

The ADF Order of the Crane

Bylaws

I. Mission

The ADF Order of the Crane is an Order based on a complex of devotional and transformative work. The Order and its members will work to serve ADF by developing ritual, liturgy and tradition at our hearth shrines and as part of a wider community. Order members will develop rituals to build and respond to transformative experience. Through all this work, the image, motif, and personality of the Crane will inform our path, and we will adopt and adapt the traits of the Crane, as presented in myth and lore, to be our guide on this path.

II. Membership

1. *There are three levels of Members*

- a. **Regular Order Members** – ADF members who have joined the e-list for the Order of the Crane and stated their intent to begin devotional and service work.
- b. **Dedicated Order Members** – ADF members who have completed their Dedicant Path documentation and have oathed to begin working toward initiation.
- c. **Initiated Order Members** – ADF members who have received initiation within the Order.

2. *Advancement*

- a. Advancement from one level to another is to be detailed within training materials and approved by the Officers.

III. Officers

1. *There are five Officers*

- a. **Head of the Order** – This officer is responsible for reporting requirements and ensuring that other requirements set forth in the SOP are followed. This officer must be a Dedicated or Initiated Order Member.
- b. **Regular Order Member at Large** – This officer must be a Regular Order Member.
- c. **Dedicated Order Member at Large** – This officer must be a Dedicated Order Member.
- d. **Initiated Order Member at Large** – This officer must be an Initiated Order Member.
- e. **Clergy Advisor** – This officer is approved or removed by majority vote by Dedicated and Initiated Order Members. There is no term or regular election for Clergy Advisors. This office may only be filled by an ADF Priest.

2. *Officer Decision Making*

- a. Decisions are made by a majority vote among officers. A majority of Dedicated and Initiated members may overturn an officer decision.

3. *Elections*

- a. **Terms and Timing** – Officers are elected for a term of two years. Regular elections must begin on October 1 of even-numbered years and end before November 1 of the same year.
- b. **Vacancy** – If an officer position is vacant, the Head of the Order may appoint a replacement for the duration of the vacated term. If the Head of the Order position is vacant, the Clergy Advisor may appoint a replacement for the duration of the vacated term. In the event of vacancy in the Clergy Advisor position, the Clergy Council will suggest a replacement, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Dedicated and Initiated Order Members.

IV. Non-Profit Nature of the Sub-group of the Corporation

1. The ADF Order of the Crane is organized exclusively for charitable religious, educational and scientific purposes including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or a corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the Sub-group of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Sub-group of the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I of these by-laws. No substantial part of the activities of the Sub-group of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Sub-group of the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these by-laws, this Sub-group of the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Sub-group of the Corporation.
2. Upon the dissolution of this Sub-group of the Corporation, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Sub-group of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Sub-group of the Corporation exclusively to Ár nDraíocht Féin, Inc.

V. Amendment to the By-laws

1. Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the active Dedicated and Initiated Members at a special election.