

# The Jomsviking Constitution

1. All members of the Jomsviking Brotherhood are equal.
2. All Jomsvikings will swear loyalty to the Jomsviking Brotherhood, and to the Rule of the Jomsvikings, above all other Viking considerations.
3. Each Jomsviking shall wear a Jomsviking Ring as a mark of their rank. This Ring remains the property of the Jomsviking Brotherhood. Should a Jomsviking be expelled from the Brotherhood they will return their Ring.
4. The Jomsvikings are controlled by the Council of Jomsvikings. The Council elects a Jarl and can appoint more members to the Council. Likewise the Council can remove the Jarl, and members of the Council. Such changes are made by majority vote of the Council.
5. The role of the Jarl is to act as the representative of the Jomsvikings, and to settle disputes amongst Jomsvikings. The Jarl also represents and controls the Jomsborgelag . The Jarl is answerable to the Council of Jomsvikings. The Jarl and Council can also appoint local representatives in geographical regions from amongst the Jomsvikings.
6. No political lobbying will be tolerated amongst the Jomsvikings. Any political lobbying will result in expulsion. All disputes are to be brought before the Jarl for resolution.
7. All Jomsvikings will equip themselves as huscarls, and will carry the Jomsviking shield; a yellow cross on a red field. The equipment of a huscarl is considered to consist of a mail shirt, helmet, pole weapon, sword, hand axe, scramaseax or dagger, and good quality 10<sup>th</sup> century style clothing reflecting the status of the wearer.
8. All Jomsvikings will offer shelter and support to a brother Jomsviking in need.
9. All Jomsvikings will fight together on the battlefield unless previously agreed by the Jarl.
10. No Jomsviking will retreat in the face of equal odds unless otherwise ordered by the Jarl. Jomsvikings must never show fear.
11. Should a Jomsviking die all other Jomsvikings will contribute equally to a rune stone to be erected in memory of their dead brother.
12. All Jomsvikings are expected to attend one Jomsviking campaign per year. If a Jomsviking does not attend a Jomsviking campaign for three years, or inform the Council of his retirement he shall be expelled.
13. Should a Jomsviking wish to retire he will become an Honorary Jomsviking.
14. Honorary Jomsvikings hold the Ring, however they are not expected to fight, or fulfil the conditions of rules 7, 9, 10, 12 or 15. Honorary Jomsvikings will uphold all other clauses of the Rule of the Jomsvikings. Honorary Jomsvikings will not be

at the forefront when Jomsvikings are being chosen for expeditions, and cannot expect to receive the same consideration as a Jomsviking.

15. In certain circumstances a Rally to the Banner will be called by the Jarl and the Council. When a Rally to the Banner is called all Jomsvikings will attend at the specified time and place. Any Jomsviking failing to attend will be expelled from the Brotherhood. Jomsvikings with good reason to be unable to attend should notify the Jarl and Council beforehand, and dispensation to miss the event may be granted.
16. Any Jomsviking who brings disrepute on the Brotherhood may be expelled.
17. All spoils will be brought to the Jarl for suitable distribution.