

Master Jean Claude & Mistress Ayna of the Ilex

Mistress Ayna has been a member of the SCA for 25 years. Starting out as a college student in the Midrealm she served as Herald and deputy Chatelaine. After finding her home in Atlantia she participated in the College of Rencester at the College of William and Mary before establishing herself in the Barony of Tir-y-don. Her SCA interests vary widely from dance and music, rapier fighting, archery, costuming, and a plethora of diverse arts. She also serves as a rapier marshal, minister of the list, and is currently Baronial Exchequer.

Master Jean Claude has been a member of the Kingdom of Atlantia for 29 years; starting in the Shire of Hindscroft (now Canton of Middlegate). He has also lived in the Barony of Hidden Mountain before settling in Tir-y-Don. His SCA interests include fencing, brewing, dance, and fighting spear. Over the years, Jean Claude has served as a rapier marshal, Baronial Seneschal, Regional Seneschal and is currently the Emergency Deputy Kingdom Seneschal.

We happily served Tir-y-Don as baronage from 2007 to 2012. If selected to serve again, we have a few goals we would like to achieve. Our first priority is cultivating membership by expanding our social media presence among more platforms in order to be more easily accessible to potential members and re-engaging current and past members. We would also like to explore different demo activities and volunteer opportunities with the object of recruitment.

While we are not ourselves parents, we feel there are many opportunities for families to participate and we plan on ensuring youth activities both on and off the field at our events. We would also seek counsel from parents about how to include the youth of our barony and the Pages Academy.

We would like to continue the work of Baron Aidan and Baroness Hannah by establishing a baronial presence at a variety of events throughout the Kingdom. We will seek out and promote competitions for our baronial members in their areas of interest. We intend to take the field with our fighters on the archery range, rapier field, and armoured field. Ayna plans to authorize in spear so she can participate with, support, and encourage members of the barony as well as explore an area of the SCA she has not done previously. We will continue to support our artisans in the weekly classes as well as encouraging participation in competition.

We will continue to provide support to all of the officers of the barony. 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.

While we were on our path to becoming peers, the best advice we received was "Be the peer you would want to see." This is the same sentiment we would take in the role of Baronage. We fully embrace 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.