

Meridian Cooks Guild

Article I –

Purpose: The purpose of the Meridian Cooks Guild shall be to encourage the preparation of documentable and period-plausible foods within the context of the SCA in the Kingdom of Meridies.

Article II –

Goals: The goals of the Guild shall be these:

- 1) To encourage members and others to prepare medieval foods from documentable sources, and to help members become familiar enough with period ingredients and processes that they may create and prepare dishes that are period-plausible.
- 2) To maintain a database of resources of both physical texts, online translations, and sources for ingredients.
- 3) To provide said resources and information to parties interested in medieval food, whether they are Guild members or not.
- 4) To provide education, both formal and informal, to interested parties.
- 5) To maintain a roster of accomplished Meridian medieval cooks and their interests and specialties.
- 6) To help any interested parties learn the basic skills for cooking and feast preparation, food research, and/or recipe translation or redaction.

Article III –

Membership: The only requirement for membership is to have an interest in preparing medieval food, redacting extant recipes, and/or using period or period-plausible recipes at event feasts.

Article IV –

Activities: Guild members will be encouraged to teach classes, whether at local, kingdom, or inter-kingdom events. Members will be encouraged to offer their services not only in preparing event meals or feasts, but also to host teas, salons, and other informal gatherings.

Article V –

Officers: Guild officers shall be as follows

- 1) Guild Head / Minister – This person will, among other tasks as needed, maintain a list of Guild members, attend the annual meeting of Guild heads, and file reports as needed.
- 2) Deputy Minister – This person will serve as the back-up support to the Guild Head / Minister.
- 3) Class Deputy – This person will work to provide information and referrals of qualified people to those in need of food- or cooking-related classes.