HOUSE OF ASCENDED NOBILITY

Academy of Royal Etiquette

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOUSE OF ASCENDED NOBILITY

Charter of Rights, Duties, Governance & Royal Standards

FOUNDATIONAL CHARTER • 40 ARTICLES

CHARACTER BEFORE CROWN. CONDUCT BEFORE STATUS. SERVICE BEFORE SELF.

Founding Principle

The Crown is not a declaration of superiority. It is a declaration of responsibility.

ARTICLE I — THE NAME OF THE HOUSE

Section 1. Official Name

The institution shall be known as **HOUSE OF ASCENDED NOBILITY**, with its educational division designated **ACADEMY OF ROYAL ETIQUETTE**.

Section 2. The House

“House” refers collectively to the Academy, its governing officers, faculty, students, graduates, certified members, councils, programs, traditions, standards, and institutional community.

Section 3. The Academy

The Academy shall serve as the educational and developmental institution through which members receive instruction, assessment, mentorship, and opportunities for advancement.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE OF THE HOUSE

Purpose

The purposes of the House shall be to cultivate excellence of character; teach refined social and professional etiquette; develop leadership capacity; promote personal discipline and self-governance; develop effective communication; encourage responsible stewardship; develop cultural and social intelligence; promote ethical decision-making; encourage community service; and prepare individuals for responsible leadership and influence.

Foundational Standard

The Academy shall seek to develop individuals who are capable of carrying themselves with dignity while extending dignity to others.

ARTICLE III — THE PRINCIPLE OF NOBILITY

Section 1. Nobility Defined

For purposes of the House, **nobility shall be understood primarily as a standard of character and conduct rather than a claim of inherent superiority.**

Section 2. No Inherent Superiority

No member shall be considered inherently superior to another person by virtue of Crown, rank, certification, wealth, family, occupation, education, social position, gender, race, nationality, or membership in the House.

Section 3. The Higher the Rank

The advancement of a member shall correspond with an increased expectation of responsibility. **Greater rank shall carry greater responsibility.**

ARTICLE IV — THE CROWN

Section 1. Meaning

The Crown shall symbolize **Character, Discipline, Responsibility, Leadership, Service, and Excellence.**

Section 2. The Crown Is Earned

The Academy shall not confer the highest Crown designations solely on the basis of enrollment, payment, social standing, popularity, or personal connections.

Section 3. Demonstrated Excellence

Candidates for Crown certification must satisfy the academic, practical, ethical, service, and examination requirements established by the Academy.

Section 4. Responsibility of the Crown

A person receiving a Crown designation accepts an ongoing responsibility to represent the principles of the House with dignity and integrity.

ARTICLE V — THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOUSE

Six Ascending Principles

The educational philosophy of the House shall be built upon six ascending principles: **KNOW** — acquire knowledge; **UNDERSTAND** — comprehend its meaning and purpose; **PRACTICE** — apply the principles; **DEMONSTRATE** — prove competency; **SERVE** — use one's development for the benefit of others; **ASCEND** — accept greater responsibility.

Application

These principles shall guide the curriculum, examinations, mentorship programs, advancement system, and Crown process.

ARTICLE VI — HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Section 1. Fetha Nagast

The *Fetha Nagast* shall serve as one of the principal historical and philosophical sources studied by the Academy.

Section 2. Historical Study

Students may study its treatment of law, justice, authority, duties, social order, family, property, contracts, commerce, responsibility, and governance.

Section 3. Modern Application

The Academy may interpret historical principles for educational purposes while recognizing the substantial differences between medieval legal traditions and contemporary society.

Section 4. Supremacy of Contemporary Law

Nothing within this Constitution, the Royal Code, Academy policies, titles, ceremonies, or traditions shall supersede applicable law.

ARTICLE VII — MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE

Membership Classes

Membership may include Students; Royal Scholars; Royal Ambassadors; Royal Leaders; Crown Candidates; Certified Kings; Certified Queens; Faculty; Mentors; Officers; Council Members; and Honorary Members, where authorized.

Additional Classifications

The Academy may establish additional classifications through duly adopted policies.

ARTICLE VIII — RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Right to Dignity

Every member shall be entitled to respectful treatment.

Section 2. Right to Education

Enrolled students shall have access to the educational services for which they have properly enrolled, subject to applicable terms and requirements.

Section 3. Right to Know

Students shall have reasonable access to the standards governing coursework, examinations, advancement, and certification.

Section 4. Right to Fair Evaluation

Students shall be evaluated according to established standards rather than arbitrary personal preference.

Section 5. Right to Be Heard

A member facing serious disciplinary or certification action shall have an appropriate opportunity to respond.

Section 6. Right of Review

Members shall have access to an established process for requesting review of qualifying decisions.

Section 7. Freedom From Harassment

The House shall maintain standards prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying, threats, and abusive conduct.

Section 8. Privacy

The Academy shall maintain appropriate safeguards for member information consistent with applicable law and its privacy policies.

ARTICLE IX — RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Responsibilities

Members shall endeavor to act honestly; keep commitments; treat others with dignity; maintain appropriate conduct; complete academic obligations; respect Academy property and intellectual property; protect confidential information; represent credentials accurately; accept legitimate accountability; pursue continual personal development; practice responsible digital conduct; and seek opportunities for constructive service.

ARTICLE X — THE ROYAL CODE

Section 1. Establishment

The House shall maintain a separate body of standards known as the **ROYAL CODE**.

Section 2. Purpose

The Royal Code shall translate the principles of this Constitution into specific standards of conduct.

Section 3. Scope

The Royal Code may address integrity, etiquette, professional conduct, communication, digital conduct, confidentiality, academic honesty, conflicts of interest, harassment, misuse of credentials, representation of the Academy, and disciplinary matters.

Section 4. Relationship to Constitution

The Royal Code shall remain subordinate to this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI — THE ROYAL LAWS

Establishment

The Academy may establish a numbered body of principles known as the **ROYAL LAWS OF THE HOUSE**.

Examples

These may include The Law of Integrity, The Law of Dignity, The Law of Composure, The Law of Preparation, The Law of Responsibility, The Law of Service, The Law of Stewardship, The Law of Discretion, The Law of Excellence, and The Law of Legacy.

Status

The Royal Laws shall be educational and institutional standards and shall not be represented as governmental law.

ARTICLE XII — THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Structure

The ultimate institutional authority of the House shall be exercised according to this Constitution and the lawful authority established by the Academy's organizational documents.

Offices

The governing structure shall include, as appropriate: Chancellor; Dean of Royal Education; Directors; Royal Examiner; Royal Mentors; Crown Council; House Review Council; and Faculty and administrative officers.

Limitation

No officer shall possess unlimited authority.

ARTICLE XIII — THE CHANCELLOR

Section 1. Office

The Chancellor shall serve as the principal executive officer of the House.

Section 2. Responsibilities

The Chancellor may establish institutional vision; oversee strategic development; appoint authorized officers; represent the Academy; safeguard its mission; preside over major ceremonies; and oversee institutional policies.

Section 3. Limitations

The Chancellor shall remain subject to this Constitution, applicable law, Academy governance documents, established certification procedures, and institutional accountability. The Chancellor shall not unilaterally alter fundamental member rights or certification standards contrary to this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV — THE DEAN OF ROYAL EDUCATION

Duties

The Dean shall oversee curriculum development, faculty standards, academic quality, student progression, educational assessment, academic policies, and program development.

Standard

The Dean shall ensure that educational standards remain consistent with the mission of the House.

ARTICLE XV — THE DIRECTORS

Director of Royal Etiquette

Responsible for etiquette standards, social conduct, presentation, hospitality, and etiquette assessment.

Director of Leadership

Responsible for leadership development, executive presence, management, decision-making, and leadership assessment.

Director of Professional Development

Responsible for career readiness, professional conduct, networking, business communication, and workplace development.

Director of Royal Service

Responsible for service initiatives and community engagement.

Additional Offices

Additional directorates may be created as the Academy expands.

ARTICLE XVI — THE ROYAL EXAMINER

Office

The Royal Examiner shall oversee the integrity of Academy examinations.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include administering examinations, maintaining examination standards, protecting examination integrity, documenting results, supervising practical assessments, and reporting qualifying results to the appropriate authority.

Impartiality

No candidate shall be permitted to alter examination results through personal influence or financial contribution.

ARTICLE XVII — THE CROWN COUNCIL

Section 1. Establishment

There shall be established a body known as the **CROWN COUNCIL**.

Section 2. Purpose

The Crown Council shall serve as the principal body responsible for reviewing candidates seeking the highest Academy designations.

Section 3. Responsibilities

The Council may review Crown candidates, evaluate final examinations, review service requirements, confer honors, recommend certification, review serious credential matters, and advise the Chancellor concerning standards.

Section 4. Composition

The Council may consist of seven or another designated odd number of qualified members to reduce deadlock. Membership may include representatives of academic leadership, etiquette, professional development, leadership, examination, mentorship, and institutional governance.

ARTICLE XVIII — THE HOUSE REVIEW COUNCIL

Section 1. Purpose

The House Review Council shall provide an internal mechanism for reviewing qualifying disputes and appeals.

Section 2. Matters

It may review academic disputes, disciplinary decisions, certification decisions, credential concerns, and procedural complaints.

Section 3. Independence

Where practical, individuals directly responsible for the original decision should not serve as the sole reviewers of an appeal concerning that decision.

ARTICLE XIX — THE ROYAL RANKS

Rank I — Royal Scholar

Completion of foundational Academy studies.

Rank II — Royal Ambassador

Demonstrated competency in etiquette, communication, social intelligence, and cultural awareness.

Rank III — Royal Leader

Demonstrated competency in leadership, professional development, diplomacy, and stewardship.

Rank IV — Crown Candidate

Completion of the prerequisites for final Crown examination.

Rank V — Crowned King / Crowned Queen

Successful completion of all requirements established for final Crown certification.

ARTICLE XX — THE ROYAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Section 1. Establishment

The Academy shall maintain a developmental framework known as the **ROYAL DEVELOPMENT INDEX™**.

Section 2. Domains

The RDI may assess: Character 15%; Etiquette 15%; Communication 10%; Professionalism 10%; Leadership 15%; Emotional Intelligence 10%; Stewardship 10%; Cultural Intelligence 5%; Service 10%.

Section 3. Revision

The Academy may modify weighting through an authorized academic process, provided that substantial changes are properly published.

ARTICLE XXI — THE RIGHT TO EARN THE CROWN

Opportunity

Every eligible member shall have the opportunity to pursue Crown certification by satisfying the published requirements.

No Guarantee

The right to pursue the Crown shall not constitute a guarantee of receiving the Crown. Certification shall depend upon demonstrated competency.

ARTICLE XXII — CROWN EXAMINATION

Requirements

Candidates shall complete the required final assessment process, which may include a written examination, etiquette examination, communication examination, leadership examination, Royal Service Project, Royal Interview, and Crown Council review.

Publication

The Academy shall publish applicable standards before candidates begin the relevant certification stage.

ARTICLE XXIII — ROYAL SERVICE

Section 1. Principle

The House recognizes service as a fundamental expression of responsible nobility.

Section 2. Requirement

Crown candidates shall complete a qualifying Royal Service Project.

Section 3. Purpose

Projects should demonstrate that the candidate can apply personal development toward constructive benefit beyond the self.

Section 4. Evidence

Candidates may be required to provide a proposal, objectives, documentation, evidence of participation, outcomes, reflection, and future recommendations.

ARTICLE XXIV — ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Standard

Members shall maintain academic honesty.

Violations

Violations may include plagiarism, falsification, impersonation, cheating, unauthorized assistance, fabrication of service records, and falsification of examination results.

Consequences

Academic integrity violations may result in sanctions under Academy policy.

ARTICLE XXV — PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL CONDUCT

Standard

Members shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Academy standards.

Prohibited Misuse

Members shall not use Academy rank or title to intimidate others, obtain improper advantage, misrepresent authority, claim governmental status, imply legal powers they do not possess, or falsely represent Academy endorsement.

Meaning of Titles

The titles of King and Queen shall be understood as Academy certifications and designations unless otherwise expressly established in a lawful context.

ARTICLE XXVI — DIGITAL CONDUCT

Standard

Members shall maintain responsible digital conduct across social media, email, messaging, video conferencing, online communities, and Academy platforms.

Representation

Members shall not knowingly represent personal opinions as official Academy positions without authorization.

ARTICLE XXVII — CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCRETION

Standard

Members shall exercise appropriate discretion concerning confidential information acquired through Academy activities.

Disclosure

Confidential information shall not be disclosed without authorization except where disclosure is required by law or otherwise permitted under applicable policy.

Additional Requirements

The Academy may establish additional confidentiality requirements for examinations, mentorship, councils, and administrative matters.

ARTICLE XXVIII — DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Purpose

Discipline shall seek, where appropriate, to correct conduct, protect members, preserve institutional integrity, restore trust, and maintain standards.

Section 2. Measures

Depending upon seriousness, measures may include educational warning, formal warning, corrective assignment, probation, suspension, removal from a program, suspension of credential privileges, or revocation of certification.

Section 3. Proportionality

Disciplinary responses should be proportionate to the nature and seriousness of the conduct.

ARTICLE XXIX — DUE PROCESS AND APPEALS

Process

Before serious disciplinary or certification action is finalized, the member shall, where appropriate, receive notice of the matter, be informed of the applicable standard, have a reasonable opportunity to respond, receive a decision through the designated process, and have access to an appeal process where authorized.

Emergency Measures

Emergency measures may be taken when reasonably necessary to protect safety, examination integrity, or the Academy community, subject to subsequent review.

ARTICLE XXX — SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CROWN

Grounds

A Crown designation may be subject to review where credible evidence demonstrates serious misconduct or material misrepresentation relating to the credential.

Examples

Potential grounds may include fraudulent certification, falsified examination results, credential impersonation, deliberate misuse of Academy credentials, serious ethical violations, and material misrepresentation during certification.

Procedure

Revocation shall not occur solely because a member expresses an unpopular opinion or exercises lawful personal rights. The Academy shall establish procedures governing review, evidence, response, decision, and appeal.

ARTICLE XXXI — ROYAL HONORS

Honors

The Academy may confer distinctions including Crown of Character; Crown of Leadership; Crown of Service; Crown of Eloquence; Crown of Diplomacy; Crown of Stewardship; and Crown of Distinction.

Additional Honors

Additional honors may be established by authorized Academy governance.

ARTICLE XXXII — AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Proposal

An amendment may be proposed by the Chancellor, Dean, Crown Council, or another body designated by Academy policy.

Section 2. Approval

An amendment shall require approval through the institutional process established for constitutional amendments. A recommended standard is a two-thirds vote of the authorized Crown Council followed by formal adoption by the governing authority.

Section 3. Notice

Members shall receive reasonable notice of substantive constitutional amendments.

Section 4. Protected Principles

The following principles should not be eliminated through ordinary amendment: dignity of members; fair evaluation; integrity of certification; accountability of authority; prohibition against misrepresenting Academy titles as governmental authority; and compliance with applicable law.

ARTICLE XXXIII — INTERPRETATION

Standard

This Constitution shall be interpreted according to its purpose and foundational principles.

Guiding Principles

Where ambiguity exists, interpretation should favor: Dignity over humiliation; Justice over favoritism; Responsibility over privilege; Education over punishment where appropriate; Service over self-interest; Integrity over convenience; Accountability over unchecked authority.

Limitation

No provision shall be interpreted to grant an Academy officer powers that the Academy does not lawfully possess.

ARTICLE XXXIV — SEVERABILITY

Continuity

If any provision of this Constitution is determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to the fullest extent permitted.

Revision

The invalid provision shall be reviewed and revised through the appropriate constitutional process.

ARTICLE XXXV — THE ROYAL OATH

Oath

I enter this House as a student of character and accept the Crown as a responsibility.

Oath

I shall pursue knowledge before judgment, discipline before privilege, responsibility before recognition, and service before self.

Oath

I shall conduct myself with dignity, extend dignity to others, honor my commitments, accept accountability, and continually seek excellence.

Oath

I shall not use my Crown to place myself above others, but shall carry it as a reminder that greater influence requires greater responsibility.

Oath

I shall seek to leave every institution, community, relationship, and life I touch better than I found it.

Oath

I accept the responsibility of the House, the discipline of the Crown, and the obligation of service.

Closing

So entered. So affirmed. So ascended.

ARTICLE XXXVI — THE ASCENSION CEREMONY

Ceremony

The Academy may formally recognize successful Crown candidates through an Ascension Ceremony.

Elements

The ceremony may include processional; reading of the candidate's achievements; Royal Oath; presentation of the Crown; presentation of the official credential; recognition by the Crown Council; and the candidate's Ascension Address.

Meaning

The ceremony shall emphasize that the Crown represents earned responsibility rather than inherited superiority.

ARTICLE XXXVII — THE ROYAL SEAL AND INSIGNIA

Authority

The House may establish an official Seal of the House, Academy emblem, Crown insignia, Royal rank insignia, certification marks, and digital credential symbols.

Use

Use of official insignia shall be governed by Academy policy.

Protection

No member shall falsely reproduce or use official insignia to imply an authority or certification they do not possess.

ARTICLE XXXVIII — THE LEGACY PRINCIPLE

Principle

The House shall recognize that the ultimate measure of advancement is not merely what an individual acquires, but what that individual contributes.

Legacy Standards

Members shall therefore be encouraged to develop knowledge that can be taught; wealth that can be stewarded; leadership that can be transferred; character that can be modeled; institutions that can endure; and service that can continue beyond the individual.

Highest Expression

The highest expression of Ascended Nobility shall therefore be: **LEAVE A LEGACY WORTH INHERITING.**

ARTICLE XXXIX — RATIFICATION

Ratification

This Constitution shall become the foundational charter of the House of Ascended Nobility upon its formal adoption by the authorized founding authority of the Academy.

Effect

Upon ratification, the Constitution shall serve as the foundational framework for Academy governance, member rights, member responsibilities, certification, Royal Code development, disciplinary procedures, Crown Council operations, institutional standards, and future Academy policies.

ARTICLE XL — THE FOUNDING DECLARATION

Declaration

That the Crown shall never be greater than the character of the person who wears it.

Declaration

That knowledge without character is incomplete.

Declaration

That etiquette without respect is merely performance.

Declaration

That leadership without accountability is dangerous.

Declaration

That wealth without stewardship is waste.

Declaration

That influence without service is empty.

Declaration

That authority without justice is corruption.

Declaration

That nobility without humility is vanity.

Declaration

And that the highest form of Ascension is not rising above humanity, but rising to one's responsibility within it.

Closing

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CONDUCT BEFORE STATUS.
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ADOPTION & RATIFICATION PAGE

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This Constitution is adopted as the foundational charter of the House of Ascended Nobility upon formal approval by the authorized founding authority of the Academy.

Date of Ratification: _____

Founding Chancellor: _____

Signature: _____

Dean of Royal Education: _____

Signature: _____

Chair, Crown Council: _____

Signature: _____

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE HOUSE

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