



# THE CHARTER OF THE NORDET ART GUILD

GUILDE D'ART NORDET

Let it be known throughout the Northern Lands and beyond that the Nordet Art Guild is hereby established under solemn oath, ancient custom, and the enduring pursuit of artistry. Under this charter, the Guild binds its members to honour, virtue, and mastery, and to uplift the realms through works of creation both humble and grand.

# I. THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE GUILD

The Guild stands upon three sacred pillars: Truthful Craft, Charitable Spirit, and Moral Conduct. These principles serve as the eternal flame by which all works, decisions, and alliances shall be illuminated.

## 1. TRUTHFUL CRAFT

Members shall conduct themselves with honesty and clarity in all dealings, both with fellow artisans and with patrons who seek their talents. Every creation shall reflect sincerity of skill and purity of intention.

## 2. CHARITABLE SPIRIT

The Guild shall seek ways to serve the common good. This may include offering works or guidance to communities in need, mentoring apprentices, or contributing art that uplifts the minds and hearts of the people.

## 3. MORAL CONDUCT

No member shall partake in works that corrupt, demean, or bring dishonour to the dignity of humankind. The Guild shall deny commissions that violate its ethical standards, for all art bears the weight of its maker's conscience.



# II. THE HIERARCHY OF THE GUILD

The structure of the Guild reflects the order and harmony necessary for the flourishing of artistry. Each role is a station of responsibility, entrusted by oath.

## 1. GUILD MASTER

The Guild Master holds the highest mantle of authority. This leader sets the vision of the Guild, appoints members to positions of trust, oversees disputes, and determines which commissions are worthy of the Guild's seal.

## 2. RIGHT HAND

The Right Hand serves as counsellor and guardian of continuity. In the absence of the Master, this trusted figure carries forth decisions, guides members, and safeguards the Guild's daily order.

## **1. GUILD COMMISSIONS ACCOUNTANT**

This keeper of parchment and ink records all commissions, agreements, and obligations. They ensure that all terms between patron and artist are clear, just, and worthy of the Guild's standards.

## **2. GUILD TREASURER**

The Treasurer watches over the coffers of the Guild, both the wealth owed to members and the reserves that sustain the Guild's halls, tools, and gatherings. All accounts must be kept with precision and honesty.

## **3. OVERWATCH BOARD MEMBER**

These esteemed members are called upon when matters of great importance require the wisdom of the Guild at large. If the Master and Right Hand cannot decide, the vote of the Overwatch prevails.

## **4. GUILD CAPTAIN**

When a grand undertaking requires many hands, a Guild Captain is appointed. This captain leads artists in unity, ensuring that all contributions align with the vision of the commission.

## **5. GUILD MEMBER**

A recognized artisan who contributes skill, wisdom, and dedication to the Guild's works. Members participate in commissions, uphold the charter, and support the Guild's honour.

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# **III. THE HANDLING OF COMMISSIONS**

All commissions shall be received, reviewed, and approved in accordance with Guild ethics. Once accepted, a commission becomes a forged bond between the patron, the artist, and the Guild.

## **1. THE FORGING OF AGREEMENTS**

A commission begins when a patron submits a request. Artists may claim the work, negotiate terms, and determine profit division. The Accountant then seals the agreement into record.

## **2. REVISIONS AND ALTERATIONS**

Should changes be required, all involved parties must lend their assent. The revised contract shall be rewritten and affirmed before further work proceeds.

## **3. THE BURNING OF A CONTRACT**

If a patron proves dishonourable or if the work becomes unfit for Guild standards, the contract may be ceremonially nullified. Such actions are rare and must be justified for the archive.



# **IV. THE GUILD'S COFFERS**

The Guild maintains two sacred funds. The Member Reserve Fund protects the rightful earnings of artisans. The Guild Reserve Fund supports the halls, tools, gatherings, and future prosperity.

## **1. THE MEMBER RESERVE FUND**

This fund holds the wages of members earned through commission. It exists to safeguard their labour and may support future grants, apprenticeships, or aid.

## **2. THE GUILD RESERVE FUND**

The reserve supports the Guild's needs, including resources, halls, administration, festivities, and long-term stability. All spending must be recorded and approved.

# **V. THE ARCHIVE OF DEEDS**

All expenses drawn from the Guild Reserve Fund must be transparent and approved by the Guild Master, the Right Hand, or the Treasurer. Misuse of funds is considered a grave offence.

Thus, by quill and oath, the Nordet Art Guild is established. Let every member who enters these halls honour this charter, uphold its values, and contribute to the flourishing of art across the realms.

## VII. THE BUSINESS MODEL UNDER SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

The Nordet Art Guild operates under a sole proprietorship structure for legal and administrative purposes. In this arrangement, the Guild Master serves as the primary owner and legal representative of the Guild. While the Guild functions creatively as a collective of artisans, the sole proprietorship model provides simplicity, clarity of responsibility, and unified oversight.

Under this model, the Guild Master holds responsibility for legal contracts, taxes, financial declarations, and formal obligations. However, within the internal structure of the Guild, profit-sharing, role delegation, and collaborative creative work proceed according to the Charter and the agreements forged among members.

The sole proprietorship benefits the Guild by allowing rapid decision-making, clear financial pathways, and streamlined operations. The Guild Reserve Fund and Member Reserve Fund continue to function as internal financial structures, while all official legal accountability rests with the Guild Master. This ensures that each artisan may focus on creation and collaboration while the Guild Master oversees external affairs that require singular authority.

Although the Guild is legally held by one proprietor, the spirit of the Guild remains collective. The Charter ensures fairness, transparency, and shared responsibility so that the Guild operates as a unified fellowship of creators.

