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BARON AND BARONESS MATHIEU AND ISABEL*

A SPECIAL EDITION CARRYING THE LETTERS OF INTENT FROM THOSE WISHING TO SERVE AS OUR NEXT
BARON AND BARONESS

ADDED IN ORDER OF RECEIPT:

To their Royal Majesties Michael and Seonaid, their Royal Highnesses Logan and Esa, their Excellencies Mathieu and Isabel of Tir-y-don, and to the fair populous of Tir-y-don do we Lord Brian Crawford and Lady Eleanor Gildenher send our warmest greetings.

After due consideration of the duties and responsibilities there unto, do we humbly submit this letter of intent to request the honor of consideration as the next Baron and Baroness of Tir-y-don. Tir-y-don has been our home for the entirety of our time in the Society and we dearly love this land and her people. In our eyes Tir-y-don is the brightest jewel of the Atlantian crown. We pledge that if selected, to serve the populous and the crown by working to the utmost of our energy to ensure her luster never dims.

If selected as Baronage our goals would be threefold: growth, presence, and commitment to the Kingdom.

We want the Barony, not to merely to survive but to thrive. To do that we must not only encourage growth through recruitment of new members, but also encouragement of our existing members to deepen their participation in their current activities and to provide opportunities for them to branch out into areas of or Society they have not yet explored. We intend to accomplish this through strong support of our recruitment efforts, by working closely with our martial and arts and sciences communities to provide a variety of opportunities for members to expand their repertoires, and through encouragement of hosting varied events with multiple opportunities to be actively involved.

Our goals related to presence are twofold. First, we firmly believe that you cannot lead from a distance and resolve that, to the best of our ability, we will be there for all Baronial functions. As the ceremonial head of the Barony we would also wish to see an increase in ceremony and pageantry that really helps the Dream come to life. We would wish to ensure that all members of Barony have livery and would endeavor to create a sense of pride and shared ownership for the Barony. Second, we would strive to ensure that Tir-y-don is a presence within the Kingdom. We would strongly encourage our populace to attend out of area events and will attend as many as possible ourselves. We also pledge to be an advocate with the Crown for our populace so that their good works may be recognized.

Lastly, as Baronage we must never forget that we serve at the behest of the Crown. In addition to fulfilling or duties prescribed by Kingdom Law, we would wish to show a strong commitment to the crown through direct service. We would strongly encourage the Barony to place bids to hold kingdom events as well as encourage members of the Barony to serve the Crown through the use of their many talents. Additionally we would wish to support the Kingdom by supporting our fellow Baronies, particularly our neighbors through presence at their events and developing kinship and goodwill with our Cousins and their people.

To aid in your consideration of this important decision we wish to present our qualifications for service as Landed Baronage:

Lord Brian has been a member of the Society and the Barony since 2004, first joining as a member of the Barony's College of Rencester and has been continuously active since that time. He has served in multiple positions of responsibility, serving as the Exchequer for the College of Rencester from 2006 to 2007, as Baronial Herald from 2008 to 2010, and as Baronial Seneschal from 2011 until the present. He has served as event steward (autocrat) for several events including Rencester's Celebration of Spring (2006), Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night (2012), and Tir-y-don's Baronial Birthday (2014). He has also served as head cook for Tir-y-don's Baronial Birthday (2013). He has served as Tir-y-don's land agent and camp

coordinator for Pennsic on several occasions. Lord Brian is an active participant in the rapier community and has served as Baronial Rapier Champion. He served with the Tir-y-don rapier unit that earned the Vexillum Atlantiae at Pennsic War XXXVI. He is also an active brewer and has served as the Royal Brewer on two occasions and has gone to considerable effort to teach and promote his art. Mundanely Lord Brian works for Military OneSource, the Employee Assistance Program for members of the military and their families and serves as a Fire Direction Sergeant with the Virginia Army National Guard.

Lady Eleanor Gildenher has been a member of the Society and the Barony since 2003 and has been continuously active since that time. She has been very active in supporting Tir-y-don's Arts and Sciences community. She has served as Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences from 2011 to the present. She has taught numerous classes for the Barony's local arts and sciences nights and has provided pivotal organizational support to ensure that a steady flow of interesting classes is available. She has great skill in calligraphy and illumination and has put these skills to use for the Barony and Kingdom, providing numerous award scrolls. She has also served as Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion. She served as event steward for Tir-y-don's Baronial Birthday (2011) and can be frequently be found working quietly behind the scenes in support of Baronial events. Lady Eleanor is also an authorized rapier fighter and has numerous interests in many areas of the Arts and Sciences. Mundanely Lady Eleanor works as an Atomic Absorption Chemist for Marine Chemist Services Inc.

We sincerely thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

In Service to Tir-y-don, Atlantia, and the Society,

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(note from Chronicler: The Lord and Lady's devices were submitted but would not copy to this document. Please see the OP)

Master Jean Claude de Calais and Mistress Alyna of the Ilex

Most of you already know "JC" and Alyna. We were graced to be able to serve Tir-y-Don for five years as her Baron and Baroness prior to Their Excellencies' investiture. After stepping down as Baronage, we changed our focus towards helping the Barony and Kingdom succeed in other ways. Alyna has taken the role of Exchequer and often serves as MoL or runs gate at events; meanwhile, Jean Claude serves as the Virginia Regional Seneschal, Deputy Kingdom Seneschal, and often works as a Rapier Marshal here and in other Baronies. We have each been in the SCA over twenty years, Alyna in multiple kingdoms and Jean Claude always an Atlantian (although living in multiple baronies).

As Baron and Baroness, we intend to promote Tir-y-Don and her people at the local and kingdom level of the society. We will concentrate on getting to know the people of the barony even better in order to help them get the most out of their participation in the society.

Tir-y-Don's officers are the backbone of the barony and we will give them the support and encouragement they deserve. We also want to encourage education and mentoring in the offices in order to help newer members understand how the society operates and how they can participate. We strongly feel that each office should have a succession plan and that deputies should become prepared to step in if needed.

We would like to primarily concentrate on recruiting and retaining new members. It is easy to bring someone to an event or activity but more difficult to keep them coming back and volunteering to help. We also feel there are a number of untapped areas for recruitment and would love the barony to try new avenues to bring in new members.

We will, of course, continue the ideas brought forth by Mathieu and Isabelle and improve the regalia of the office (thrones, cloaks, feast gear) so that Tir-y-Don looks like the jewel of the kingdom that she is.

We fully understand the expectations and requirements of this position and hope to work with the people of Tir-y-Don to make Atlantia and the Society better. Tir-y-Don is our home; not just geographically, but it where we found each other. We want to return to the group the joy that it has given us.

Unto their Royal Majesties, Michael and Seonaid, Their Royal Highnesses, Logan and Esa, Their Excellencies, Matheu and Isabelle, and the fair Barony of Tir-y-Don do Lord John Biggeheved and Mistress Oriana of Xylina send our warmest greetings on this cold winter day. Please consider this missive as our Letter of Intent to participate in the polling for the honor of serving as Baron and Baroness.

Our love for our Barony and our desire to see it prosper has led us to seek the role of your Baronage. We have a combined 42 years of SCA experience. We have raised our children here. Over the years we have seen the Barony wax and wane and we hope to see it continue to grow and thrive.

We feel that our combined experience will enable us to represent the Barony well on local, regional and Kingdom levels. If chosen, we would support our officers, who do the day-to-day work of running the Barony. We would work towards recruitment of new members while seeking to retain the core group that already make the Barony strong. We would work to build and maintain a strong, welcoming and inclusive Barony. As Baron and Baroness, it would be our honor and duty to promote and support our populace in their martial, service and artistic endeavors. We are familiar with the responsibilities that come with being Baron and Baroness and are committed to serving the Barony. We are prepared to be liaisons between the populace and Their Majesties. We would especially enjoy acknowledging those worthy of renown and making known to Their Majesties those who are deserving of commendation.

As long standing members of the Barony, we have participated within our Barony in many diverse ways. We have both been armoured combatants and Oriana was a rapier combatant as well. We have both taught Arts & Science classes. John has served as Baronial Quartermaster and twice been Baronial Armoured Champion. John has run and cooked a fund-raising lunch at an event. John is currently working as a Marshal in Training in order to become an Armoured Marshall. Oriana has served the Barony in many ways including; as Baroness, Baronial Herald, Deputy Baronial Herald, Co-Autocrat, Autocrat, Autocrat-mentor, Head Server, Retainer, Royal Liaison, and Reservationist. Oriana currently holds warrants as a Mistress of the Lists and Herald.

Thank you for considering us for this important post. No matter who is chosen we look forward to continuing to serve and support our Barony of Tir-y-Don.

In Service to the Dream,

John

Lord John Biggeheved
Azure crusilly fitchy Or,
on a chief inverted argent a with a pearly coronet Or maintaining a
lymphad sable.

Oriana

Mistress Oriana of Xylina, OP
Gules, a blonde mermaid proper crowned
wooden casket proper and a mirror sable glassed argent, a chief wavy Or fretty sable

John's OP list:

Award of Arms
Companion of the Swan and Cygnet
Companion of the Coral Branch
[Companion of the Silver Osprey](#)
Companion of the Whelk
Companion of the Orca

Oriana's OP list:

[Companion of the Swan and Cygnet](#)
Award of Arms
[Companion of the Whelk](#)
[Companion of the Golden Dolphin](#)
Grant of Arms
Territorial Baroness, Retired
King's Award of Excellence
Court Baroness
Baron's Award of Excellence
Companion of the Coral Branch
Companion of the Golden Phoenix
Mistress of the Pelican
Award of the Undine

Lord Aidan of Kingswood and Lady Hannah of Kingswood

Greetings Tir-Y-Don,

Lady Hannah and I are excited and humbled with your nomination to be considered for Baron and Baroness. You welcomed us to the SCA in 1999 and even when abroad, we have always considered Tir-Y-Don as our home. You have been our dearest friends and we thank you. We hope to be allowed to serve you in the coming years as Baron and Baroness.

We have a fond love for Tir-Y-Don and enjoy the many aspects of our life with you. When not at events we

participate with the weekly A+S nights, Fighter practices, and work days when scheduled. Our life revolves around the Tir-Y-Don family and we're very proud to be part of such a wonderful group. As Baron and Baroness we desire to grow the ranks of our barony by sharing the dream that we all hold so dear. We believe this to be the right direction for us to continue serving you and give back to Tir-Y-Don.

Aidan is currently the Web Minister and has served in this position for almost 3 years. In this role, Tir-Y-Don's website won the SCA's William Blackfox Award for Best Organization for 2013. He has also served as Seneschal, Heavy Champion multiple times, Rapier Champion, Marshal for both Heavy and Equestrian, Autocrat and Co-autocrat, has taught classes for A+S as well as University, and has retained for baronial and kingdom royalty. Hannah has served as Deputy Chronicler for 2 years. She has also served as Chronicler, MOL, ran or assisted Children's Activities, and has retained for kingdom royalty. You can also find at least one of us assisting with water bearing, troll, or setup and teardown at most events.

Lady Hannah has been recognized with her AoA and PCS (Popular Company of Sojourners - Drachenwald). Lord Aidan has been awarded his Opal, Silver Osprey, Orca, AoA, Baroness Award of Courtesy, Undine, and the PCS (Popular Company of Sojourners - Drachenwald). Our daughter Caitlin has recently received her Hippocampus for water bearing.

At this point in our lives we have the ability, resources, stability, and desire to commit to this undertaking. In the modern world, Aidan is the Director of Client Relations for a Home Health software company. He also spearheads QA and fills the roll of Analyst. Hannah works for a national bakery and bistro chain as a trainer.

You are our chosen family. We would be proud to serve you as Baron and Baroness.

In Service to the Dream,

Aidan and Hannah of Kingswood

TIR-Y-DON STRAW POLLING

Unto the citizens of Tir-y-Don, greetings,

Below are the five couples nominated for a place of the formal polling to take place in January 2015. Please select your preferences by ranking the candidates 1 through 5. You must rank all 5 couples for your response to be accepted. Sorry, no blanks allowed. Rank your first choice with the number 1; continue with your preferences, with 5 being your final choice. All the responses will be entered in a spreadsheet, tallied, and the 3 couples with the lowest total will be announced at the special meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2014.

*In service to Tir-y-Don,
Lady Thora, Sir Tnek, and Mistress Tannis*

Candidates for Baron and Baroness of Tir-y-Don, listed alphabetically.

_____ Lord Aidan of Kingswood and Lady Hannah of Kingswood (Jim and Pamela Lemaster)

_____ Lord Arnvaldr Arnarson and Lady Torii Tomoe (David Coman and Christina Kelly)

_____ Lord Brian Crawford and Lady Eleanor Gildenher (Brian and Pamela Burnham)

_____ Master Jean Claude de Calais and Mistress Alyna of the Ilex (Jim and Holly Cunningham)

_____ Lord John Biggheved and Mistress Oriana of Xylina (John McCord and Audrey Tweed-McCord)

SCA Signature: _____

SCA Membership #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Print SCA Name: _____ Print Modern name: _____

Three ways to return the form to the committee members between 20 November 2014 and 7 December 2014:

1) Personally deliver the form to any committee member. These can be handed off at barony functions or delivered to their homes. Please call to make sure they will be home to accept the form. The form must be delivered by 2 pm on December 7, 2014. The committee members will be at fighter practices to accept forms.

2) E-mail the form by 11 AM on December 7, 2014. Please put "STRAW POLL" in the subject line and e-mail to: tirydon@cox.net

3) U.S. Mail: If you use this method the USPS must delivered the form by December 6, 2014. Forms that arrive after that date cannot be included in the straw poll. Mail the forms to: Tannis & Kent Baldwin, 6 Ancel Ct., Hampton, VA, 23666.

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Chatelaine:	Doña Mariana Francisco (Michelle Munger)	chatelaine@tiryaq.atlantia.sca.org (757) 768-2071 NLT 10pm
Chronicler:	Onora Druinreach (Melody McMath)	chronicler@tiryaq.atlantia.sca.org (757) 243-7010 NLT 8pm
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Knight's Marshal:	Jarl Timoch (Timothy Prickett)	marshal@tiryaq.atlantia.sca.org (757) 833-3139 NLT 9 pm
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Webminister:	Aidan of Kingswood (Jim LeMaster)	webminister@tiryaq.atlantia.sca.org g (757) 927-7654 NLT 10pm

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