

**Official Name:** The most respectful and infamous guild of Brewers of the Kingdom of Atenveldt.

**Purpose:** To further the arts of zymurgy, oenology, and related practices. To share the knowledge of these noble arts and to encourage the responsible enjoyment of the products of the brewers art.

**Royal Supremacy:** The Sovereign of Atenveldt, by virtue of being unquestioned ruler of the kingdom and all within it, shall be considered to be the head of the Guild. He/she may exercise the powers and the rights of that position at will.

**Organization:** The Guild shall have a dual system of membership and organization.

First, any citizen of Atenveldt who expresses an interest in the various arts and artifices of the brewers, may declare him/herself a "scholar of the guild". One may retain the title of "Scholar" in perpetuity. However, should one wish to seek promotion within a more traditional medieval guild structure, there shall exist the rank of: apprentice, journeyman, and master and Grandmaster of the guild.

**The requirements of each rank will be as follows:**

**Apprentice:** Any Scholar of the guild who shall declare in writing his/her intention to study the brewers arts under the tutelage of a journeyman or (preferably) a Master, shall be named an apprentice brewer. Apprenticeships shall last not less than one year nor more than three calendar years.

**Journeyman:** An Apprentice brewer may make application to his/her Master, requesting elevation to the status of Journeyman Brewer upon completion of the following criteria:

1. Minimum one year as an Apprentice.
2. Chivalrous and Honorable practice (as determined by the Master).
3. Manufacture of at least one batch each of the following:
  - a. Malt beverage (beer, ale, barley wine, etc.)
  - b. Mead
  - c. Fruit wine or Hard Cider
  - d. Liqueur
4. Participation in at least one regional level or above, arts and sciences competition, with each product, in which the apprentices products have been impartially judged and found to be at least palatable (drinkable).
5. Intermediate level of knowledge.
  - a. Brewing sanitation and common sources of contamination, spoilage.
  - b. The chemistry of fermentation as it relates to brewing, wine making, and mead making.
  - c. Various styles of beer, wine, mead and liqueur and their characteristics.

Upon satisfaction of these criteria, the Master shall advise the Council of Masters, who shall then issue a certificate of advancement to the rank of Journeyman Brewer.

Journeyman status shall be for a minimum of one year. There is no upward limit to the time a Journeyman's certificate shall remain in force.

**Craftsman:**

Requirements:

1. Minimum one year as a Journeyman.
2. Chivalrous and Honorable practice (as determined by the Master).
3. Participation in at least one regional or Kingdom level competition as a judge.
4. Participation as a Teacher in at least one regional or Kingdom level collegium or other teaching event.
5. Specialization in one or more of the following areas:
  - a. Malt beverage (beer, ale, barley wine, etc.)
  - b. Mead
  - c. Wine or Hard Cider
  - d. Liqueur
6. Demonstration of the intimate familiarity with their specialty:
  - a. Characteristics of the major Beer Styles or,
  - b. Characteristics of major wine and Mead styles, or
  - c. History, characteristics and significance of their specialization beverage.
  - d. Criteria for judging beverages.
  - e. Advanced chemistry of brewing and fermentation as relates to their specialization.

The Rank of Craftsman can be conferred only by recommendation of the persons Journeyman/Master, and by consensus of the Council of Masters and by affirmation by the Crown of Atenveldt.

**Master:** A Journeyman Brewer may be advanced to the status of Master Brewer upon recommendation of his/her Master and upon meeting the following criteria:

1. Minimum one year as a Journeyman.
2. Chivalrous and Honorable practice (as determined by the Master).
3. Competition in at least one regional or Kingdom (or interkingdom) level arts and sciences with one each of the following:
  - a. Malt beverage (bee, ale, barley wine, etc.)
  - b. Mead
  - c. Wine or Hard Cider
  - d. Liqueur
4. Participation in at least one regional or Kingdom level competition as a judge.

5. Participation as a Teacher at at least one regional or Kingdom level collegium or other teaching event.

6. Demonstrations of the intimate familiarity with:

- a. Characteristics of major Beer Styles.
- b. Characteristics of major wine and Mead styles.
- c. History and significance of various beverages.
- d. Criteria for judging beverages.
- e. Advanced chemistry of brewing and fermentation.

**Council of Masters:** ALL Master Brewers of Atenveldt will collectively form the "Council of Masters" which will:

1. Serve as a governing body of the Guild.
2. Elect the Grand Master.
3. Vote on each application for advancement to the rank of Master.
4. Serve as counselors and advisors to the Grand Master.

**Grand Master:** The Council of Masters will elect one of it's members to serve as "Grandmaster of the Guild". This individual will serve a term of two years, and may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms, if his/her peers so desire. Duties of the Grand Master are as follows:

1. To serve as Grand Master.
2. To report on Guild activities to the Crown and to the Kingdom Arts and Sciences minister  
on a quarterly basis.
3. To serve as advisor to the Crown on all matters concerning brewing.
4. To ensure that guild members of all ranks adhere to the rules of the guild. And to uphold  
at all times the highest standards, both technically and as regards honor and chivalry.

**Miscellaneous Rules:**

1. All Guild activities are absolutely open. No secret meetings, deliberations or ceremonies will be tolerated.
2. The Guild may, at its discretion, and after determining that interest exists, publish such newsletters or magazines as the Council of Masters shall see fit, and may charge such subscription fees as are reasonable to cover the cost of printing these publications.
3. In order that the traditional medieval guild structure might exist immediately, the one-year rule for journeyman and masters may be waived for individuals who meet all other criteria. This shall be at the discretion of the Crown, and shall be in effect for two years from the official charter date of the Guild.

4. Individuals from outside the Guild who can show their knowledge and skill to be of a superior nature may be inducted into the Guild Structure at whatever level their skills and knowledge will qualify them. A Screening committee of the Council of Grand Masters shall do this. If the Applicant passes the screening committees questions and judging of their products, then the Council of masters will vote on acceptance of the new journeyman or Master. If an applicant is adjudicated to be a Master then this decision will be passed onwards for final approval by the Crown.

5. Expulsion from the Guild. Members will be expelled from the Guild only at such times as they be banished by the Crown from the Kingdom of Atenveldt or by the Board of Directors from the S.C.A. itself. The Council of Masters may censure members for willful misconduct or unchivalrous actions, after presentation of evidence and due deliberation with all proper safeguarding of the rights of the accused. The Council will not, however, undertake to expel anyone from the Guild, leaving this action to the mercy and wisdom of the Crown.

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