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Greetings unto Baron Harald and Baroness Ceridwen, Their Excellencies Dun Carraig and Her Ladyship Marguerite de Lyon, Seneschal, from His Excellency Master Gailen Alric Ros and Dame Caitriona MacDhonnachaidh,

Your Excellencies and Good Lady Seneschal,

Master Gailen and I wish to offer our service to the Populace and Their Atlantian Majesties, as the next Baron and Baroness of Dun Carraig. We realize we have not dwelt in these lands for an extended period of time; however, we have embraced Dun Carraig and Atlantia as our home and intend to do so for the rest of our time.

We would like to serve the barony as Coronet to showcase to the rest of Atlantia and the Knowne World the excellence that one finds in the people of Dun Carraig. Here we have met people who are amazing artisans, fierce martial artists, and those who serve with glad hearts in many, many ways. It would be our joy and honor to make their deeds further known throughout the surrounding lands. If chosen by Their Royal Majesties, we would work to achieve an active, involved community within Dun Carraig.

Letting people know they are appreciated for themselves, howsoever they choose to participate in the Society, is one of the grandest opportunities afforded the Coronet. Therefore, we hope to hold quarterly Baronial Courts at less formal baronial events. This helps support the members who cannot regularly travel to farther events for whatever reason.

Bringing people back together safely in the aftermath of the pandemic is a key factor in helping Dun Carraig thrive. Purpose-driven special interest activities can help accomplish community-building. Guild activities as well as shared-purpose activities can help invigorate baronial participation. This can enable people to come together in smaller groups and reduce some of the pandemic-related health concerns. We would endeavor to help create new, or support existing, guilds and opportunities based upon interests.

In the SCA, chronological age does not automatically mean experienced in the Society, and youth does not necessarily decry lack of skill in an area. We know people of all backgrounds have something to offer the barony, with their talents and endeavors. It is our wish to help bring similarly interested folk together to grow. Further, we would support cross-generational opportunities, bringing newer members together with more established ones, for knowledge sharing. Together we bring decades of SCA service, collaboration and team building experience and have assisted in the reinvigoration of groups in the past.

As Coronet, we know it can be necessary to put aside our own concerns to support the populace. The Coronet has the ability and responsibility to help empower others in the boundaries of the Society. We are prepared to fulfill that responsibility.

In summary, our goals include the following:

- Help bring moments of joy to the populace of Dun Carraig related to their participation in the Barony, Kingdom and the SCA,
- Increase frequency of baronial recognition by holding more courts at smaller baronial events,
- Encourage existing guilds and activities or building guilds where one does not currently exist,
- Work with group members to find ways to participate more fully in the SCA by doing in-barony activities to support the kingdom such as creating largesse and build community,
- Bring more awareness of the Barony to the public via participation in area demos, with the hope of increasing membership

We have included highlights of our past recognition, events we led, efforts on behalf of the Crown we served, and our general interests. All activities prior to 2022 were held in the Middle Kingdom.

Gailen (involved since approximately 1980)

Recognitions

Companion of the Pelican

Companion of the Greenwood Company (GOA Archery and Thrown Weapons)

Companion of the Dragon's Heart (GOA Service)

Royal Vanguard (Service as a Crown's Champion)

Silver Oak (pewter casting)

Purple Fret (AOA service award)

Purple Fretty (Group Service as Company of the Occupied Otter)

Lapis Rose (Shattered Crystal Exceptional Service)

Lapis Militatis (Shattered Crystal Martial Excellence)

Crystal Shard (Shattered Crystal service award)

Crystal Beacon (awarded for representing the Barony outside her borders,

Offices Held

Deputy Kingdom Earl Marshal—Thrown Weapons

Kingdom Thrown Weapons Champion—Edmund V

TW Marshal in Charge, SCA 50 Year

TW Marshal in Charge, Pennsic

Youth Combat Marshal

Baronial Seneschal—Shattered Crystal

Baronial TW Marshal

Midlands Regional TW Marshal

Midlands Regional Science Officer (when A&S were separate)
Swordcliff Shire Group Marshal
MK Archery Marshal at Large
Event Steward Crystal Ball (the Russian Ball)
Lunch Tavern MK Heralds and Scribes Symposium
Lunch Tavern Crystal Ball (Dancing Down the Silk Road)
Lunch Tavern Crystal Ball (15th Century German Ball)
Event Steward Rogue's Day (Swordcliff... multiple years)
Event Steward Feast of St. Ethyl (Swordcliff... multiple years)
Event Steward Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S (David and Tangwystl)
Collaboration with Camp DuBois, a volunteer organization dealing with Age of Discovery activities including teaching at Scout camps in Illinois and Missouri as part of the edged weapon safe usage
Educational Demo Coordinator (Shattered Crystal and Swordcliff)

Interkingdom Volunteer

Pennsic Thrown Weapons Marshal and teacher
Gulf Wars (16) Thrown Weapons Marshal
Mammoth Faire Thrown Weapons Marshal
Emissary to Queen Catarina to TRM Aethelmearc

Interests

Community Outreach in the Barony as well as to the non-SCA public.
Pewter Casting
Gaming
Thrown Weapons
Military Strategy
Elizabethan Era

[Caitriona \(involved since approximately 1985\)](#)

Recognition

Companion of the Pelican
Companion of the Greenwood Company (GOA Archery and Thrown Weapons)
Companion of the Dragon's Heart (GOA Service)
Companion of the Evergreen (GOA Teaching and Research)
Companion of the Doe's Grace (Service to Her Majesty and kindness on Her behalf)
Willow (Calligraphy and Illumination)
Purple Fret (AOA service award)
Purple Fretty (Group Service as Company of the Occupied Otter)
Baron's Own (Shattered Crystal Service and Counsel to the Coronet)
Lapis Militatis (Shattered Crystal Martial Excellence)
Crystal Shard (Shattered Crystal service award)
Crystal Beacon (awarded for representing the Barony outside her borders,

Offices Held

Middle Kingdom Seneschal 2015-2019

Midlands (Illinois) Regional Seneschal 2010-2013

Shattered Crystal Baronial Herald 2003-2010

Herald at Large 1989-2019

Youth Combat Marshal

Thrown Weapon Marshal at Large

Swordcliff Shire Minister of Science (and class coordinator)

Argent Scriptorium coordinator

Shattered Crystal Largesse Project Coordinator (via Company of the Occupied Otter) making toys, period game boards, hat pins, preserves, stationery sets for kingdom baskets, and providing bottles of period spices to Middle Kingdom Crowns.

Supported Royal Story Time for Seto and Ynes by providing medieval themed books for Them to read to children at events

Co-Led several fundraising events, including silent auctions, bake sales, etc.

Interkingdom Volunteer

Originated the Artisan Support cart at Pennsic A&S display

Served the Pennsic Seneschals Group 2015-2018

Collaborator for the Pennsic Volunteer War Point

Refreshment Coordinator for Known World Party (2011)

Head Cook

Pennsic State Dinner Pennsic 48

Crystal Ball (Dancing Down the Silk Road)

Crystal Ball (15th Century German Ball)

Crystal Ball (Russian)

Crystal Chamfron (Outdoor Equestrian Event)

Martial Arts Collegium

Swordcliff "The Last Feast of Ethyl"

Event Steward

MK Heralds and Scribes Symposium

Crystal Ball 25 (trainer/background Steward to train less experienced)

Crystal Ball 23 (trainer)

Interests

Community Outreach

Period Cookery

Elizabethan Kitchens

Calligraphy and Illumination