

# By the Authority invested in the Sôgmô of the State of Sandus:

## Decree on the Sandum System of Nobility

The Honourable Sôgmô Gaius Sörgel Publicola hereby proclaims, pursuant to a system of recognition and nobility based on service to the State of Sandus, the following:

### Section 1: the Fundamentals of Sandum Nobility

1. The Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is the system of Sandum nobility based on an individual's service to the State of Sandus. It encompasses the three constitutional branches of Sandus and the various other systems in the State of Sandus, such as the ranks of cooperatives and of the Central People's Government.
2. The Sandum Table of Noble Ranks includes inherited and granted nobility, including those with titles and those without.
  - a. The highest rank of the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is "baron" or "baroness," based off of historic Sandum titles, since Sandus has long been composed as a barony. Since Sandus today is governed by the Sôgmô, noble baronies now exist beneath the entire State of Sandus, which the Sôgmô governs.
  - b. The second rank of the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is "baronet" or "baronetess."
  - c. The third rank of the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is "knight" or "dame."
  - d. The fourth rank of the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is "gentleman," "gentlewoman," or "gentleperson."
  - e. The lowest rank recognised by the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks is "citizen."
3. The prevailing principle of the nobility is humility, modesty, and moderation.
4. Noble ranks do not themselves bestow any power or privileges according to the current proposal, apart from the style of address and titles for entitled nobility, styles of address, and decorative privileges in the form of heraldic arms or anthems associated with an entitled fief. The letters patent which grant a certain noble rank may bestow specific obligations and privileges.
5. Two sorts of grants of nobility exist. Letters patent may bestow grants with a title, or be titular grants, or may not as personal grants. Titular grants are granted on an inholden basis only if the noble grants some amount of land or territory in their personal possession to be used on behalf of the State of Sandus.
6. Baronies and Baronetcies are inheritable, though baronets' descendants must choose to accede to become Sandum citizens after their sixteenth birthday. Knights and Dames may not be inherited, unless granted a titular grant.
7. With regard to knights and dames, there is currently no hierarchy of chivalry in the State of Sandus.

### Section 2: Privileges of Sandum Nobles

1. As pursuant to Section 1, Article 3, the prevailing principle of the nobility is humility, modesty, and moderation. Styles of address should be used only in rare, ceremonial circumstances. If one is a citizen of the State of Sandus, all styles of address can be replaced with simply "Comrade Citizen." If one is not a citizen of the State of Sandus, standard Sandum style of address—"monsieur," "madame," and "mademoiselle"—may be used in lieu of noble styles of address.
2. To draw attention to one's status of nobility in situations other than a formal state or ceremonial setting is contrary to the principles of Sandum nobility and is liable to censure by the Sôgmô.

**3. Privileges of Barons and Baronesses:**

- a.** The style of address for a baron or a baroness is “my lord,” “my lady,” “my lordship,” or “my ladyship.”
- b.** If a baron or baroness is entitled, then they are eligible to be addressed by their surname and the name of their entitled barony.
- c.** In relation to heraldry, a baron or baroness is entitled to: an escutcheon, a helmet, a torse, a supporter or supporters, a wreath, and a motto.
- d.** If a baron or baroness is entitled, then their fief is eligible to receive an anthem approved by the Sôgmô upon the recommendation of the entitled lordship.
- e.** A baron or baroness may be inherited according to the grant’s letters patent and may determine the conditions and related rules by which their title is inherited in accordance with the permission of the Sôgmô.
- f.** No privileges are given to children of the holder of the barony except in cases determined by one’s letters patent; heirs to the title may be receive exceptions to this provision in accordance with the permission of the Sôgmô and pursuant to future Sandum noble law.

**4. Privileges of Baronets and Baronetesses:**

- a.** The style of address for a baronet or a baronetess is “sir” or “dame.”
- b.** If a baronet or baronetess is entitled, then they are eligible to be addressed by their surname and the name of their baronetcy.
- c.** In relation to heraldry, a baron or baroness is entitled to: an escutcheon, a helmet, a torse, and a supporter or supporters.
- d.** No baronetcies are entitled to anthems or alternative decorations.
- e.** A baronet or baronetess may be inherited according to the grant’s letters patent and may determine the conditions and related rules by which their title is inherited in accordance with the permission of the Sôgmô.
- f.** No privileges are given to children of the holder of the baronetcy except in cases determined by one’s letters patent; heirs to the title may be receive exceptions to this provision in accordance with the permission of the Sôgmô and pursuant to future Sandum noble law.

**5. Privileges of Knights and Dames:**

- a.** The style of address for a knight or a dame is “sir” or “dame.”
- b.** If a knight or dame is entitled, then they are eligible to be addressed by their surname or the title of their knighthood, but never both.
- c.** In relation to heraldry, a knight or dame is entitled to: an escutcheon and a helmet.
- d.** Knights and Dames may not be inherited, unless they are granted a titular grant.
- e.** The rules governing the inheritance of a titular grant of knighthood are set forth in the letters patent or in accordance with the permission of the Sôgmô or are pursuant to future Sandum noble law.
- f.** No privileges are given to children of the holder of a knighthood, including heirs to an entitled knighthood.

**6. Privileges of Gentlepeople:**

- a.** The style of address for a gentleman, a gentlewoman, or a gentleperson is “mister,” or “miss.”
- b.** Special grants of the style of address of “esquire” may be granted according to letters patent.
- c.** These grants are neither inheritable nor entitled.
- d.** In relation to heraldry, a gentleperson is entitled to only an escutcheon.
- e.** No privileges are given to children of a gentleperson.

**7.** If an individual has received multiple grants of nobility, then they should be addressed by their most senior style of address. Their full title should be in order of precedence on the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks and should only be used in formal written literature or extraordinary ceremonial circumstances.

### Section 3: Noble Ranks according to the Constitution of the State of Sandus

1. Members of the immediate royal family, ministers, provincial praetors, *patres* and *matres familias*, secretaries of the Party, facilitators of the Council, and the chiefs of cooperatives may be granted baronies in accordance with their noble and constitutional ranks.
2. Members of the related royal family, directors of *bureaux*, committee chairs of the Party, and managers of branches of cooperatives may be granted baronetcies in accordance with their noble and constitutional ranks.
3. Members of the extended royal family, *chargé(e)s d'affaires*, committee members of the Party, committee chairs of the Council, and shift managers of cooperatives may be granted knighthoods in accordance with their noble and constitutional ranks.
4. Party members, committee members of the Council, and workers in cooperatives may be given grants of the status of gentleman, gentlewoman, or gentleperson.
5. All ranks of nobility are granted at the behest of the Sôgmô in accordance with their service to the State of Sandus, based on both the Sandum Table of Noble Ranks and the Constitution of the State of Sandus.

### Section 4: Grants of Nobility to the Sandum Royal Family

1. Members of the immediate royal family are entitled to the rank of baron or baroness, which include the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, partners or spouses of the Sôgmô, or any gender neutral equivalents of the aforementioned.
2. Members of the related royal family are entitled to the rank of baronet or baronetess, which include the sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandsons, great-grandsons, great-granddaughters, great-great-grandsons, and great-great-granddaughters of the Sôgmô, or any gender neutral equivalents of the aforementioned.
3. Members of the extended royal family are entitle to the rank of knight or dame, which include the great-great-grandparents, great-grandparents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and known kinspeople of the Sôgmô, or any gender neutral equivalents of the aforementioned.
4. Royal titles are derived from the relations described in the third appendix and their Latin titles may be substituted by English versions.
5. Royal titles for the related and extended members of the royal family can only be inherited by those who have become Sandum citizens after their sixteenth birthday.
6. Since Sandus has an elective monarchy, the royal family is specific to the governing Sôgmô. Therefore, a specific holder of a Sandum royal title related to a deceased Sôgmô should be included in their title. For example, "Lady Phanem Soror Elizabeth of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sôgmô" is the title for the sister of the current Sôgmô, if það should die.

### Section 5: Process and Management of Sandum Nobility

1. The Sôgmô will present the grant of nobility in the form of letters patent to the new noble and will publish the letters patent to *Veritum Sandus*.
2. A grant of nobility may be revoked as a result of the principles of Sandum nobility or for violating the good faith implicit in the Sandum system of nobility.

Appendix 1: Table of Noble Ranks & Style of Address

1	<b>Sôgmô</b>	“the Honourable”
2	<b>Baron, Baroness</b>	“My Lord/Lady,” “Your Lordship/Ladyship”
3	<b>Baronet, Baroness</b>	“Sir” or “Dame”
4	<b>Knight, Dame</b>	“Sir” or “Dame”
5	<b>Gentleman, Gentlewoman, Gentleperson</b>	“Esquire” or “Mister/Miss”
6	<b>Citizen</b>	“Comrade Citizen,” “Comrade”

Appendix 2: Table of Noble Ranks according to the Sandum Constitution

	<b>Monarchy</b>	<b>Central People's Government</b>	<b>Citizens' Party</b>	<b>the Council</b>	<b>Cooperatives</b>
1	Sôgmô	Sôgmô			Sôgmô
2	Immediate Royal Family	Minister, Provincial Praetor, Paterfamilias/Materfamilias	Secretary	Facilitator	Chief
3	Related Royalty	Bureau Director	Committee Chair		Branch Manager
4	Extended Royalty	Chargé(e) d'affaires	Committee Member	Committee Chair	Shift Manager
5			Party Member	Committee Member	Worker
6		Citizen	Citizen	Citizen	Citizen

Appendix 3: Table of Noble Ranks according to the Sandum Royal Family

<b>Immediate Family:</b>	<b>Rank in Royalty:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Table of Ranks:</b>	<b>English equivalent:</b>
	Sôgmô	“the Honourable”	<b>1</b>	Sôgmô
	Sanôba Pater, Phanem Mater	“My Lord/Lady,” “Your Lordship/Ladyship”	<b>2</b>	Father, Mother
	Sanôba Frater, Phanem Soror	“My Lord/Lady,” “Your Lordship/Ladyship”	<b>2</b>	Brother, Sister
	Sanôba Socer, Phanem Socrus	“My Lord/Lady,” “Your Lordship/Ladyship”	<b>2</b>	Father or Mother-in-law
	Sanôba/Phanem Coniunx or Maritus/Marita/Maritum	“My Lord/Lady,” “Your Lordship/Ladyship”	<b>2</b>	Partner, Spouse, Husband/Wife

**Related Family:**

<b>Rank in Royalty:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Table of Ranks:</b>	<b>English equivalent:</b>
Sanôba Filius, Phanem Filia	“Sir” or “Dame”	3	Son, Daughter
Sanôba Gener, Phanem Nurus	“Sir” or “Dame”	3	Son or Daughter-in-law
Sanôba Nepos, Phanem Neptis	“Sir” or “Dame”	3	Grandson or Granddaughter
Sanôba Pronepos, Phanem Proneptis	“Sir” or “Dame”	3	Great-Grandson or Granddaughter
Sanôba Abnepos, Phanem Abneptis	“Sir” or “Dame”	3	Great-Great-Grandson or Granddaughter

**Extended Family:**

<b>Paternal line:</b>	<b>Maternal line:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Table of Ranks:</b>	<b>English equivalent:</b>
Sanôba Abavus, Phanem Abavia	Sanôba Abavus/Phanem Abavia	“Sir” or “Dame”	4	Great-Great-Grandfather/m other
Sanôba Proavus, Phanem Proavia	Sanôba Proavus/Phanem Proavia	“Sir” or “Dame”	4	Great-Grandfather/m other
Sanôba Avus, Phanem Avia	Sanôba Avus/Phanem Avia	“Sir” or “Dame”	4	Grandfather/m other
Sanôba Patruus, Phanem Amita	Sanôba Avunculus/Phanem Matertera	“Sir” or “Dame”	4	Uncle/Aunt
Sanôba Patruelis, Phanem Patruelis, Sanôba Amitinus, Phanem Amitina	Sanôba Consobrinus, Phanem Consobrina	“Sir” or “Dame”	4	Cousin

**Appendix 4: Decorations for Nobles**

	<b>Coat of Arms:</b>	<b>Crown/Torse:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Anthems for Fiefs:</b>
<b>1. Sôgmô &amp; Royalty</b>	Yes, inheritable (see Royalty)	Yes (and Royalty)	Yes, but rare	Yes
<b>2. Baron or Baroness</b>	Yes, inheritable	No (Torse)	Yes	Yes
<b>3. Baronet or Baronetess</b>	Yes, inheritable	No (Torse)	Yes	No
<b>4. Knight</b>	Yes, uninheritable	No	Yes, but rare	No
<b>5. Gentry</b>	Yes, uninheritable	No	No	N/A
<b>6. Citizen</b>	No	No	No	N/A

## Appendix 5: Heraldry of Sandum Nobles

	Escutcheon:	Helmet:	Torse:	Supporter:	Wreath:	Motto:
1. Sôgmô & Royalty	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Baron or Baroness	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Baronet or Baronetess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
4. Knight	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
5. Gentry	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
6. Citizen	No	No	No	No	No	No