Lord Commander will be appointed by Houses Romanov and Pitt on the advice of the Knight Commanders.
- The Lord Commander will appoint a Chancellor to manage the administration of the Order.
- The Lord Commander will appoint a Register to manage applicants to the Order.
- Knight Commanders will elect a Provincial Commander to lead their county.
- Member Knights will elect a Knight Commander to lead their local Order guild.
- The Knight Commander will appoint a Porter Steward to receive contracts from the general public, assign contracts to Order Knights and oversee the administration of local Order guilds.

Ranks

- The Order will use the following rank structure in order of supremacy: Champion Knight, Hero Knight, Knight, Apprentice.
- Apprentices will be over the age of seven.
- Knights will receive investiture from and over the age of fourteen.
- It is possible to be a Knight without being an Apprentice.
- A Hero Knight will be commended by his peers to the Lord Commander for investiture for a particularly brave deed.
- A Champion Knight will be commended by his peers to the Lord Commander for investiture for a uniquely brave deed.
- For important persons in public life who have been commended for investiture, they may join as a Hero Knight or Champion Knight without first being a Knight.

Limitations

- A guild is an autonomous association of local members of the Order.
- A guild member is any Knight, Hero Knight or Champion Knight of the Order of Achilles.
- A particularly brave deed will be one that chooses to overcome danger, where it would be easier to run away and one that is confident in danger: either absolutely or relatively.

- A uniquely brave deed will be one that apes a particularly brave deed; with the addition that the deed was so rare that it is regarded as a once in a lifetime event: either absolutely or relatively.
- In addition to obeying the natural and civil laws, the Order forbids felony and theft within its ranks; offenders will be expelled until they prove their worth to join the Order once again.

Assets

- The Order will use annual membership fees to fund its operations.
- The Order will sell its merchandise to fund its operations.
- The Order will use the resources of Houses Romanov and Pitt to manage its operations.

Operations

Swordsmanship

- The Order will train their Knights in hand to hand combat, one and two handed combat, armour use and blocking.
- The Order may use the College of Pages to learn about the art of fighting.

Rhetoric

- The Order will train their Knights in demonstration, character, emotion and structure.
- The Order may use Grand Parlour University to learn about the art of rhetoric.

Guilds

- The Order will own its own guilds, and where this is yet to happen, will hire buildings and land from others.
- For guilds owning their own land and property, they will house their Knight Commanders and Guild Porters beneath its roof.
- The Order will keep and grow libraries in combat at local Order guilds.
- Guilds will make alliances with local organisations.

Events

- The Order will celebrate Achilles Day on 7th June by hosting a dinner in a major European city.
- According to office, events will be organised by the size of region.

Communications

- The Order will write a monthly newsletter for members.
- The Order will use social media to promote its activities.

Negotiation

- The Order will use principled negotiation when bargaining with parties that brings advantage to both parties.
- Where this fails, the Order will bargain to the advantage of the Order.