

From the Sôgmô of the State of Sandus

To all whom these benedictions shall bless, *Ave!*

- Quum,* the academic achievements of Sandum citizens ought to be recognised and celebrated in accordance with our laws and traditions;
- Et Quum,* we recognise that education is the highest purpose of the State of Sandus and of the entire Central People's Government;
- Et Quum,* this Government considers that education is the highest spiritual activity and patriotic duty of the Sandum Sovereign People;
- Et Quum,* these Sovereign People deserve recognition by their State and the government for their deeds in the preservation and furtherance of knowledge;
- Et Quum,* the Sandum People encompass a diverse and distinct people of academics and intellectuals, whereby we include all those who have achieved a level of education which reflects the lofty aspirations of the Sandum Philosophy;
- Et Quum,* in the best defence of the vanguards of the advancement of the Sovereign People and the State of Sandus;
- Et Quum,* in the exaltation and congratulations of academic achievements and excelled graduation in higher and ever higher forms of education;
- Et Quum,* in the hopeful guarantee of the continued support of the people and friends of the state and people of Sandus, for their fidelity and loyalty to Sandus, in recognition of their dedicated, hard and arduous work;
- Nunc benedicaris,* in the fact of Our Sôgmô to have established and ordained that in this state of our sovereign will such an honourable and noble order of this state should be composed of all the learned and blessed people therein, who have so toiled and worked without end for this state and the glory of the People and State of Sandus, We do so declare and ordain the following, pursuant to the glory and honour of this

Honourable Order of Athena Pronoea

Section 1 – The Order of Athena Pronoea:

Article 1. The Honourable Order of Athena Pronoea, known henceforth as the Order of Athena Pronoea and the Order, is an order ordained by the Sovereign of the Order.

The Sovereign of the Order is a position maintained by the Sôgmô of the State of Sandus, who maintains power over the Order and the right to decree of bylaws of the Order. The Sovereign receives the rank which matches with one's graduation of education.

Article 2. The Order is ranked according to intellectual merit and to the graduation of education. Only Sandum citizens, past or present, are eligible for membership.

Article 3. The Motto of the Order is: “ὅτι ἄ μὴ οἶδα οὐδὲ οἶομαι εἰδέναι.” (Plat. Apol. 21d)

Section 2 – Ranks of the Order of Athena Pronoea:

Article 4. The Order shall have five ranks which are ranked according to academic graduation:

1. Associate – for Associate's degrees or some tertiary education
2. Member – for Bachelor's degrees
3. Knight – for Master's or equivalent professional degrees
4. Commander – for Doctor's degrees
5. Commander First Class – for Philosophiae Doctor's degrees

Article 5. Medals without rank are awarded to those who have completed secondary education.

Article 6. Postnominal letters of the Order shall be designated according to rank:

1. Associates shall receive « *AAΘΠ* ».
2. Members shall receive « *MAΘΠ* ».
3. Knights shall receive « *KAΘΠ* ».
4. Commanders shall receive « *CAΘΠ* ».
5. Commanders First Class shall receive « *1^e CAΘΠ* ».

Article 7. All ranks shall receive the medal of the Order.

Article 8. Citations and extraordinary ribbons or dispatches may be used to commemorate particular achievements in educational accomplishment.

Article 9. The festival of the order shall be the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Tibetan lunar calendar and shall be known as the « *Festival of Θώθ (Thoth)* ».

Article 10. The matron of the Order is Athena Pronoea, and the patron Thoth or Djehuty. The Sovereign of the Order may determine other key figures in the Order to reflect the religious and cultural background of members of the Order.