

**Unto the Barony of Tir-y-Don do we Úlfhildr Járnsaxa Svǫnudóttir and Mardoll Kettlinger send our heartfelt greetings. We wish to make it known, should it be favorable to the Crown, and to you, the Populace of our beloved home and chosen family, that we would be honored to serve you in the roles of Baroness and Baroness of Tir-y-Don.**

From the first meetings Úlfhildr attended at the age of 17, to these more recent times when Mardoll has joined, though over 20 years have passed, one thing has remained unchanged: this Barony has warmly welcomed both of us into their hospitality, homes, and hearts. We shall endeavor to our utmost to bring new ideas, yet ensure the continuity of these traditions; to bring a fresh outlook, while valuing the culture of courtesy, service, and excellence established by the esteemed forebears of this Barony. Indeed, the greatest assets we would bring as Baronesses would be our great love of this Barony and its people, our desire for it to flourish, and our vow to carry forth that sense of home and family, both locally and to events across this Kingdom and beyond. ***May the best journeys together be yet to come!***

As Baronesses some of our overarching goals would include: finding new ways to enrich the experiences of our current Populace, to facilitate whenever possible a return of fond friends from absences sorely felt, and perhaps most crucially to the longevity of the Dream, we would explore every avenue to recruit and warmly foster diverse new members. ***For our posterity, let us each now requite kindnesses unto the next generation, just as kindnesses were once gifted unto us!***

Beyond these broader goals, we wish to address some specifics as to the state of the Barony, and our hopes for the future. We believe this Arts and Sciences community is strong, and well-respected within the Kingdom at large, but we would seek to facilitate further recognition of its many diverse talents. One particular area of our personal experience and interest is in historical food and cooking. We believe one possibility for more spirited encampments (and more dynamic demonstrations) could be by selectively integrating open-hearth cooking. ***Together in fellowship, let us feast hearty by fireside!***

Of martial activities within the Barony, our Rapier fighters display great prowess and honor. We would seek to facilitate growth in that community, and greater recognition of their excellence. Of Heavy Fighting and Archery, we would endeavor to fortify those stalwart warriors, and seek every opportunity to promote new growth amongst their ranks. In but three years, Tir-y-Don's 40th Birthday and Pennsic 50 will be upon us. As Baronesses, we would strive to support and inspire our warriors, whether seasoned or new, towards chivalrous deeds in their glorious battles to come. Let us once again, as it was in years past, send forth a great and ferocious host upon the field of battle. ***We will look to our returning warriors, and await tales of victory, with drinking horns charged at the ready for your celebration!***

***In conclusion, we earnestly thank you for your time and consideration. We speak from our hearts and say, to the Crown and Kingdom, to the Baronage and Populace of Tir-y-Don, and to the Dream: we humbly remain ever yours in service, looking forward to the days to come,***

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***Úlfhildr and Mardoll***

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***In our mundane lives, Michelle (Mardoll) is a veteran of the US Navy Submarine Service, and Connecticut Army National Guard. Upon her honorable discharge, she worked at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division in Connecticut, before becoming a field engineer at IBM and relocating to Virginia. She subsequently became a Program Administrator for IBM's Federal Systems Division, and is presently retired from IBM. Cameron (Úlfhildr) worked at Jamestown Settlement as a Historical Interpreter, and for the last 12 years as a homemaker, and primary caretaker for her elderly Grandparents until their passing. We have been married for 11 years and during that time, in addition to our primary duties as caregivers, we have volunteered with numerous LGBTQ+ Community and Youth organizations throughout Virginia, but presently are primarily committed to enjoying Michelle's Retirement, and especially our enjoyment of our SCA chosen family. Within the Society, our interests are primarily in all things Norse. We look forward to many years of long journeys, hard-fought victories, and successful plunder. SKÁL! (CHEERS!)***