



LORD OF HOSTS

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THE COVENANT

submitted for registration by Karel Alaric, Miller Number Custodian under the Covenant, starting 1 January 1986

The Miller Number Custodian is an independent hobby officer responsible for the assignment of numbers for postal names of diplomatic variants.

No group has any control over the Custodian.

Control of the staff of the Miller Number Custodian rests fully with the Custodian. The Directors of Orphan Games, the Registrar of Known Game Openings, and the variant bank directors shall serve as Associate Custodians.

Should the office of Custodian fall vacant without any designated successor or Vice Custodian, the Registrar of Projects shall hold an election for the next Custodian. The Electorate shall consist of the independent hobby officers registered with the Registrar of Projects and the staff of the Custodian. The Electorate has the right to advise the Custodian.

Any addition or change to the Covenant, designation of successor, or succession shall be registered with the Registrar of Projects. The Registrar may require a neutral ratification on behalf of the hobby for any material change to the Covenant. A 2/3 vote of the Electorate, including 2/5 of the hobby officers eligible to vote, shall be sufficient to ratify changes.

The Custodian may only be removed by an impeachment for cause adopted by a juridical hearing convened by the Registrar of Projects after an independent investigation. Cause for removal shall be breach of the Covenant, or refusal or inability to assign or have an Associate Custodian assign a valid Miller Number on presentation of information commonly required for such assignment, either in a consistent manner or as a deliberate act against any person or group.

No Miller Number Custodian, nor any Associate authorized to assign Miller Numbers, will ever require payment or trace or other value as a prerequisite for the assignment of a Miller Number.

Notwithstanding any other provision, no person shall serve on the staff of the Custodian or the Electorate who does not recognize the Covenant, or who requires payment or trace or other value for the provision of the services of their office (but this shall not apply to subscriptions the inexpensive sale of variants).

The Custodian is free to develop a system of designators, but no radical change will be made in the Miller Numbers or system of designators as developed except on the considered and reasoned advice of the Electorate to which the Custodian concurs. No system of designators shall be used which requires payment substantially in excess of postage and copying to obtain.

The Miller Number Custodian has full rights to have published as the Miller Number 'zine the 'zine founded by Robert Sacks for that purpose, 'Lord of Hosts', except for the personal coat-of-arms he used, but if the Miller Number Custodian should ever reconceive 'Lord of Hosts', all rights to publication as a private 'zine revert to Robert Sacks.

Nine years ago I published A New Year's Day Letter to defend myself as Miller Number Custodian against a conspiracy to take over the office by fraud and referendum. I was apparently successful, but two custodians later a fraud was perpetrated on the hobby and the North American Variant Bank took possession and repudiated all the agreements, statutes, and covenants governing the office. I have never acknowledged the legitimacy of this fraud, and the succeeding time has been spent trying to get the NAVB's Variant Number Custodian to agree to anything. In the course of these discussions, I and my colleagues have agreed to give way on every requirement except a proclamation I made in Nov. 1976, "No Miller Number Custodian, nor any Associate authorized to assign Miller Numbers, will ever require payment or trace or other value as a prerequisite for the assignment of a Miller Number." This was one of the reasons the conspiracy tried to remove me then, and this is still unacceptable to the NAVB. Since no agreement is possible, as the Miller Number Custodian who made the proclamation and guarantees to the hobby, I am required to act to reestablish the Miller Number Custodianship, and rather than do the entire job myself, I have chosen to support a new custodian, Karel Alaric.

The catalogue of lies and negative comments is already too large to comprehend. John Caruso, Lee Kendter, and Bill Quinn have taken to telling outright lies and misleading equivocations (the "non-denial denials" of Watergate fame) repeatedly, providing a large portion of this catalogue. There are a few comments I can isolate and answer:

Elmer Hinton claims I have no legal or ethical hold over the MNC. (This from a man who tried to take over the office himself in 1977!) The 1976 Proclamation was my guarantee to the hobby as Miller Number Custodian. It gives me the ethical and legal requirement to act, though I did not expect it at the time. I had thought that the proclamation, together with the agreements, covenant, and Diplomacy Variant Commission, would stand without need for me to act.

Bill Quinn, as Boardman Number Custodian, has decided to intervene in Miller Number business on the side of Kendter. (I wish I could find the letter from his predecessor once removed, Don Ditter, backing me against Kendter's false claim to be Miller Number Custodian.) Of course, the next item on the page is Quinn's claim that "It is customary to send a \$1 donation with your request for a number." What is customary is to oppose BNCs who claim a customary fee. Since the proclamation is a reaction against a BNC who proclaimed a mandatory fee, it is understandable that this BNC would oppose the reestablishment of the oldest prohibition against a mandatory fee or tax.

There are several comments against Charlie's anonymous nature. If people want to believe that I am Charlie and hold me responsible, they can go right ahead. If they want to believe that I am not Charlie and still hold me responsible, they can go right ahead. Charlie's identity is a non-issue. Attack me for it all you want, and leave Charlie free to do the job.

Finally we have the non-cooperation of the North American Variant Bank. This is to be expected. They will no longer be able to collect hefty fees selling their catalogue to explain what their numbers mean. An independent Miller Number Custodian has to protect the hobby from the greed of the variant bank, which is why the variant banks have never tolerated an independent MNC, ever since they became established.

Category a - Abstract

Category e - Economic

Category f - Fantasy & Science Fiction (except Tolkien)

Category h - Historical European or European extended
 ha - Abstraction
 hb1 - Atlantica I
 hb2 - Atlantica II-R

Category m - Map (except world or Europe)

Category n - Number of players or teams
 na - 3x3 teams
 nb - 5 or 6 man
 nc - 2 man less a power
 nd - Intimate

Category r - Rule change

ra - Anonymity or Gunboat
 Category t - Tolkien
 ta - Middle Earth
 tb - Mordor v the World
 tc - Lord of the Rings
 td - Third Age
 te - Downfall ...

Category v - World
 va - Youngstown II/III/IV/V/VI
 vb - Colonia

Policy

Designators cannot be assigned until the variant has been examined. Designators will not be assigned until the variant has been started a number of different times. Unseen game starts of the same variant in the same zine over a 3-month period won't justify a designator. Designators may be assigned to games of historical importance, in order to complete particular portions of the categorized system.

MILLER NUMBERS ASSIGNED

1985A/h.. (Quick Dip), Steve Arnavoodian, flyer. Eger+Pol-Bob Slossar, Eng-Ken Peel, Fra-Thomas Manning, Ita-Julie Martin, NAfr-JoAnne Mainardi, Rus-Dave Grabar, Tur-Arm-Al Pearson, WGer-Brad Trutt.
 1986A/m.. (Stonehenge), Lu Henry, Tacky. Angles-Charles Hall, Celts-Dan Palter, Danes-Robert O'Donnell, Frisians-Bill Shirley, Normans-Bob Acheson, Norse-Ron Botther, Picts-Jim McCarthy, Saxons-Mike Lee, Scots-Jeff Zarse, Welsh-Dave Anderson.

BACK ISSUES of Lord of Host (old series) #1 through #5&6 are available for 20¢/number plus postage; #7 through #12 are available for 25¢/number plus postage. Send all monies to Robert Sacke.

GAME RESULTS

1983J vJ08 (R0). (Everybody Plays Dip) Zine: Seventy Four. GM: Julie Martin.

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	4	5	5	7	6	7	8	7	6
F	4	4	5	5	7	6	9	9	6
C	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2
I	4	4	3	3	1	-	-	-	-
R	5	7	8	9	10	12	12	14	20
T	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	-	-

Note: each position was played by a different player each turn

In the abbreviated list below, only the players whose orders were used are listed
 M=summer retreats.

Dan Stafford: W00/acr, F03/a, W03/t
 Stephen Lee: W00/ft, F02/a, W02/i, S03/t, S08/f
 Terry Tallman: W00/f, F01/f, S02/i, W03/f, S04/i, W04/a, F05/i, S07/a
 Don Williams: S01/gr
 Greg Stewart: S01/e
 Bill Highfield: S01/i
 Don Sigwalt: S01/t
 Uli Baumeister: S01/a, W01/r
 Dick Martin: S01/f, F01/et, W01/rt, S02/zt, A02/i, W02/a, F03/i, W04/f, S05/e, F05/r, W05/r, S06/i, F06/er, W06/r, S07/e, S08/r, F08/f, W08/t, S09/a, M09/r, F09/f, F10/e

Marcus Kurtz: F01/a
 Brad Wilson: F01/r, S02/a, F02/f, F03/e, F04/r, F05/t, S06/a, S08/a, F08/t, S09/f, F09/e, W09/e, S10/e
 Keith Sherwood: F01/i, S03/f
 Tom Swider: F01/r, S03/a, F10/a
 Mark Larzelere: W01/ei, S02/r, W04/r, S05/r, S07/r, M07/f, W07/r, W08/f, F09/g
 Bob Olsen: W01/f, S02/e, F02/t, S03/ei, A03/r, W03/r, F04/r, W04/r, S05/r, F05/a, W05/e, F05/fit, F07/t, S08/r, F08/e, W09/e, F09/r, S10/r
 Ed Wrobel: S02/r, A03/i, F04/f, W04/e, S06/r, F07/f, F08/a
 Jim Meinel: F02/g, W02/fr, S03/f
 Fred Davis: F02/er, W02/t, F03/rt, F04/a, A04/i, A05/t, W05/fr, S06/e
 Ben Schilling: W02/er, S03/r, W03/r, W03/e, S04/t, F04/e, A04/a, F05/e, W05/i, S06/r, F06/ag, S07/t, F07/r, S08/t, F08/r, S09/a, F09/a, W09/r, S10/a, M10/f, F10/f

Eric Kane: F03/f
 Kathy Byrne: W03/i, W04/t
 Mark Lew: S04/f, W05/t
 John Caruso: S04/ar, F05/f, W05/n, S06/ft, S09/e, S10/fr
 Scott Hanson: S04/ef, S05/a
 Don Del Grande: F04/i, S05/i, S09/r, F10/f
 Tom Hurst: F04/t
 Carl Russell: W04/i, S05/i, F05/f
 Ken Peel: S05/t
 Mark Frueh: S07/f, F07/ae, S08/e, F08/g
 Jim Burgess: S07/r, M07/f
 Ernest Hakey: F07/ef, F08/r, W08/e, F10/r won

1983M cb19. (Woolworth IID) Zine: Manifest Destiny (through F'02), Tacky.
 GM: Keith Sesler (through F'02), Lu Henry.
 Aus+Balkans-Job Sweeney (drop W'06), Jeff Zarse (won S'08)
 Eng+Scandinavia-Mike Keller
 Fra+Rus-Pierre Touchette (res V'01), Dave Anderson (F out F'04, R out F'05)
 Ger+Ita-Pat Pakel (drop F'03), Dave Carter (I out F'05)
 Spain+Tur-Jay Chaisse (drop W'02), Jim Makuc (drop S'03), Matt Fleming
 (S out F'04, T out F'07)