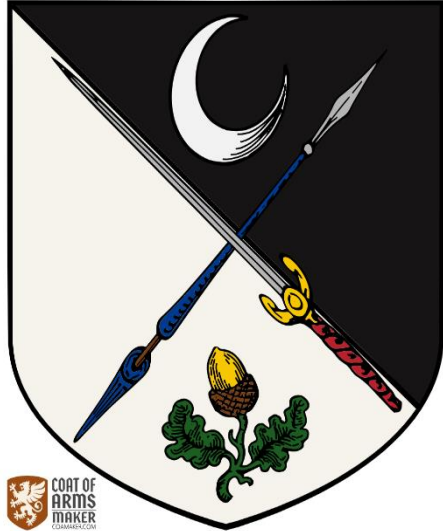


The Black Moon Free Company

The Black Moon Free company is located in Rapid City South Dakota. We are based on the late 1100AD-1600 AD with a focus on Warrior culture and tournament fighting of era. Our goal is to recreate the atmosphere of the medieval tournament, chivalry, knightly virtues, and martial prowess. The BMFC, comes together as a group of nobles, warriors, and friends to both organize and sponsor chivalrous tournaments of combat at arms, in using Rattan and Steel weapons of the time period. We dedicate ourselves to invest in the perpetual consulting, planning, organizing, promoting, and coordinating financial and logistical support for securing travel, lodging and venues for historic tournament events; and we seek to educate and inspire others to do the same. Members of the BMFC who do not actively compete in tournaments support the organizing and coordination and communication of hosting chivalrous tournaments of combat at arms, as well as venturing into endeavors of food, drink, textile, art, music, dance, culture, and recounting events of historical significance between 1100AD-1600AD Europe.

The BMFC will focus on organizing and sponsoring events reminiscent of tournament companies and circuits of high medieval Europe. We welcome challenge in all forms of fighting and historical recreation for fun. The goal of the BMFC is host the best rattan and steel-based tournaments, as well as promote knightly, chivalry-based values. The BMFC seeks out the best rattan fighters for both membership and competition. We also compete in steel. We fight in all forms of steel and rattan combat with any combatant.



Heraldry:

Motto: DIRIGO!

Membership:

The BMFC is located in Rapid City, SD. Relocating/ living outside the geographical area does not void membership in The BMFC but active participation in group events is required to maintain membership in good standing.

Membership in The BMFC is open to any person 18 years of age or older and any person between 15-17 years of age must both provide written parent/guardian consent and obtain sponsorship of an adult age 21 or older that will provide appropriate supervision at all events. Ages 15-17 are only allowed to partake in boffer combat with other fighters the same age, parents must be present. Parents are **ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE** for their child, no exceptions to this rule will be allowed. No persons under 18 are allowed to be at any event hosted by the BMFC without a parent or guardian present. Ages 15-17 may assist fighters during events as "Squires". Annual membership fees to EMP will be paid directly to EMP.

In all cases, EMP laws supersede and are final.

Leadership:

The leadership of The BMFC is Lord John Cargill (AJ Caedo). Title and Lands will pass from His Lordship (Lord) John Cargill to 1 of the 5 Chosen men of the BMFC, if he suffers mortal injury, becomes otherwise incapacitated, or is found to be unfit or unable

to continue as the Feudal Lord of The BMFC. Leadership of the Charter will be retained by John Cargill. The Lord can choose a Sergeant of arms or Master Bailiff that serves as a second in command. This second in command has the same authority as the lord when the lord is not present. The chosen Master Bailiff/ Sergeant of Arms, serves this position until he voluntarily gives the position up, suffers mortal injury.

All changes and challenges of leadership of The BMFC must be resolved through majority council vote, except in the case of appointment of Feudal Lord or said Feudal lords Sergeant of arms/ master Bailiff.

In the event that John Cargill is found to be unable to continue as the Feudal Lord, chosen counsel will have a majority vote on a sessor from the counsel itself.

RANK and FILE-

Members of the BMFC have several ranks, and earned ranks from other similar groups (SCA, SMA, ETC) can be and will be respected.

CHOSEN MEN-

The deciding council is the groups Chosen men. The Chosen men are picked by the Lord will retain that title throughout the lord's reign. The title of chosen man is only lost if they voluntarily give it up or stop paying EMP dues. Chosen men will be responsible for voting in a new Lord if anything happens to John Cargill. Chosen men must retain paid membership. There must be 5 Chosen men on the Council at all times.

New members start out as plebs once deemed safe by a combat Marshal, they become men at arms. Men at arms will be called by their ranks earned prior to joining or earned while in combat. Dues paying members will be called Regular Men at arms and will be given preference over non dues paying members called reserve men at arms.

Combat marshal. A chosen man, knight/master of arms or chosen man who oversees fighting/ practice. Combat Marshalls can be chosen by the lord or voted on by the council of chosen men.

Any Title or Grade granted by the Lord, the counsel of chosen men or a combat marshal is strictly for recognition within The BMFC and associated groups. In other words, and as an example, reaching the grade of Knight within the Company, does not mean recognition of the status of Knighthood within the E.M.P. or any other organization, but does certainly not preclude it.

Website/Facebook: Black Moon Free Company – EMP – Rapid City, SD

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Founding Members: (Persona listed first)

- AJ Caedo (John Cargill)- Lord of the Realm
- David Blusicichof (Jacob Andrews)- Master Bailiff/Chosen man
- Trevor Kautzman (no nom uses real name as persona)- Chosen man
- Roanwic Gile (Ronald Bright) - Chosen Man
- Ro'fhada Galbraith (James Plate)- Chosen Man/ head armorer