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CARTE PRIVÉE ARCHIVE
LETTER OF INVITATION

Steward,

It is our pleasure to invite you
to join The Carte Privée Archive.

We look forward to your
participation in the life of
the Archive.





THE CARTE PRIVÉE
INTERACTIVE ARCHIVE

Membership Philosophy




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PREAMBLE

The Carte Privée Interactive Archive is sustained by a community of members united through curiosity, thoughtful participation, and a shared appreciation for enduring human contribution.

Membership begins with an invitation.

It deepens through participation.

It matures through stewardship.

Members do not determine what the Archive preserves. They become part of the continuing culture through which what has been preserved remains encountered, understood, appreciated, and carried forward.

The Archive preserves contributions.

Its members help sustain their continuing life.

I. ADMISSION

Membership is established through invitation.

Invitations may be extended by:

- Carte Privée;
- an Established Contributor; or
- an existing member through a Letter of Introduction.

Regardless of how an invitation originates, every member enters the Archive through the same act of admission.

Membership does not confer authority over Institutional Establishment, the Founding Taxonomy, or the historical record.

It creates an opportunity to participate in the continuing life of the Archive.

Upon admission, a member may be entrusted with a Letter of Introduction.



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I. ADMISSION (Continued)

A Letter of Introduction may be extended to someone whose curiosity, character, and appreciation are believed to reflect the values of the Archive.

Membership grows deliberately through trusted introduction rather than unrestricted admission.

II. THE FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

The Founding Membership consists of the first five hundred members admitted to the Archive.

Their distinction is historical rather than hierarchical. Founding Members do not possess greater constitutional authority than members admitted later.

They are distinguished because their participation coincides with the establishment of the Founding Collection.

Across the founding period, they encounter contributions while the Archive itself is still being established.

They witness Provisional Representations give way to permanently established Representative Objects.

They experience the nineteen Establishment Seasons through which Positions No. 002 through No. 020 enter the permanent Founding Collection.

Their participation therefore becomes part of the early institutional history of Carte Privée.

The Founding Membership closes when the five-hundredth member is admitted.

Its completion does not close membership in the Archive. It completes the first historical cohort.



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III. PARTICIPATION

Participation is a member's continuing engagement with the Archive.

It may take place through play, study, inspection, interpretation, discovery, correspondence, reflection, and return.

Participation is voluntary.

No member is required to maintain a particular frequency of engagement in order for membership to remain meaningful.

The Archive invites return rather than demanding attention.

Through repeated encounters, Representative Objects become familiar.

Their contributions become understood.

Their histories acquire context.

Relationships between different parts of the Founding Collection become visible.

Participation allows the Archive to be experienced not as a static collection, but as a body of knowledge encountered over time.

IV. UNDERSTANDING

Every member shall have access to the knowledge required to understand each established contribution.

Understanding is not a privilege purchased through commemoration, financial support, seniority, or status.

The Archive does not withhold the meaning of a contribution in order to create scarcity around access to it.

A member may encounter a contribution casually, study it deeply, return to it repeatedly, or simply recognise its place within the Founding Collection.

No particular form of engagement is required.



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V. APPRECIATION

Knowledge grows through repeated encounters.

A Representative Object first provides a point of recognition.

Its origins reveal people, places, materials, techniques, decisions, and circumstances.

Its history reveals how an object became capable of representing something larger than itself.

Its Gameplay Expression allows the meaning of the contribution to be encountered through participation.

Over time, familiarity may become understanding.

Understanding may become appreciation.

Appreciation cannot be required.

It must be earned by what the Archive preserves and by the quality with which it is presented.

VI. COMMEMORATION

A member who develops a personal relationship with an established contribution may choose to commemorate it.

Commemoration is voluntary.

It records the member's relationship with a contribution that has already been recognised and permanently established by Carte Privée.

Commemoration does not establish the contribution.

It does not preserve it for the first time.

It does not unlock its meaning.

It does not purchase access to knowledge.

It does not alter the Preservation Record.



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VI. COMMEMORATION (Continued)

Instead, commemoration creates a separate Stewardship Record linked to the authoritative Preservation Record.

The Preservation Record belongs to the institutional history of the Archive.

The Stewardship Record belongs to the member's relationship with it.

VII. STEWARDSHIP

Commemoration begins a continuing relationship of stewardship.

Stewardship does not confer ownership of the contribution, Representative Object, Archive Position, or institutional record.

Nor does it impose authority over other members.

It records a willingness to help carry the understanding and appreciation of an established contribution forward.

Stewardship may be expressed through continued participation, study, correspondence, return, and voluntary support of the Archive.

A member may steward more than one contribution over time.

The meaning of stewardship lies not in accumulation, but in continuity.



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VIII. VOLUNTARY SUPPORT

Preservation requires both intention and means.

Members who choose to commemorate a contribution may also choose to support the continuing work of the Archive financially.

Such support is voluntary.

It may sustain the Founding Collection, the Interactive Archive, preservation of records and knowledge, continuing interpretation, and the institution's long-term stewardship.

Financial support does not determine:

- admission to membership;
- access to knowledge;
- recognition of a Representative Contribution;
- selection of a Representative Object;
- recognition of a Contributor;
- Institutional Establishment;
- Archive Position;
- or the content of the historical record.

A member's financial contribution does not make that member's stewardship more constitutionally significant than another's.

Support sustains preservation.

It does not purchase institutional judgment.

IX. LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION

A Letter of Introduction allows an existing relationship with the Archive to become the beginning of another.

Members may be entrusted with Letters of Introduction in accordance with the practices of the Archive.



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IX. LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION (Cont.)

A letter expresses confidence in the prospective member and in the judgment of the person extending it.

It is not transferable as a commodity and does not guarantee admission.

The purpose of introduction is not unrestricted growth. It is continuity of culture.

Through thoughtful introduction, membership may grow while retaining the qualities of curiosity, consideration, and appreciation on which the Archive depends.

X. EQUALITY OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may enter the Archive at different moments and through different introductions.

They may participate differently.

They may commemorate different contributions.

They may provide different forms or levels of voluntary support.

These differences do not create constitutional classes of membership.

A Founding Member is historically distinct because of when that member entered the Archive.

A steward is personally connected to a contribution because that member chose to commemorate it.

Neither status gives authority over the institutional judgment of Carte Privée or greater ownership of the Founding Collection.

Membership records relationship and participation.

It does not confer rank.



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XI. PRIVACY AND THE PERSONAL RECORD

A member's relationship with the Archive forms part of that member's personal institutional history.

Membership numbers, participation history, commemorations, Stewardship Records, correspondence, and other personal records should therefore be treated with appropriate care.

The Archive may preserve the records necessary to maintain continuity of membership and stewardship without making those records public.

Participation in the Archive does not require public display of membership, commemoration, financial support, or stewardship.

Recognition within the Archive and visibility outside it are separate matters.

A member may belong without being displayed.

XII. CONTINUITY

The Archive continues through institutional preservation and voluntary human participation.

Its Founding Collection remains finite.

Its membership does not.

New generations may enter the Archive after the Founding Collection has been completed.

They encounter the same established contributions from a different historical position.



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XII. CONTINUITY (Continued)

They may study them.

Play with them.

Commemorate them.

Steward them.

Introduce others to them.

The Archive therefore does not depend upon continuous expansion of what it preserves.

Its continuing life comes from new encounters with what has already been judged worthy of preservation.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Membership begins with an invitation.

It deepens through participation.

It matures through stewardship.

Members do not purchase a place in the historical record. They enter into a relationship with it.

The Archive preserves enduring human contributions and the knowledge required to understand why they matter.

Its members encounter that knowledge, develop their own relationships with it, and help carry its meaning forward.

The collection may one day be complete.

Its stewardship need not be.

