# **Guilds of Ashenstead Under Tzar Oleg Thunderstrike**

Under the reign of Tzar Oleg Thunderstrike, guilds have flourished, shaping the economy, politics, and culture of Ashenstead. These organizations, founded with the Tzar's support and vision for unity, promote collaboration, expertise, and innovation throughout the realm.

## The Stormforged Guild

Founded: 853 AE

Forged by master blacksmiths in the early years of Oleg's reign, this guild revolutionized Ashenstead's metalwork. Known for their storm-tempered steel, their weapons arm the elite Stormguard knights and symbolize the legacy of the storm giantkin.

## **Pyropa's Flame Weavers**

Founded: 860 AE

Artisans of fire-kissed glass and ceramics, this guild honors Pyropa through radiant works that adorn palaces and temples. Their creations embody Ashenstead's fiery resilience and cultural richness.

# **The Ashenstead Apothecaries**

Founded: 855 AE

Established to heal a wounded realm, the Apothecaries Guild rose to prominence through herbalism and alchemy. Their potions and remedies are vital to Ashenstead's health and stability.

### The Wyrmwatchers

Founded: 865 AE

A secretive order of scholars and hunters dedicated to studying and preserving the realm's dwindling dragon populations. Their mission is to protect ancient draconic knowledge and uphold the balance between mortals and dragons.

#### **The Goldspine Masons**

Founded: 857 AE

Tasked with rebuilding Moskovia after Malakar's defeat, these masons have since constructed Ashenstead's most iconic structures, including Thunderstrike Palace and the Scargrave Spires Memorial.

#### The Moskovian Merchants

Founded: 862 AE

This powerful guild regulates trade and commerce throughout Ashenstead. Their mastery of economic policy and merchant diplomacy has expanded the Tzardom's influence beyond its borders.

#### The Order of the Emerald Shield

Founded: 870 AE

A guild of rangers and hunters who patrol Ashenstead's forests and wildlands. They safeguard the realm's natural borders and confront supernatural threats with unmatched precision.

## The Scargrave Scribes

Founded: 860 AE

Charged with chronicling Oleg's reign and the unification of the giantkin, this guild of historians, illuminators, and cartographers preserves the Tzardom's lore. Their crowning work is the **Book of Thunderstrike**.

#### The Ashenstead Alchemists

Founded: 875 AE

Born from the marriage of arcane theory and scientific curiosity, this guild pushes the boundaries of magical infrastructure, transmutation, and elemental innovation.

## The Nightwalkers

Founded: 880 AE (Unofficial)

An elusive and unrecognized guild of spies and assassins. Many suspect they operate under the silent blessing of the Tzar, ensuring stability from the shadows when diplomacy fails.

# **Legacy of the Guilds**

Each of these guilds reflects Tzar Oleg's vision of a unified and prosperous Ashenstead. Through their diverse pursuits, whether artistic, arcane, or martial, they have helped forge a realm that thrives in both tradition and innovation, standing firm amid a world of shifting tides.