Unto their Royal Majesties, Ragnarr and Lynette, Their Royal Highnesses, Cristoph and Adelhait, Their Excellencies, Aidan and Hannah, 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 52 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. Both were involved in a fund-raising lunch at our last Investiture. John has served as Baronial Quartermaster and thrice been Baronial Armoured Champion. John has run and cooked a fund-raising lunch at an event. John is currently Knight Marshall. Oriana has served the Barony in many ways including; as Baroness, Baronial Herald, Deputy Baronial Herald, Co-Event Steward, Event Steward-mentor, Head Server, Retainer, Royal Liaison, Reservationist and Seneschal. 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
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