

# Æthelmearc Guild of Brewers, Vintners, and Meadhers

## Royal Charter

8 April 2017, being the Annual Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon

The most noble Royal Æthelmearc Guild of Brewers, Vintners, and Meadhers, informally known as the Æthelmearc Brewers Guild and hereafter in this document referred to as ‘the Guild’, is hereby chartered by Their Royal Majesties Marcus and Marguerite for the purposes herein defined.

The scope of the Guild encompasses the research and production of potable fermented beverages, hereafter referred to as ‘product’, and the advancement of the science of potable fermentation through education, discussion, and other practical activities sponsored and promoted by the Guild throughout the Kingdom of Æthelmearc.

Members of the Guild may make any such use as they deem appropriate of the registered badge of the Guild, to wit (*Fieldless*) *on a wooden barrel palewise proper, an escarbuncle argent.*

The structure of the Guild includes one individual named as the Guild Head, who is responsible for coordinating activities across the kingdom, and who periodically reports on the conduct of such activities via the kingdom’s official means of communication. The Guild Head will name a deputy within each region of the kingdom to coordinate activities within that region. These Regional Representatives periodically report to the Guild Head on the conduct of activities within their respective regions through any agreed upon means. The Guild Head may name such other officers as he or she deems necessary to facilitate the conduct of Guild activities. The Guild Head is selected from interested parties by the previous Guild Head, and takes office with the general consent of the membership. Regional Representatives are selected by the current Guild Head from interested parties within each region, and take office with the general consent of the membership within each appropriate region.

The Guild operates under the umbrella of the Æthelmearc Arts and Sciences office, and as a chartered Crown guild reports directly to the Crown or their designated representative.

The Guild is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Sponsor discussions regarding procedures, techniques, and recipes for product
- Sponsor classes through Æcademy or other appropriate venues on topics related to the research, production, presentation, and evaluation of product
- Support the evaluation of product through sampling, tastings, and competitions
- Train members to appropriately judge product’s quality, appeal, and historical accuracy
- Represent the brewing, vintning, and meadhing community in Arts and Sciences forums within the kingdom, and be the face of Æthelmearc alcohol production, presentation, and evaluation to other kingdoms and inter-kingdom organizations

- At the request of Their Majesties, encourage the membership to support social activities at kingdom-level or inter-kingdom events with product and service
- Encourage the membership to provide product to Their Majesties for use as largesse or in the conduct of foreign diplomatic relations

The Crown of Æthelmearc warranties to the Guild the following concessions:

- At the request of the Guild Head, a Regional Representative, or a competition coordinator, the Crown will provide time in the Court docket for Guild business
- At the request of the Guild Head, a Regional Representative, or a competition coordinator, the Crown will offer a Crown's Choice option for competitions at events attended by the Crown
- The Crown or their designated representative will provide the Guild with sufficient and timely notice of any request for service or support to ensure the membership is able to produce and provide the requested product
- The Crown will heed and respect the will of the Guild membership regarding the selection of the Guild Head and Regional Representatives
- The Crown will, to the best of their ability, work to prevent defamation of the Guild or its membership with regards to any authorized Guild activity conducted properly within the bounds of the Laws of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc, the Corpora and By-Laws of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and the laws and statutes of the country, state, and locality in which the activity takes place
- The Crown authorizes direct liaison between officials of the Guild and officials of the Æthelmearc Æcademy for the purpose of organizing instruction in the sciences of brewing, vintning, meadhing, and related subjects

This charter shall remain in effect in perpetuity. The Guild Head will direct a periodic review to recommend changes, deletions, or amendments for the consideration of the membership and the Crown. Such review will take place at least once every five years from the date of ratification.

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