

The Charter of Saint Bavon`s Company of Falconry

May it be known to all to whom these letters come that we, the falconers and austringers of the known world, together with those whose hearts are drawn to this sport, recognizing that the pursuit of the art of falconry is of noble and worthy merit in these Current Middle Ages, and recognizing also that that much information and experience exists in the Knowne Worlde regarding falconry and hawking, do declare our intent and purpose thus:

As it once was in the Middle Ages, so it is our desire to see falconry once again become an integral part of life in these our Current Middle Ages. To this aim, we do the following:

that all may delight in the sight of falcons and hawks, which ennoble us by their presence;

that we may enrich the Knowne World through displays of our skills and the flight of our trained birds of prey;

And that we may enlighten others through our research into period falconry and hawking techniques, equipment, and all endeavors pertaining to the Arte of falconry, through classes and demonstrations, while remaining mindful of modern falconry laws;

So do we form **Saint Bavon`s Company of Falconry** and dedicate ourselves to the research and practice of the noble art of falconry.

We shall welcome into our fellowship all who evidence a desire to share in our knowledge. A modern falconry license shall not be a prerequisite to membership in the company. The Company shall bestow neither rank nor title upon its members, existing only for the sharing of knowledge and promotion of falconry throughout the Knowne Worlde.

Under no circumstances shall membership in the Company be construed as a license to keep or hunt with birds of prey. No member of the Company shall keep or hunt with birds of prey without the appropriate modern licenses. No member of the Company shall intentionally violate any standing Rule, Order, or Proclamation of the SCA Board of Directors. All members of the Company shall pledge to honor this Charter, on pain of removal from the ranks of the Company. To this do we pledge our honor unto the Crowns of the Knowne World.

Thus do we, the Crowned heads of the Known World, pledge our support and set our names, and Charter **Saint Bavon's Company of Falconry** in each of our Kingdoms, so that its honour may spread as far as there are ears to hear and eyes to see.