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# The Weyr-Hold Compact

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Back near the end of the Ninth Pass, when Kadanzer Weyr (then named Barrier Mountain Weyr) and its territory was established (see [The History of Kadanzer Weyr](#)), a Compact was entered into with those who came in and established holds and crafts within Kadanzer's territory. The Lords of the Holds within Kadanzer's territory continue to Hold their land as tenants of the Weyr, although in practice the situation closely resembles the traditional tithing arrangement in place in the North and the rest of the Southern Continent. In fact, in the current political situation, it could be disastrous for Kadanzer's Weyrwoman to actually enforce the terms of the Compact. Nevertheless, the Compact is still in place and can be called into force if it should become necessary.

The Compact reads as follows:

*This Compact entered into this 15th day of the Turn 2440 at Barrier Mountain Weyr between the Weyrwoman of Barrier Mountain Weyr and the Lords of the Major Holds beholden to the Weyr.*

*It is agreed that this Compact shall bind all current and future Lords (the "Lord Holders"), their heirs, and all residents of the Holds (such persons to be collectively referred to herein as the "Holds"), the current and future Mastercraftsmen (the "Mastercraftsmen"), and all crafters beholden to the Halls (such persons to be collectively referred to herein as the "Crafts"), and the Senior Weyrwoman of Barrier Mountain Weyr (the "Senior Weyrwoman") and all weyrfolk resident therein (such persons to be collectively referred to herein as the "Weyr").*

*Whereas the territory belonging to and claimed by the Weyr includes all lands from the Western Sea in the west to the Rubicon River and the Sea of Azov to the east, and from the Southern Sea in the north to the Barrier Mountains in the South (hereinafter referred to as the "Territory");*

*And whereas such Territory has been divided into Holds, the number and size of which may be altered upon agreement between the current and existing Lord Holders and the Senior Weyrwoman from time to time;*

*And whereas there are at the present time nine Holds within the Territory;*

*And whereas the Crafts may establish major and minor Crafthalls within the Territory, pursuant to agreements entered into between the relevant Mastercraftsman and the relevant Lord Holder;*

*And whereas there are at the present time five major Crafthalls and minor Halls of each of the Crafts represented on Pern within the Territory;*

*And whereas the Holds and the Crafts are each separately responsible to pay tithes to the Weyr as set out below, such responsibility to be a direct duty to the Weyr and irrespective of any agreement(s) between Craft and Hold;*

*And whereas it is understood and agreed that the population of the Weyr may increase and decrease depending on the size and frequency of clutches laid by the queens, and that the requirements of the Weyr for tithes will increase and decrease accordingly, and that such requirements are in the sole and unilateral control of the Weyr;*

**Now therefore this Compact witnesses as follows:**

1. *The Holds shall together provide all of the foodstuffs required by the Weyr for any given Turn, such that each hold contributes an equal share, subject to the discretion of the Senior Weyrwoman as set out in article (19) below.*

2. *The specific nature and quantity of the foodstuffs will be determined in agreement between the Weyr and the Holds depending upon the primary product of each Hold, and the needs of the Weyr, and if agreement cannot be amicably reached, the Senior Weyrwoman has the sole and unilateral right to set the quantities to be provided.*

3. *The Holds are solely responsible for the transportation of the goods which form their required tithe, and are responsible to ensure that the goods arrive in good condition at the Weyr, failing which the Holds are responsible for the suitable replacement of the goods to be provided within a reasonable time thereafter.*

4. *In return for the consideration hereinbefore described, the leader of the Hold is granted the title "Lord Holder" and shall have all of the rights, privileges and obligations of the land-owning Lord Holders of the Northern Continent, as detailed below.*

5. *Each Lord Holder shall have the right to make all internal Hold provisions as such Lord deems appropriate and necessary, subject only to the intervention of the Conclave of the Lords within the Territory (the "Conclave of Lords") in the event of any matter which affects more than one Hold.*

6. *The rank, as well as the rights, privileges and obligations, of Lord Holder shall pass to the Lord Holder's designated heir, subject only to the confirmation of the Conclave of Lords.*

7. *The Weyr agrees that it has no right to interfere in matters of internal Hold management save and except where such matters of internal Hold management contravene any portion of the Compact herein.*

8. *The Lords may hold meetings of the Conclave of Lords whensoever they deem appropriate at such intervals as they deem appropriate, and all matters of inter-Hold management is the sole right and responsibility of the Conclave of Lords.*

9. *The Crafts will provide to the Weyr a tithe of such products and services of the Craft as is required by the Weyr at any given time, such quantity to be determined solely and unilaterally by the Senior Weyrwoman. The Senior*

Weyrwoman agrees to be reasonable in setting her requirements, and any dispute between the Crafts and the Weyr as to what is reasonable may be mediated by the Senior Weyrwomen from three other Weyrs to be chosen by the Mastercraftsman.

10. The Crafts are solely responsible for the transportation of the goods which form their required tithe, and are responsible to ensure that the goods arrive in good condition at the Weyr, failing which the Crafts are responsible for the suitable replacement of the goods to be provided within a reasonable time thereafter.

11. In return for the consideration hereinbefore described, the duly elected leader of each Craft shall have all of the rights, privileges and obligations of the Mastercraftsmen of the Northern Continent, as detailed below.

12. Each Mastercraftsman shall have the right to make whatever internal Craft provisions said Mastercraftsman deems appropriate and necessary, subject only to the intervention of the Conclave of the Mastercraftsmen, both the Minor Conclave of the Southern Continent (the "Minor Craft Conclave") or the Grand Conclave of Pernese Mastercraftsmen (the "Grand Craft Conclave") in the event of any matter which the said Minor Craft Conclave or Grand Craft Conclave determines outside intervention is appropriate.

13. It is understood and agreed that the Crafts are entirely autonomous of the individual Lords, the Conclave of Lords and the Weyr except with regard to the tithes as set out hereinbefore.

14. The rank, as well as the rights, privileges and obligations, of Mastercraftsman shall pass to the Mastercraftsman's designated successor, subject only to whatsoever arrangements in this regard the Crafts deem appropriate in their sole and unilateral discretion.

15. The Weyr agrees that it has no right to interfere in matters of internal Craft management save and except where such matters of internal Craft management contravene any portion of the Compact herein.

16. The Mastercraftsmen may hold meetings whensoever they deem appropriate at such intervals as they deem appropriate, and all matters of inter-Craft management is the sole right and responsibility of the Mastercraftsmen.

17. The terms of any Hold-Hall agreements entered into between Lord Holder and Mastercraftsman must include terms relating to the provision of craft goods and services to the Weyr such that the Weyr is provided with adequate goods from each of the Crafts, including those which do not have a major crafthall located within the Territory.

18. Each Hold which has a major or minor Crafthall within its boundaries is required to provide a portion of the products of that Crafthall to the Weyr in addition to its tithe of foodstuffs, such quantity to be determined solely and unilaterally by the Senior Weyrwoman. The Senior Weyrwoman agrees to be reasonable in setting her requirements, and any dispute between the Hold and the

Weyr as to what is reasonable may be mediated by the Senior Weyrwomen from three other Weyrs to be chosen by the Lord Holder.

19. Quantities of foodstuffs and craft products to be provided to the Weyr by the Holds and Crafts will be set at the Conclave of Lord Holders, Mastercraftsmen and the Senior Weyrwoman, which Conclave will be held once every three Turns at Barrier Mountain Weyr on the fifth day of the first month of the new Turn or at such greater frequency as the Senior Weyrwoman, in her sole discretion, may decide and determine. Notice of such Conclaves will be directed to the attention of each Lord Holder and Mastercraftsman within the Territory no less than four sevendays prior to the date selected by the Senior Weyrwoman, and the Weyr will provide transportation to the Weyr.

20. In the event of natural disaster or other burden upon a Hold or Craft, the Senior Weyrwoman may in her sole discretion reduce the amount or quantity required from a Hold or Craft for a period of time which is also in her sole discretion and may require the remaining Holds and/or Crafts to make up the difference for that same period of time. The Senior Weyrwoman agrees to be reasonable in allowing such reductions, and any dispute between the Holds, Crafts and the Weyr as to what is reasonable may be mediated by the Senior Weyrwomen from three other Weyrs to be chosen by the Lord Holder(s) or Mastercraftsman(men) affected.

21. The Holds, Crafts and Weyr may at any time enter into an agreement modifying the terms of this Compact with respect to a barter arrangement in which a portion of the tithe required of the Holds and Crafts may be provided to other Weyrs in exchange for an equal quantity of goods to be received by Barrier Mountain Weyr from Holds and Crafts within the territories of such other Weyrs. Such amending agreements may be denied, or altered by the Senior Weyrwoman in her sole and unilateral discretion at any time.

22. This Compact shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of all current and future Lord Holders, Mastercraftsmen and Senior Weyrwoman, their designated or appointed heirs or successors, and all representatives of Hold, Craft or Weyr.

23. It is understood and agreed that the Territory is the sole property of the Weyr and that, should any Lord Holder or Mastercraftsman fail to adhere to the terms of this Compact, the Weyr may enforce such right of ownership in whatsoever manner as the Senior Weyrwoman deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, punitive action against the Hold of Hall of the offending Lord Holder or Mastercraftsman, or impeachment or eviction of such Lord Holder or Mastercraftsman. In such latter circumstance, the appointment of a replacement Lord Holder would be determined by the Lord Holders in Conclave, or the replacement of a Mastercraftsman to be determined by the masters of that craft with the approval of the Conclave of Mastercraftsmen; however, in such circumstance, final

*approval of such appointment would be at the discretion of the Senior Weyrwoman.*

[The document is signed by each of the Lord Holders, Mastercraftsmen and the Senior Weyrwoman as at the date it was entered into; it has subsequently been signed by new Lord Holders and Mastercraftsmen only when new major Holds and major Crafhalls were established within the Weyr's territory.]