

Fellson Kindred

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Article I: Name

Name: The name of this Kindred shall be:

Fellson Kindred. The business of the organization may be conducted as Fellson Kindred, Children of the Mountain, Fellson or any combination thereof.

Article II: Purposes and Powers

2.01 Purpose:

2.01A: Fellson Kindred will be run as a folkish/ tribalist/ universalist Kindred, and shall be operated exclusively to foster and grow the religion of Asatru.

2.01B: funded via gifts and donations from the members of the Fellson Kindred when necessary.

2.02 Powers: The organization shall have the power, directly or indirectly, alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts which may be necessary or convenient to affect the organization and its finances. The powers of the organization may include, but not limited to, the acceptance of gifts or funds/

donations from the public or private sectors, whether financial or in kind contributions.

Article III: Officers of the Asatru Community

3.01 Chief Officers: Fellson Kindred is based in northern Wyoming including Johnson, Sheridan, and Campbell counties and its chief officers will include the Council headed by the Chieftain.

3.02 The Council: Fellson Kindred day to day affairs will be managed by the Council, consisting of the following titles.

1. Chieftain/Tulka
2. Gothi
3. Frodr
4. Logmadr/Drighthen

3.03 The Council: The Council consists of volunteer Full Kindred Members who are serving as administrators.

Article IV: Applications

4.01 Types of Membership: There are two types of membership within Fellson Kindred. Each has its own process, and is independent of each other.

4.01A Full Membership: Full members have full voting rights in all manners of business for Fellson Kindred. Full members must be Provisional Members and fulfill all prerequisites of Provisional Membership. All founding members of Fellson Kindred will be granted Full Membership. Full Members will be granted the right to conduct blots and ceremonies as needed.

4.01B Provisional Membership: Applicants are accepted based on information provided. Fellson Kindred reserves the right to reject any applicant based on lack of information provided. Fellson Kindred reserves the right to request additional information, put applications into internal review, or decline applicants until such time

as we can gather the correct information. All applicants must be sponsored by a Full Member to be considered for Provisional Membership. Provisional Members will be granted Full Membership once a series of tasks has been completed. Each Full Member will give the Provisional Member a task to complete. The tasks will include knowledge of lore, ceremonies, runes, and the gods and goddesses of Asatru. A Provisional Member will be required to take part in two blots and at least three Kindred Meetings. Provisional Members will not have a vote in Kindred business. Full Membership will be granted after all prerequisites are fulfilled and a favorable vote is made by the Full Members of Fellson Kindred. A unanimous vote is required to gain Full Membership.

Article V: Privacy

5.01 Privacy Policy: All information given to Fellson Kindred will be kept confidential.

Any information obtained via applications will not be divulged to any outside party for any reason unless in accordance with State law or required by a legally processed warrant. All applications provided to Fellson Kindred are not available for public view. Members are allowed to remain anonymous to the public as long as they wish to do so. No member will be mentioned directly or indirectly without their prior permission. Full Members are allowed to participate in online communications using alternate names as long as Fellson Kindred has knowledge of the person's true identity. Full Members, Provisional Members, Guests, The Council, and Founders are not required to tell anyone about their role and/ or participation with Fellson Kindred in any way that may violate their personal privacy rights. If any Full Members, Council member, Provisional Member, or Founder wishes to have access to their own records, they are fully able to view their own records at any time. They also have the right to request their file be destroyed, removed or closed should they

wish to leave Fellson Kindred or no longer participate in kindred events, workshops, notification lists or any other action. All physical documents will be destroyed by shredding.

Article VI: Meetings

6.01 Frequency of Meetings: The Chieftain, Gothi, And Council Members shall be in constant and frequent communication on all matters that pertain to the organizational structure or any other matter that concerns or involved the operation of the Fellson Kindred At least once per month, an official meeting will take place in which The Council will be updated on all projects and any issues or other matters by the members. A list of projects will be kept updated. The Council will conduct meetings at whatever frequency is deemed necessary. Meeting frequency will be determined by the Chieftain. The meetings will be conducted by the Chieftain.

Article VII: Duties

7.01 Exceptions: With the exception of the Chieftain, Gothi, Council, and any other member of Fellson Kindred, no other person, organization, group or kindred shall be expected to perform any duties or serviced for Fellson Kindred.

7.02 Who Can Perform Duties: Any Full Member can apply to perform duties with Fellson Kindred at any time that there is an open position.

7.03 Protections: No member or non-member of shall, by force or coercion, be required to participate in any event or proceeding which may be deemed to be in conflict with or in opposition to the by-laws of Fellson Kindred, or the Asatru religion in general. This includes, but not limited to, involuntary service of any kind requiring the use and administration of otherwise binding

oaths not based on the tenets and beliefs of the Asatru religion in any fashion.

7.04 Duties:

7.04A Chieftain/Tulka: The duties of the Chieftain shall be to oversee and direct new projects to ensure that all projects fit into the general direction of Fellson Kindred. The duties of this position may include but are not limited to: writing articles, publishing, membership maintenance, daily operations, and ensuring that the Gothi and Council are fulfilling their duties. The Chieftain can appoint, demote or hire people to fill positions as needed. The Chieftain maintains one vote as a member of Fellson Kindred. The Chieftain is the last contact for the Council in case of emergency. The Chieftain also serves as a tie breaker in the event there should not be a majority in any vote. Should matters be unable to be resolved based on the processes and protocols outlined in these bylaws the Chieftain retains the right of executive order.

The positions of Chieftain and Gothi may be merged and held by one person when/ if necessary. If this position is merged the Chieftain/ Gothi will retain only one vote on all issues.

7.04B Gothi: Gothi is the religious head of the Fellson Kindred and holds one vote in matters pertaining to Fellson Kindred. The Gothi will write and conduct ceremonies, blots, and rites as needed by Fellson Kindred. The positions of Chieftain and Gothi may be merged and held by one person when/ if necessary. If this position is merged the Chieftain/ Gothi will retain only one vote on all issues.

7.04C Frodr: The duties of the Frodr will include but not be limited to: acting as primary teacher of lore and the runes, and serves other roles as needed. The Skald holds one vote in all matters of Fellson Kindred.

7.04D Drighten/Logmadr: The Drighten is

responsible for enforcing the protocols below. He or she is the constable of Fellson Kindred. It is the duty of the Drighten to maintain the wellbeing of Kindred members and keep them from harm, whatever that may be. The Drighten will have one vote in all matters Fellson Kindred.

Article VIII: Finances

8.01 How Funds Are Used: All funds donated to Fellson Kindred for any purpose is to be used at the sole discretion of Fellson Kindred for religious purposes. The funds may not be used for personal gains or any activity which would be considered a "corporate venture", an investment or any activity which is seen as a profit.

Article IX: Codes of Conduct

9.01 Codes of Conduct: There are two Codes of Conduct. These are the Internet

Code Of Conduct (Internet C.O.C.) and the Standard Code of Conduct (Standard C.O.C. All codes are maintained and updated by the Chieftain, Gothi, and Council. Any violation of these Codes of Conduct will be handled as deemed appropriate.

9.02 Internet Code of Conduct: There will be no intolerance of racism against any religion, race or ethnicity is allowed. There are no exceptions to this rule. Harassment, be it sexual or otherwise, will not be tolerated. There will be respect of ideas and opinions regardless of personal beliefs. If a statement is made based on unverified personal gnosis (opinion) please state accordingly so there will be no arguments regarding the statement. Ideas are welcome. If the idea is not well known, please be patient and explain the idea. Administrators will not remove an online thread unless it violates the Codes of Conduct. All emails shall retained for business purposes. Rude and disrespectful comments will not tolerated. Fellson Kindred

promotes online expression of ideas. If expression of those ideas becomes harassing, then those comments will be removed. Any issues with the Codes of Conduct or online messages need to be brought to the attention of the Drighten who will handle the matter. If the Drighten is unable to handle the issue, then the issue can be presented to the Council for vote. Fellson Kindred reserves the right to remove any unapproved links or ads posted online. Fellson Kindred requests that all content posted online through any site are properly cited if used or copied elsewhere. Please keep online content relevant to the heathen religion. Fellson Kindred will not be held liable for any content posted online through any site.

9.03 Standard Code of Conduct: No kindreds, individuals, or groups of people that support racist ideas will be allowed to remain affiliated with Kindred once Fellson Kindred is made aware of the issue. Members must be respectful of each other.

If an issue arises and is brought to the attention of the Drighten then a proper review and resolution will be conducted. Fellson Kindred is not a political entity nor will they become involved in any political activity.

Article X: Ethics

10.01 Guidelines: All activities at Fellson Kindred are dealt with in a highly ethical manner. No action shall be taken without discussion and reasonable research in relation to the consequences of change. Information is not shared with members outside of the Council. Private information is only shared in a manner conducive to business dealings. Fellson Kindred is a religious organization and will base their actions on these beliefs.

Article XI: Protocols

12.01 Council Protocol: The Drighten will be responsible for banning any offending council member. The offending member will be banned until an investigation can take place. The investigation will be conducted by The Council. The Council will review the case and either decides to take further actions or to overturn the suspension and removal should no evidence be found. The offending council member may be allowed back into the group but not to the Council. The offending council member will only be allowed back into the Council if they demonstrate they have completely changed or have proven trustworthy. The Council will decide if the offending council member will be allowed back into the Council. A Council member will be considered offensive if any of the bylaws are broken.

***Article XII: Suspension, Revocation,
Resignations, Cancelations***

13.01 Full Members: Full members may

have their membership suspended or revoked if they violate any C.O.C. A Fellson Kindred member may also cancel their membership as long as they inform Fellson Kindred. A suspension of membership may be overturned by appeal. Notification of suspension must be provided to the member by the Drighten no later than 10 days prior to the suspension.

13.02 The Council: The Chieftain, Gothi, or Council may have their positions suspended or revoked if they violate any part of the C.O.C. or are caught in illegal or illicit activity. If a Council member has their position suspended or revoked, a Full Member may take over until such time as a new person can be elected to fill the vacant position. If a Council member wishes to voluntarily leave their position, they must turn in all business information used in their position.

Article XIII: An Outline of our Beliefs

14.01 Overview: Although Fellson Kindred is a heathen organization we do not enforce or push any specific beliefs on those who attend or join Fellson Kindred. Our specific beliefs include acceptance of the Gods included in the Nordic Pantheon. We define ourselves as heathen and being true to the Gods of the Nordic Pantheon although our application of said path is our own and may be varied from other paths following the same faith. Our beliefs do not infringe on the rights of those who join to freely assemble, to conduct themselves according to their own conscious as long as they abide by the C.O.C. as outlined above.

Article XIV: Dissolution

15.01 Dissolution: Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed between the Full Members of Fellson Kindred.