

The Pledge – Baronage of Scotland

I, THE MUCH HONOURED _____,

BARON OF _____, do solemnly and honourably declare and affirm the following:

1. Honourable Succession

It is my express wish and intention that the said Barony shall be transmitted only to heirs of the body under the Scottish tradition or legally adopted children, save where necessity requires otherwise, and that it shall be preserved within the family and among heirs whatsoever, maintaining the dignity and historic spirit of the Scottish Baronage.

It is further my solemn wish and entreaty that neither my heir, nor any successor thereafter, shall sell, transfer, or assign the said Barony in violation of these principles, save in cases of dire necessity and with due regard to the honour and traditions of the Scottish Baronage. This clause is made in the spirit of honourable succession and should be taken into account in any future consideration of claims to title, arms, precedence or custom.

2. Moral Prohibition on Alienation

I pledge that neither I, nor my heirs, shall sell, transfer or assign the said Barony outside the family line, save in cases of failure of issue, and then only non-commercially and after consultation with the wider family and representatives of the Roll.

I understand that while this pledge is made in honour rather than law, breach thereof will affect recognition on the Roll for 3 generations or 82 years (whichever comes first).

3. Preservation of Dignity

I undertake to preserve the arms, precedency, and customs associated with the Barony, to maintain its historical and social traditions, and to conduct myself in a manner befitting the station and customs of the Scottish Baronage.

I pledge not to act in any way, whether by public conduct or otherwise, that may bring the dignity of the Barony or the wider Scottish Baronage into disrepute.

4. Compliance with the Rules of the Roll

I accept that inclusion on the Roll of the Scottish Baronage is conditional upon:

- Observance of this Pledge,
- Compliance with the published rules of the Roll, and

- Maintenance of the dignity in a manner consistent with Scottish custom and tradition.

I further acknowledge that any breach of this Pledge or the rules of the Roll, or any alienation of the dignity contrary to its spirit, may result in removal from the Roll and loss of recognition of the title for 3 generations or 82 years (whichever comes first).

I am also aware that if the dignity is transferred in violation of this Pledge, the Barony, and any future holders thereof, may be refused admission to the Roll, refused recognition of any title, or may have any existing entry on the Roll limited, annotated, or otherwise qualified as the custodians of the Roll see fit.

5. Custody and Registration

A copy of this Pledge shall be held among my family papers, and a certified copy deposited with the Registrar of the Roll of the Scottish Baronage, or such officer as may be appointed by the Roll. My heirs and any future successors shall be expected to enter into a similar pledge, affirming their commitment to the principles and traditions herein declared.

In witness whereof, I, BARON OF _____, have subscribed this

Baronial Pledge at _____ on _____, before the undersigned witnesses:

Signature of Baron

Witness 1: _____ (Name)
_____ (Address)

Witness 2: _____ (Name)
_____ (Address)