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INTRODUCTION SHEET TO THE SOCIETY & ITS CONSTITUTION

The membership structure falls into the following categories:
Bondsmen: New and untried members with no say or responsibility within the Society other than preserving its good name amongst outsiders.

Freemen: Trusted and able warriors or specialists who take more important scripted parts in events, have a vote at the Thing and who may attain Jarldom if they have enough support.

Jarls: (Earls) The leading figures and spirit of the Society who operate through being voted into the Council.

The Chief: The leader of the Society and Spirit of the Council, this position is won by majority vote at a full meeting at the end of one years reign or upon an abdication. The voting must include the support of over half of the Council.

The London Sveiter (Battle Group-Branch) holds a Thing (Meeting) each Thor's Day at the 20th hour with the Chief and his Jarls forming the council at its table head. Its decisions control all other branches and individual members.

New provincial members who's request to join has been accepted, send in an annual subscription of £3.00. London members joining the inner battle group pay £1.50 membership fee plus an additional 15p weekly. Upon his first payment, a new member will receive a booklet on how to make his Viking outfit and equipment, a set of rules and a membership card. The card shall bear his name and should always be carried at functions. He joins as a bondsman and from that time onwards shall make it his endeavor to form a suitable armoury and outfit for his activities as a Viking fighter unless he is a non-combatant. (This also applies to Lady members, who must at least produce a set of suitable female costume.) His position in the field will be that of a rank and file Norse warrior who will be called upon to take up arms at Pageants and acquit himself with no special abilities on behalf of the Society.

He will be notified of these Events by Newsletter received by all members to which a return slip will be attached. Should the member decide that it is possible for him to travel to the Event or the central meeting place of any laid on transport from London he must then return the slip stating that he will be there for certain... Should he fail to attend after returning the slip and have no suitable excuse for such absence he will then be fined. If he attends and does well or at least what his Officers direct him to, his progress will be noted and he will soon become a Freeman warrior. When possible payment will be made for attendance at shows.



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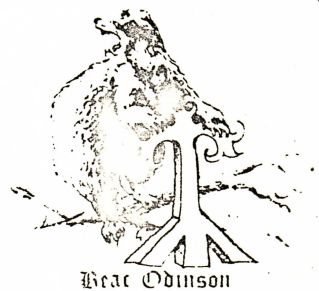
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Above all it must be remembered that those who take part should really be doing so because they enjoy it and apart from a possible share out after the show, they will take part at their own expense.

Should provincial membership flourish in any one area the Provincial leader will follow the same pattern with his group in the forming of their own funds for transport etc. It is up to individual members and Provincial branches to maintain contact with London regarding difficulties and Public Events involving the name of the Society and occasionally an officer from London will visit in return.

The Society will not accept any member under the age of 18 years.

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