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The Covenant of **Ungulas** in the county Cumberland of the Stonehenge Tribunal is dedicated to the advancement of the knowledge of magic and the increase of the strength of the Order of Hermes

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This charter was approved by *Trutina of Guernicus.*

Quaesitor in good standing.

In the year of Our Lord, Jesus Christ 1218.

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I pledge my lifelong support and loyalty to the Covenant of **Ungulas**, and declare that the trials and fortunes of this covenant are now my own.

Just as I am pledged to the **Oath of Hermes**, so do I pledge the covenant to the **Order of Hermes** and the authority of the Tribunal of **Stonehenge**.

I swear to uphold and protect this covenant regardless of the personal price.

Over all the years of my life and throughout my studies and travels, I will neither betray the covenant nor give aid to its enemies.

In times of need, I will aid the covenant in whatever way I am able, and I will devote myself to its service if the need is clear.

I will abide by the decisions of the ruling council of this covenant, and I will treat these decisions as if they were my own.

I will treat my fellows with respect and fairness, and I will not attempt to harm them in any way.

Their blood is my blood. Where the covenant stands, there do I stand; how the covenant grows, so do I grow; should the covenant fall, then do I fall.

This I so swear, upon the honor of my house and its Founder.

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| **Magus Name** | **Joining Date** | **Notes** |
| Johannes Volgar  of Criamon | Autumn 1219 | Founder of the Covenant |
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| **Magus Name** | **Joining Date** | **Notes** |
| Baldasarre Castigleoni Verditius | Spring 1220 |  |
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## C:\Documents and Settings\Scot\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WA47SB78\MC900204042[1].wmfembership

Each Member of this Covenant shall also be a Member in good standing of the **Order of Hermes**. If ever a Member of the Covenant is cast out from the Order, they too shall be cast out from this Covenant.

This covenant recognizes three states of membership:

The status of **Amicus** denotes a full member of the covenant and is bestowed upon the completion of the duties and obligations required of a **Probatio** unless testimony is brought against him that proves him unfit to swear the **Oath of Covenant** in good conscience; in which case a majority vote of the **Council of Amicii** shall confer the status of **Amicus** else the Magus shall be expelled from the **Covenant**. Should elevation to **Amicus** take place, then all rights and duties of the **Probatio** are shed, to be replaced with the assumption of the basic and full rights detailed by this charter, and the duties therein attached. The state of **Amicus** persists, unless abridged through censure or canceled through expulsion.

The status of **Probatio** may be extended to any magus in good standing of the **Order of Hermes**, who owes neither allegiance nor fealty to any other covenant, and is admitted upon the majority approval of the current **Council of Amicii**. **Probatio** assume the basic and probationary rights detailed by this charter and the duties therein attached. The status of **Probatio** shall last a period of seven seasons of service, unless abridged or extended through censure or canceled through expulsion.

The status of **Protected Guest** may be extended to any person by the formal invitation of any **Amicus** of the covenant. **Protected Guests** are afforded the basic rights detailed by this charter, and are not obligated to the **Council of Amicii**, nor are they a member of this council. The status of **Protected Guest** may be may be revoked by the **Amicus** who granted it, or by a majority vote of the **Council of Amicii**.

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The members of this covenant are governed by the **Council of Amicii**, which shall consist of all magi upon who has been bestowed the status of **Amicus**. Until prospective members of the Covenant are elevated to the position of **Amicus**, the **founder** of the Covenant shall be considered the entirety of the **Council of Amicii**.

The **Council of Amicii** shall convene four times each year, one day prior to each equinox and solstice, regardless of call from any member. All **Amicii** and **Probatii** shall be charged with attendance and diligence in the proceedings, **Protected Guests** may be invited to attend by the council determined by a majority vote if there is a dispute.

Any **Amicus** of the covenant shall have the right and duty to convene the **Council of Amicii** for ad hoc consideration of matters justly grave.

Should it not be possible to convene the full **Council of Amicii**, any quorum consisting of the **Princeps** and at least one other **Amicus** is considered valid; else the discharge of the council’s duty must be delayed until such time as a valid meeting may be convened.

Any **Amicus** may appoint a **Proxy** to cast his vote. The Proxy may address the council and engage in the debate if invited, otherwise the Proxy has no voice in the council unless he is an **Amicus** in his own right.

Motions to be decided upon by the **Council of Amicii** must be introduced by a member; debated fully and justly, allowing those who wish to speak to do so; and then proposed for the vote. All issues shall be passed by a majority vote of the members there present; excepting that the unanimous opinion of the **Council of Amicii** is required for issues involving changes to the charter and expulsion of a member.

This council shall not declare action except on behalf of the entire membership of the covenant.

The **Council of Amicii** shall confer the honorific of **Princeps** to the representative of the covenant in matters of governance and temporal concern. The title of **Princeps** is a duty of each and every **Amicus** of the covenant; this position is cyclical and mandatory, with the responsibility rotating in sequence of Hermetic seniority amongst the **Amicii**. The **Princeps** serves for a period of seven years, commencing one year following Tribunal. The duties of the **Princeps** are: to attend regular meetings of the council; to keep order at meetings; to break tied votes with a discretionary casting vote; and to act as a spokesman for the **Council of Amicii**. The **Princeps** shall not be empowered to rule on **Hermetic** matters on the covenant’s behalf, but instead is charged with ensuring that the rulings of the **Council of Amicii** are enacted.

The **Council of Amicii** shall appoint a **Treasurer** from among its members, determined by vote at each Spring meeting of the council. The Treasurer shall control access to all vis, books, enchanted items and monies held by the Covenant, shall determine the yearly surplus of provision and store and shall maintain records pertaining to Covenant resources.

The **Council of Amicii** shall appoint a **Steward** from among the coven-folk, determined by vote at each Spring meeting of the **Council of Amicii**. The Steward shall be responsible for the running of the Covenant and management of the coven-folk in general. The Steward will report to the **Council of Amicii** at each seasonal meeting. Outside of this, the Steward will report to and receive instruction from the **Princeps** directly.

The **Council of Amicii** shall appoint a **Captain** from among the coven-folk, determined by vote at each Spring meeting of the **Council of Amicii**. The Captain shall be responsible for the running of the Covenants guards and management of the Covenants defenses in general. The Captain will report to the **Council of Amicii** at each seasonal meeting. Outside of this, the Captain will report to and receive instruction from the **Princeps** directly.

## **C:\Documents and Settings\Scot\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WA47SB78\MC900204042[1].wmfi**ghts of the Members

Each and every member of this covenant, both **Amicii** and **Probatii**, and **Protected Guests** shall be entitled to the basic rights of the covenant; to whit, full and unrestricted access to the protection and support of the covenant within the boundaries of the covenant by all the rights and benefits accorded by the **Code of Hermes**, the benefit of a sanctum which shall remain inviolate and the supply of materials thereof and victuals appropriate to the status of a magus. These basic rights shall not be abridged except by expulsion of the Guest by the **Council of Amicii**.

In furtherance and additional to the basic rights, a **Amicus** of the covenant shall be entitled to the full rights of the covenant; to whit, the right to presence and a vote in the **Council of Amicii**, which he shall exercise dutifully with due prudence. Further, each **Amicus** will be granted priority over **Probatii** when determining use of the Covenants **Laboratories**. An **Amicus** has the further right to construct a **Laboratory** for personal use within the confines of his own **Sanctum**. Further, each **Amicus** will be granted priority over **Probatii** when determining access to the Covenants **Library** and books. Further, full and unrestricted access to the services and skills of the servants and covenfolk. Further, an equal right to all surplus provision and store necessary to conduct his studies, or the travel demanded by those studies; such rights to include (but be not limited to) vis, monies, and diverse magical and mundane resources claimed by the covenant. Where a conflict is evident between members of the council over the allotment of surplus resource, distribution is drawn by ballot; excepting that priority claims that have been advanced and agreed by the **Princeps** are taken into consideration prior to the ballot. These rights shall not be abridged except by decision of the council under conditions of grave concern.

In furtherance and additional to the basic rights of a member of this covenant, a **Probatio** of the covenant is entitled the probationary rights of the covenant; to whit, access to the Covenants **Laboratories**, access to the **Library** of the covenant and the right to borrow from the **Library**, a fractional share of those rights and duties offered to a **Amicus** of the covenant, such share being equal to one half that offered to **Amicii**. The services and skills of the servants and coven folk may not be halved, but the needs of **Amicii** take precedence over the needs of **Probatii**. Further, a **Probatio** of the covenant has the right to be considered for elevation to **Amicus** of this covenant after satisfying a total of seven full seasons in service to the covenant. These rights shall not be abridged except by decision of the council under conditions of grave concern.

## C:\Documents and Settings\Scot\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WA47SB78\MC900204042[1].wmfesponsibilities of the Members

Members of this covenant, both **Amicus** and **Probatio** are obligated to obey the **Oath of Hermes** and the **Peripheral Code**, as demanded by the **Oath of Covenant**; failure on this account will not be tolerated by the **Council of Amicii**, and the covenant reserves the right to censure those members who are convicted in just Tribunal of an offense against the **Order of Hermes**.

The responsibility of the members of this covenant towards its lasting success is dependent on service to the covenant. The **Council of Amicii** will declare the duties that need to be performed at the seasonal meetings of the **Council of Amicii**. Such duties include (but are not limited to) the safeguarding and harvesting of the covenant’s claimed vis sources, the safeguarding and harvesting of the covenant’s income, the wellbeing and discipline of the covenant’s employees, the maintenance of the covenant’s resources, the increase of the covenant’s resources, and the maintenance of good relations with the covenant’s allies.

**Probatii** must labour in service of the covenant for a total of four full seasons commencing immediately after being accepted by the covenant. At the discretion of the **Council of Amicii**, this period of service may be interrupted, thereafter the **Probatio** owes a single season of service per year. The **Council of Amicii** will assign duties to **Probatii**.

**Amicii** also have a duty to labour in service to the covenant. In the first full year after elevation to **Amicus**, 2 seasons of service to the Covenant will be due, thereafter the Amicus owes a single season of service per year. At the discretion of the **Council of Amicii**, service may be deferred for up to one year.

The **Council of Amicii** may in exceptional circumstances decree additional service is required of its members. Although the services performed will vary according to need, all **Amicii** must give the required seasons in service to the covenant. This requirement will be determined by a unanimous decision of the **Council of Amicii**. Such assigned duties cannot be refused without reasonable extenuations but qualify for remuneration as additional voluntary service would.

An **Amicus** may offer up additional service to the covenant in return for remuneration. Typically, this remuneration will be an additional one third share of the covenants yearly surplus. The **Princeps** may increase the remuneration to increase the attractiveness of a particularly dangerous or urgent task. If there is more than one claimant for the service, and each claimant refuses to share the duty, then the **Princeps** will assign the duty.

All payments will be allocated at the Winter meeting of the Council. If there is insufficient vis to meet the demands, the **Princeps** may withhold payment for one or more years. Any task performed by a member of the covenant that brings benefit to the covenant as a whole may be declared as service to the Covenant retroactively and thus eligible for remuneration, by a majority vote of the **Council of Amicii**.

Any Member may quit the Covenant at any time provided they have performed all service due to the Covenant and provided they return any Vis, books and other items belonging to the Covenant before departure and shall thereby be relieved of all duties and rights, and may not call upon such rights furthermore.

## C:\Documents and Settings\Scot\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WA47SB78\MC900204042[1].wmfesources of the Covenant

Resources of this covenant are held in common by the **Council of Amicii**, and it is the responsibility of this council to maintain and defend them.

This covenant lays claim to half of all the vis originating from undisputed and unclaimed sources external to the Covenant, discovered by members of the council. The other half of each harvest belongs to the finder registered at Tribunal. This covenant also lays claim to any and all vis gifted to the covenant as a whole. In all other situations, undisputed and unclaimed vis belongs to the finder or finders.

This covenant lays claim to all books obtained by members of the council while acting at the behest of the council, and all books scribed by members of the council where payment was received for this scribing from the covenant’s resources. This covenant also lays claim to any texts gifted to the covenant as a whole.

This council lays claim to all magical items obtained by members of the council while acting at the behest of the council; and all magical items made by members of the council where payment was received for this manufacture from the covenant’s resources. This covenant also lays claim to any magical items gifted to the covenant as a whole.

This council lays claim to all monies generated using the resources of the covenant. This council also lays claim to all monies obtained by members of the council while acting at the behest of the council. This covenant also lays claim to any monies gifted to the covenant as a whole.

This council lays claim to the buildings, defenses, chattels, and inhabitants of the covenant. This council also lays claim to any such buildings, defenses, chattels, and inhabitants gifted to the covenant as a whole.

**Surplus** resources of the covenant will be determined at the Winter meeting of the **Council of Amicii**. Resources necessary for the continued existence of the covenant and the protection of its members’ rights are accounted for first; this includes payment of incentives for seasons of work performed on behalf of the covenant, and a stipend of vis for the casting of the **Aegis of the Hearth** and any other magics accepted by the council as necessary for the protection of the covenant. Contributions to all debts owed to the covenant are decided by the **Princeps**, and set aside. Half of the remaining resources are deemed surplus while half shall be carried forward to the following year. Shares of the surplus will be allocated to the **Amicii** and **Probatii** of the covenant.

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If a member should contravene the decisions of the council held by vote or by charter, then the member may be censured or expelled by a majority vote of the **Council of Amicii**. Censure requires the passing of a motion at a meeting of the **Council of Amicii**. The censure of an **Amicus** revokes the rights of that status, returning him to the status of **Probatio**; whereupon he assumes all the duties and rights of that status. Previous censure must not prejudice the application of a **Probatio** to the position of **Amicus** of the covenant. The censured Magus may make a motion for re-elevation to **Amicus** at any seasonal Tribunal and will automatically re-assume the position of **Amicus** after seven seasons if not elevated, further censured or expelled sooner.

The censure of a **Probatio** shall abridge the rights of the member to remain a **Probatio** of the covenant, and shall confer upon him instead the status of **Protected Guest**. The status of a **Protected Guest** may be withdrawn at any time by a vote of the **Council of Amicii** without need for censure.

Expulsion is enacted by a unanimous vote of the remaining **Council of Amicii**. Expulsion is the only means through which a member of the covenant shall lose his basic rights; and requires that the former member ceases to draw upon those basic rights immediately. A Magus expelled from this Covenant loses all rights and privileges immediately and must vacate the Covenant within one day, returning all items of Covenant property in their keeping. Should a magus be cast out from the **Order**, it is the duty and obligation of this covenant that he shall also and without delay be expelled from this covenant.