

Greetings unto their Royal Majesties An Tir, the Coronets, Seneschal, and Populace of Dragon's Laire,

THL Kloe of Thira and Magister Arion the Wanderer hereby submit, for your consideration, our Letter of Intent to serve as the next Baroness and Baron of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, and with that, the Crown of An Tir, and the SCA Dream.

We feel that being Baron and Baroness is an ultimate partnership of two people who need to be able to complement each other's strengths, balance out each other's weaknesses, and be approachable by the Barony. We have learned each other's strengths, and supported each other through many years of experience working side by side through our efforts on the Event Teams for June Faire, as officers of the Barony, in service at both Baronial and Kingdom Events, as members of the Archery, Thrown Weapons and Siege Communities, Moneyers Guild, Culinary Guild, Scribal Guild, and on the fields Combat, and in support of the Crown and other Baronies within An Tir.

As potential Baron and Baroness we have taken the time to consider our capacity to uphold the responsibilities, traditions, and the requests of the Crown. We have considered how this role would affect our families, modern careers, personal health, non-SCA responsibilities, and the restrictions that will place on our abilities to travel, attend, and participate. The job of Baron and Baroness comes with the need to personally fund a lot of additional travel and incidental expenses. Having the resources and support of two families will allow us to do this without imposing a hardship on either family.

Additionally, being Baron and Baroness requires a serious time commitment by both the candidates. Both of us are currently active in all Baronial functions and events and have been so for many years. Again, having the support and resources of two families will allow us to attend all major Kingdom and other Barony's events as one or both of us have for many years. Both of us have always tried to "be there" to support our Barony and the Populace. Stepping into the role of guiding the Barony will be an easy transition.

We have discussed our intentions, at length, with our respective families and, after in depth discussions, our respective families have given their full support in our endeavors to continue the strong path of service laid out by our predecessors.

We see this mighty Barony as our home, our family, and as such we are committed to encourage and guide this family in their endeavors. We will create a space that feels welcoming, like going home after a long trip abroad. We will create that same feeling when we travel the great lands of An Tir, and help those outside our Barony to feel that warmth as well.

We wish to support those who have chosen to commit their time to the Barony as well, from Teachers to Retinue to those who only wish to play and not be in the forefront. As the strength of the Barony depends on the willingness and skills of its members. Dragon's Laire is blessed with long term and founding members whose skills and knowledge make us the well-oiled machine that we are. We are also blessed with younger

generations of skilled people eager to bring in new ideas, learn how the SCA works, and assume duties to keep Dragon's Laire functioning as a strong barony.

We are committed to serve as the Crown's representative to the Barony, and as the Barony's representative to the Crown. To attend Noble Estate meetings at Crown events, and otherwise maintain contact with the King and Queen so Their Majesties' needs and desires can be communicated to the populace of the Barony, and to communicate the needs of the Barony to Their Majesties through regular reports, and bring the deeds of deserving individuals to Their Majesties' attention so they can be recognized with Kingdom level awards.

We have hopes and aspirations for our Barony. Our goals cover many fields of interest in the SCA, and hope to continue to encourage all aspects of participation.

We want to grow our Arts and Sciences community, with the guidance of those who have be foundations in the community, by helping newer members and those who have not be able to feel like they know how to become an artisan, by creating new ways for them to participate in Art and Sciences without feeling as though they have to compete to be able to do so. We will work to achieve this by offering new outlets for their creativity, encourage them to display and discuss their passions at events in a non-competition format, and help guide them to the teachers within the Barony that can help to encourage their growth.

We want to encourage our populace to explore areas of service without feeling like they must always be working or that if they are not burnt out, they are not doing it right. To encourage this, we want to encourage those in the Barony who are service oriented to mentor other member of the populace and show them how they can add to the strength of the Barony through service. We will encourage mentoring at the Baronial Officer level as well as for events, so that more people feel that they can contribute to the Barony in those ways.

We strive to continue to support all avenues of our Marshalate community through the encouragement of practice participation on all fields, through classes for new members so that they may try before they commit, through continuing classes for all fields of activities to grow the knowledge and skills of our fighters, archers, throwers, and other combat communities. We hope to encourage our siege community to grow through demonstration and training to operate the siege engines of Dragon's Laire.

Our Vision for the Barony is to continue the Legacy of those who have had the opportunity to serve before us. We see the potential for our populace to grow. It is our goal to see our populace continue to play on the larger stage of An Tir, to be there to support the populace of Dragon's Laire in all aspects of the SCA, support growth of the warband, households, and families of Dragon's Laire, and to nurture and support the individual growth of the populace on their chosen paths, on and off the fields of battle, arts and sciences, and beyond, and to help those who have found their way into our Barony find their passion and

see how they fit into the Dream.

What we expect from ourselves as potential Baron and Baroness:

- Effective Communication and Detailed Record Keeping.
- Ability to Attend
 - Weekly Social/Practice
 - Monthly Business Meetings
 - The Kingdom Crown and Coronation events
 - All Baronial Events
 - Guild Meetings, occasionally to check in with our populace's endeavors.
 - Events hosted by our cousins, to support them, as much as possible.
- To understand that
 - We need to work with the Seneschal and other officers and allow their voices to be heard.
 - We need to continue our work on being an inviting Barony for newcomers and visitors from outside our area.
 - Be available to meet newcomers and help them to feel welcome.
- To continue to support and encourage our Arts and Sciences community, not just at home, but on the Kingdom stage.
 - Encourage and support the youth artisans by providing opportunities for them to participate.
 - Be there to support our populace when they are competing locally and at the Kingdom level.
 - Recognize them for their hard work, no matter the outcome.
- To continue to support all our Combat Participants on and off the fields
 - Be there at practices, help support war, and neighboring area practices.
 - Support classes on armor making, basic weapons making, combat skills.
 - Encourage them on and off the fields of Battle.
- To continue to support our Target Missile and Thrown Weapons Communities
 - Attend Practices.
 - Support Classes on Equipment Maintenance and Construction.

- Support Newcomer Classes
- To continue to support our Populace in general
 - Listen to the ideas of the populace.
 - Recognize the populace for their hard work.
 - Work with the populace to help grow our Barony.
 - Provide a space where the populace feels like they belong, at events at home and abroad.

Your Potential Future Baron and Baroness,
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