

## HL Richard Dragun and Dame Gwenllyen Potter

(Richard and Wendy McComb)

To: Coronets of Dragon's Lair  
Baron Conchobar MacEoin, Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth

Seneschal of Dragon's Lair  
HL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Their Royal Majesties An Tir  
King Christian Bane and Queen Helene d'Anjou

Greetings to this group of august personages, from Dame Gwenllyen Potter and His Lordship Richard Dragun.

We present this letter as our intent to enter our names for consideration as Coronets of the Barony of Dragon's Lair. We wish to follow in the footsteps all of those that came before us, who have served this mighty Barony with enthusiasm and devotion. This has been our home since the beginning of our SCA career, and we care about the health, happiness, and functionality of this Barony, and would like to do our best to be partners and guides into the future.

We have both been active members of the SCA and the Barony since the Summer 1997. We have played active roles in the Barony throughout the years, as indicated on our SCA resumes included herein. Our experience and interests provide connection with all aspects of engagement within our organization. Gwen's experience within the Arts and Sciences, Richard's involvement with the Armed and Armored Community, and the many years of service we both have enjoyed at Baronial and Kingdom level, we connect and communicate with more communities of interest within the Barony.

We both have leadership experience in our modern world positions. Richard currently serves as a Job Planning Lead at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer with 22 years of service. Wendy is an Administrative Coordinator at the Olympic Educational Service District in Bremerton for over 20 years. Both are positions that require managerial and leadership skills in their daily execution.

There are some diverse aspects to our Dragon's Lair community. This is not to say that our community is unique, throughout the kingdom other baronies touch on the same issues found inside Dragon's Lair. It is more understanding what the range of diversity is within our group and how each of us communicate with each other. Both of us are able to recognize when speaking with a particular group is outside our comfort zone. The advantage for us is that we complement each other in this aspect. When one does not feel able to hold the conversation needed, the other is able to have that conversation.

The game is changing. Recognizing that costs are rising, and with each year the ability for individuals to travel large distances is a deterrent for some participants in our community, we need to ensure that the needs of our local group for a pleasant and supportive community are met. One of the ways is to build

strong bonds between the regional groups and baronies. If travel to a kingdom event is restrictive due to the distance required, what local events are we able to promote? What ways can we as Baron and Baroness support and promote inclusive events and experiences within a shorter travel distance? We want to build on the strength of our regional group and develop strong ties between the baronies.

We also recognize that not all members within the community participate in the same way. From the fringe, or moderate involvement, to dedicated players in the local or kingdom organization each person brings a different expectation or need to the persona of what they want from their Baron and Baroness. Our job is to work with everyone to ensure that there is opportunity for them to participate. It is not always possible to meet their needs and there may be differences in opinion on how inclusive we can become as a group, but each individual or group within our Barony deserves the opportunity to have their dream and play their game. It is our responsibility to help guide the group to meet these needs.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the participating in the selection process. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard Dragun and Gwen the Potter



**His Lordship Richard Dragun**  
Squire to Sir Walter of Minsted  
Barony of Dragon's Lair  
Kingdom of An Tir

*Quarterly gules and sable, four dragons passant Or each maintaining a Latin cross pomelly at the foot argent*  
(Name and device passed April 1, 2003)

Participating in the SCA since June of 1997, OP number 1683.

Awards & Championships

- Award of Arms (An Tir), October 5, 2002
- Throne's Favor (An Tir), January 10, 2004
- Shield of the Barony (Blatha An Oir), June 26, 2004
- Goutte de Sang (An Tir), July 16, 2005
- Order of the Wyvern (Dragon's Lair), September 28, 2005
- Forget-me-not (An Tir), December 1, 2007
- King's Favor (An Tir), January 12, 2008
- Snapdragon (Dragon's Lair), Jun 5, 2011
- Armored Champion (Dragon's Lair), Sep 10, 2011
- Dragon's Flame (Dragon's Lair), Sep 29, 2012
- Baroness' Favor (Dragon's Lair), June 1, 2014

Service and Offices

- Golden Dragon Pursuivant, Dragon's Lair
- Dragon's Lair Exchequer
- Senior Marshal
- Has served on several autocrat teams, both Kingdom and Baronial, throughout the year.
- Fulfilled many different roles participating and volunteering with event staff for June Fair
- Senior Marshal for many Baronial and Kingdom events, as well as other baronies throughout the kingdom.
- Served as guard for Duchess Miranda and Duke Tiernan





## Dame Gwenlyen Potter

Known as Gwen the Potter  
**Barony of Dragon's Lair**  
**Kingdom of An Tir**

*Or, a dragon's head cabossed and on a point pointed rayonny gules an amphora*  
*Or, a bordure sable*

(Name and device passed December 6, 2000)

Participating in the SCA since June of 1997, OP number 560.

### Awards & Championships

- Award of Arms (AnTir), September 2, 2000 7
- Jambe de Lion (AnTir), December 2, 2000
- A&S Champion (Dragon's Lair), 2000, 2010, 2016
- Various Snapdragons and Bumblebee from the Barony of Dragon's Lair
- Dragon's Flame (Dragon's Lair), 2001, 2011, 2017
- Order of the Dragon's Pearl, (Dragon's Lair), December 14, 2002
- Companion of the Order of the Laurel (AnTir), July 17, 2004
- Forget-me-not (An Tir), September 4, 2004, July 16, 2011, June 5, 2010
- Order of the Wyvern (Barony of Dragon's Lair), December 4, 2004
- Throne's Favor (An Tir), January 13, 2007, December 1, 2007, Jul 20, 2013
- Baronial, Coronet's, and Baron and Baroness' Favors (Barony of Dragon's Lair), June 2, 2007, May 31, 2014
- Principle, Main de Saint Nicholas (An Tir), July 18 2009
- Goutte de Sang (An Tir), January 9, 2010
- Mano d'Oro (An Tir), March 6, 2010
- Kingdom A&S Champion (An Tir), Mar 13, 2011 through March 4, 2012, and September 2, 2012 through March 3, 2013
- Lion's Heart (An Tir), March 3, 2012 and March 3, 2013
- Court Baroness (An Tir), January 7, 2012
- Bountiful Hand (An Tir), January 7, 2012, June 2, 2012, June 12, 2013, Jan 14, 2017
- Mano Minos (Dragon's Lair), December 1, 2012
- Nautilus (Dragon's Lair), June 1, 2013
- Princess' Knott (Avacal), August 3, 2013
- Dragon's Heart (Dragon's Lair), December 7, 2013
- Scholar of Dragon's Lair (Dragon's Lair), February 14, 2015
- Dragon Lily (Dragon's Lair), December 5, 2015
- Royal Clothier Favor (An Tir), July 19, 2019 (AS LIV)



### Service and Offices

- Creator, list owner and moderator of the SCA Potters email list, (now defunct with Yahoo, and reinvented as "Potters with Period Personas" in Facebook)
- Scribal coordinator for Jacques & Siobhan, former Coronets of Dragon's Lair
- Chatelaine for Barony of Dragon's Lair, May 2000 - May 2002
- Chronicler for the Barony of Dragon's Lair, 2007
- Responsible or assisted in running the Dragon's Lair Baronial Arts and Science Championship for many years.
- An Tir A&S Championship Deputy, 2009 and 2010. Assisted the An Tir Bardic/A&S Championship Deputy in 2008

- Secretary for the Laurel Peerage Council, 2012-13
- Merchant Liaison for June Faire Board of Directors, 2004, 2005 and 2011.
- Autocrat, member of Autocrat Team, Co-autocrat for various events for entire SCA career
- An active participant and assistant in the Art & Sciences Village at June Faire, and a volunteer at many June Faires in various capacities
- Created various pieces of regalia for the Barony of Dragon's Lair, including: Banners for Dragon's Lair Baronial Bardic Guild, Banner for An Tir Kingdom Combat Archery, Cloak for Baronial Bardic Champion, Tabard for Golden Dragon Pursuivant, Replacement cloak for Baronial A&S Champion
- Retinue to various Coronets of Dragon's Lair (Jacques & Siobhan, Ralg & Tsuruko, Arontius & Laurellen) and Viceroy of Dragon's Lair (Marquessa Laurellen)
- Secretary for the Finance Committee, the Wyverns, and Dragon's Pearls for the Barony of Dragon's Lair during the term of the Coronets Arontius and Laurellen
- Deputy to various Arts & Sciences Officers for the Barony of Dragon's
- Secretary of the Pacifica Regional Peerage Council



### Teaching

Throughout my years in the SCA, I have taught many classes. These are a few:

- Pottery Form & Function – a study of pottery forms in medieval Western Europe and England
- Informal classes on beginning SCA garb
- Cooking in Medieval Pottery – a demo class on how to cook in medieval pottery reproductions
- Guide to documentation and presenting at an A&S Championship
- Participate annually in the cooking demo at Embers and Ambrosia
- Annual pottery demo in the Arts & Sciences Village at June Faire