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BARONY MARCH OF MONS TONITRUS POLLING AND BARONIAL SUNDAY

Please join us for a day of polling and picnics as we poll to determine the next Baron and Baroness of Mons Tonitrus. Bring a dish to share and let your voice be heard.

Baronial polling will be 12 Noon until 2PM followed by a potluck picnic. Armoured Combat and Rapier fighter practice will run from 4pm to 6pm as usual.

Registered members of the Barony may vote, but all are welcome to eat, visit, fight, and enjoy a beautiful southern Arizona Sunday in the park. Site is discreetly wet, with no glass containers.

When: Sunday, June 5th, 2016, from 11AM to 6PM.

Where: Veterans Memorial Park, 3105 E Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, at Ramada 3.

For information or to sign up to bring a dish, please contact Lady Katherine Kelly, mka Suzy Gillott at: (385)628-9484 or email me at: cookiegoddess42@gmail.com



Barony March of Mons Tonitrus Baronial Polling

A polling of the current paid members of the Barony of Mons Tonitrus will be conducted at the Veteran's Park, 3105 E Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 to determine their support of candidates for Baron and Baroness. The polling will be held from **Noon until 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2016**. The populace should be aware that if the first polling does not show a clear preference of the populace, a second polling will be held immediately following the closing and tabulation of ballots for the first poll. Members are encouraged to plan to remain on-site to participate should a second poll be necessary.

To participate in all pollings held that day, you must be a Sustaining, Associate or Family member who is 18 years old or older, and must receive a Southwind or have an SCA membership in a Zip Code belonging to the Barony of Mons Tonitrus.

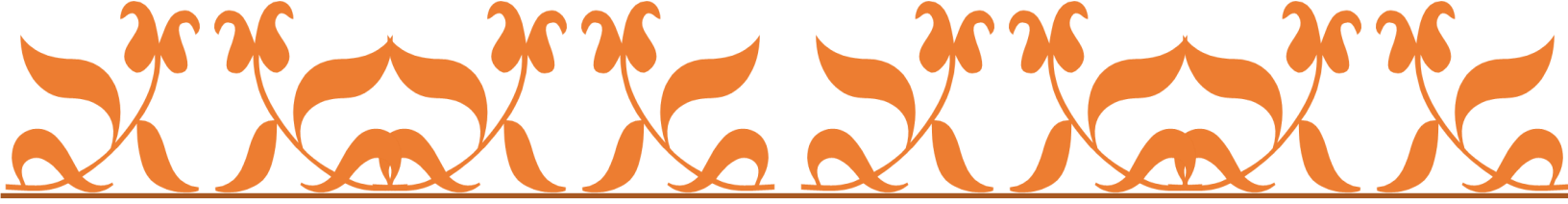
Current paid memberships will be verified on a membership list at the polling site, or you may present an online membership renewal dated after the date the membership list was generated by the Milpitas Registry. The Kingdom Seneschal recommends you bring proof of membership with you to ensure participation in the poll.

You must reside in zip codes belonging to the Barony of Mons Tonitrus, and this will be verified on the membership list at the polling site.

NOTE: Paid members who play in the Barony of Mons Tonitrus, but do not reside in the zip codes belonging to the Barony, may not cast ballots. However, they are encouraged to make their views on candidates known to the Crown by sending personal letters to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal expressing their candidate selections and preferences. The Crown will consider such letters when reviewing the polling results.

You must be 18 years old or older and present a picture ID at the polling site that shows your date of birth or age.





ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR BARONIAL POLLING

If you are unable to attend the polling to cast a ballot, you may follow the below procedures to submit an Absentee Ballot for the polling. Please understand that **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made to the timeline or contents required for an Absentee Ballot to be counted. So please review the requirements carefully, and send your letters in as soon as the candidates are announced by the Crown.

IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Write to the Kingdom Seneschal (email or a mailed letter) stating your preference in the poll. Emailed letters will be acknowledged by email. Mailed letters must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so receipt of the ballot can be acknowledged.

Your letter must in the hands of the Kingdom Seneschal no later than **Sunday, May 29, 2016**. Please mail ballots early enough to arrive by that date, and allow for delays in the mail. Do not send ballots with signature required at delivery, as that may delay their receipt.

Your letter must include **ALL** of the following:

1. Your candidate preference
2. SCA and modern name, and full mailing address for your membership
3. Proof of membership (membership number and membership expiration date)
4. A scanned or hard copy of a picture ID showing you are 18 years old (or older).

Absentee ballots will be counted in the first polling. If a second or subsequent polling is conducted, and your ballot was for one of the candidates included in that poll, it will also be counted in that subsequent polling. If your ballot was for a candidate **NOT** included in the subsequent polling, it will not be counted.

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at seneschal@atenveldt.org.
In Service,

Posadnitsa Natal'ia Diekova vdova Rabynovicha
Atenveldt Kingdom Seneschal



Unto Their Solar Majesties, Casca and Melissa, Their Solar Highnesses, Craven and Elzbieta, Their Excellencies, Finnian and Brigit, the mighty populace of the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus, and Kingdom Seneschal Bannthegn Natal'ia Diekova vdova Rabyrovicha do we, Master Koga Takashiro Kagehiro, called Taka-Kensei, and Lady Hamasaki Eiwa Miyako, called Eiwa-Gozen, send this missive with hope it finds you all well and in good spirits.

We send you greetings as well as humbly declaring our intent to be considered to serve our fair Barony as Baron and Baroness. We understand and are more than willing to accept the responsibilities that come along with this service. We willingly pledge ourselves to a three year term of service, if the Populace and Crowns should so choose us to serve in that role. We understand that should our letter be accepted, it will be published in the May 2016 Thunderbolt.

We seek to serve as Baron and Baroness out of our love for the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus and believe we can promote the barony and support its populace well. In our travels around the Kingdom of Atenveldt and to events in both Caid and the Outlands we have seen Mons Tonitrus and her people shine as bright stars across the Society. Mons Tonitrus has long been known for its dedication to service, generous charity, its welcoming heart, and its wide ranging support for the kingdom and one another. The populace works and plays together, and comes together as one in times of need—regardless of divisions by household, what it is that draws us each to the Society, or mundane life. We will continue to foster these qualities and build on the efforts of past bearers of the Coronets.

Our desire and willingness to serve as Baron and Baroness was not made lightly, but come to through the experiences and knowledge gained from years of membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism. Taka-Kensei began his journey in the SCA in Anno Societatis 35 (2000 in the Common Reckoning) in the Kingdom of Drachenwald. After being invited to join a friend at something called “fighter practice” and spending hours fighting with rapier, he was hooked. After departing the lands of the Dragon, he arrived in the southern most barony of Atenveldt. And though his duty to the Army restricted him to attending only the weekly fighter practices, he was always made to feel welcome. As is their way, the Army sent him away and he found himself in a Caidan Canton in the South Pacific as a stopover on the way to the sand-blasted lands of middleeastern Drachenwald. Eventually, the Army saw fit to return Taka-Kensei to Mons Tonitrus in A.S. 45, he threw himself into supporting his chosen family, taking on the role of Deputy Baronial Rapier Marshal. He won his first Baronial Rapier Championship that year and later took over as Baronial Rapier Marshal. After a number of years in that role, he took on the responsibilities of Herald, as Thunderbolt Pursuivant. He currently serves as the Deputy Baronial Chronicler. He continued to work for the Baronial Populace as he also worked for the Kingdom, taking over as Deputy to the Kingdom Rapier Marshal for Cut and Thrust; and working as the Rapier Marshal in Charge for Estrella while establishing the Knowne World Rapier Camp to share Atenveldt's famed

hospitality. He has seen the workings of the Kingdom, serving on the Guards of many Crowns and both the current Baron and Baroness and their predecessors; he has been Baronial Rapier Champion twice, Queen's Rapier Champion thrice, nearly won the Mace and Greatsword Tourney, and won the Duke Deaton Greatsword Tourney in just the past year. Taka-Kensei has been recognized with a number of honors thanks to the support of the populace of his home. He is co-Premier of the Order of Defence of Atenveldt, a Defender of the White Scarf, Companion of the Luxbruder, the Pilgrim of the Desert, the Golden Blade, the Order of the Star of the Desert-Gules, twice gifted with the Queen's Cypher, and is a Companion of the Sable Chevronels. One of his most treasured memories was being named a Lord of Atenveldt at the same moment he was made a Companion of the Silver Morion. Taka-Kensei is a rapier fighter, an armored combat fighter, an archer, practices thrown weapons, creates and supports the talented artisans of this Barony, and serves always the populace of Mons Tonitrus.

Eiwa-Gozen was brought to the SCA in A.S 45, (2010 commonly) through Taka-Kensei when he offered as the Baronial Rapier Marshal to teach her how to use a sword left handed. It only took one fighter practice in the beautiful lands of Mons Tonitrus for her to know she had found a home, and a family. A little over a year later Eiwa-Gozen was given the opportunity to serve her Barony when she was asked to take on the role of Baronial Herald for a brief time to allow the then Thunderbolt Pursuivant to take on a position at Kingdom. Following, and for the last two and a half years, she has continued as a warranted baronial officer as Baronial Rapier Marshal. She has had the honor to stand as the Rapier Champion Her Excellency Brigit, as well as serve the Crowns of the Kingdom as a member of their court guard. She has been a Deputy to the Rapier Marshal in Charge for both Southern Crusades and Estrella for many years, and last year took over as Rapier Steward at Southern Crusades. In her short time in the Society, Ewia-Gozen has been given recognition by her Barony as a Guardian of the Saguaro, a Companion of the Silver Morion, a Companion of the Sable Chevronels, and Companion of the Sable Harps. She has also humbly been honored by those outside Mons Tonitrus, with the Fellowship of the Boar Argent from the Barony of Tir Ysgithr and Kingdom commendations as; a Lady of Atenveldt, a Companion of the Golden Blade, a Companion of the Star of the Desert (Gules), a Companion of Luxbruder of Atenveldt, a Companion of the Pilgrim of the Desert. In addition to rapier, Eiwa-Gozen enjoys archery, and many Arts and Sciences of the Knowne World; to include calligraphy and illumination, clothing and jewelry costuming, and alchemy.

As our interests are varied, we understand and wish to support and encourage that wide array of activities the populace of Mons Tontirus takes part in as they follow Their Dream. While maintaining support for those programs that have grown strong over the years—including armored combat, rapier combat, arts and sciences, and those who serve the Barony—we would work to improve and grow archery and thrown weapons; and to revive and develop equestrian activities in the Barony.

It takes many hands to make the Barony run; even the smallest service is deserving of thanks. We would seek to

show our appreciation, even in little ways, to those who share their time, talents, and resources with our Barony, other Baronies, and the Kingdom. And enable and encourage the Officers of the Barony to do the same. Baronial lands stretch across Southern Arizona. We would seek to expand the Baronial presence into the lands surrounding the heart of the Barony into those areas seldom frequented. We would work with our Chatelaine and Knight Marshal to seek out more demo opportunities and fighter practice locations to allow a wider range of the populace to participate and showcase their talents throughout the year. And to the greatest extent possible, we would develop a system and work to aid those who have trouble getting to events in far-flung corners of the Kingdom.

Defense of the realm, support of the populace, education of those wishing to learn and encouraging the enjoyment of this our Society: these are the goals for which we, Taka-Kensei and Eiwa-Gozen, will strive if chosen to serve our beloved Atenveldt as Baron and Baroness of the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus.

In service to these glorious lands of Atenveldt, the current and future Crowns, and the Society,

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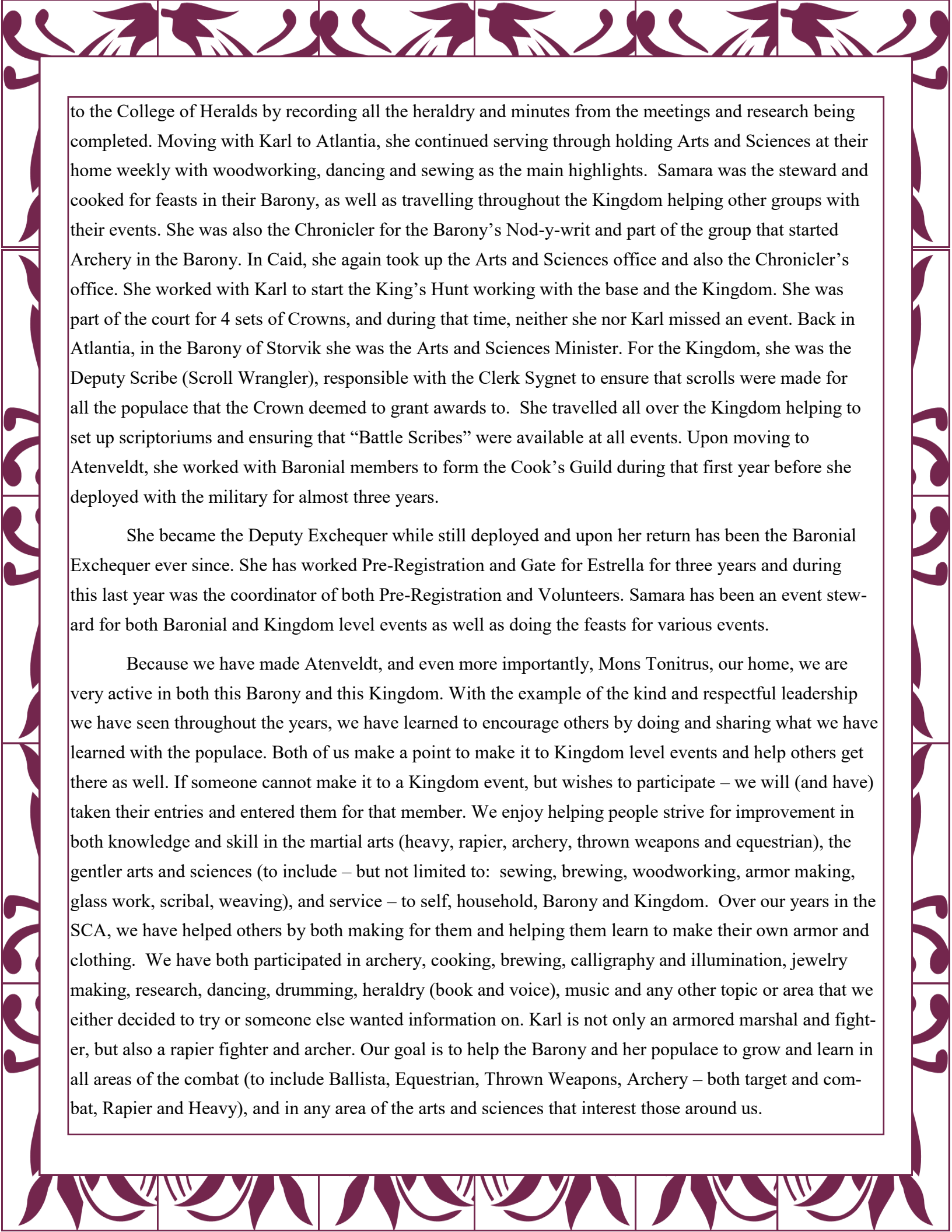
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Unto Their Solar Majesties, Casca and Melissa; Their Highnesses, Craven and Elzbieta; Their Excellencies Finnian and Brigit; the Kingdom Seneschal, Baroness Natal'ia Diekova vdova Rabynovicha; and the Populace of the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus do we, The Honorable Lord Karl Haraldsson and Mistress Samara Caitlyn of Elfwyne, submit this letter of our intent and desire to step forward as candidates for your next Baron and Baroness.

We submit this letter of intent to request the honor of being considered the next Baron and Baroness of the mighty and thunderous, Barony March of Mons Tonitrus. We do so after much careful consideration of the responsibilities and obligations of landed Nobility, to include a three-year warrant, and that, if accepted by the Crown, that this letter of intent will be published in The Thunderbolt. If we should be selected, our efforts would be to concentrate upon growth – both personal and populace – by continuing to recruit, encourage and support.

Between us, we have over 60 years of involvement in the Society for Creative Anachronism. Karl started in the beginning of 1981 in the Principality of Drachenwald holding offices at the Shire level as the Herald of Knight's Crossing and Marshal. During this time in Drachenwald he also held the offices of Baronial Marshal, Principality Marshal, Clerk Sygnet and was part of the College of Herald's staff designing and submitting heraldry. Upon leaving Drachenwald, he arrived in Atlantia, again jumping right in as the Lists Officer and then Marshal for the Barony of Tyr-y-Don and was also a Marshal at Large for the Kingdom. He was moved by the Air Force to the Barony of Wyvernwoode in Trimaris and took on the job as Deputy Marshal. In Caid, in the Shire of Carreg Wen, he took over as Seneschal of this small group and with Samara, they started the event known as "The King's Hunt" (which is still one of the main events in the northern part of the Kingdom). Again, he was a Marshal at Large for Caid. Upon returning to Atlantia, he was warranted as their Deputy Marshal and regained his Marshal at Large status. He was the Guildmaster of the Brewer's Guild twice, led Atlantia to win the Brewing competition between the East Kingdom and Atlantia as well as being chosen as the Royal Brewer by two different sets of Crowns. Since arriving in Atenveldt (our final stop on this wondrous journey that started with the Air Force for him and is ending up as our last home), he immediately immersed himself in helping the Cook's Guild form, became a baker of breads for all the events during that first year that the Cook's Guild was formed, took on the Thunderbolt Herald's position and Deputy Marshal for hardsuit. He is also a Marshal at Large for the Kingdom and is one of the staff working with Abacus to help keep the Order of Precedence updated and accurate.

Samara started in the summer of 1980 in Drachenwald. She jumped in with both feet taking on the Principality Seneschal's office for 4 years. She held the Kingdom Chronicler's position, was event steward and head cook for numerous Baronial and Kingdom events. She also worked as the scribe to



to the College of Heraldry by recording all the heraldry and minutes from the meetings and research being completed. Moving with Karl to Atlantia, she continued serving through holding Arts and Sciences at their home weekly with woodworking, dancing and sewing as the main highlights. Samara was the steward and cooked for feasts in their Barony, as well as travelling throughout the Kingdom helping other groups with their events. She was also the Chronicler for the Barony's Nod-y-writ and part of the group that started Archery in the Barony. In Caid, she again took up the Arts and Sciences office and also the Chronicler's office. She worked with Karl to start the King's Hunt working with the base and the Kingdom. She was part of the court for 4 sets of Crowns, and during that time, neither she nor Karl missed an event. Back in Atlantia, in the Barony of Storvik she was the Arts and Sciences Minister. For the Kingdom, she was the Deputy Scribe (Scroll Wrangler), responsible with the Clerk Sygnet to ensure that scrolls were made for all the populace that the Crown deemed to grant awards to. She travelled all over the Kingdom helping to set up scriptoria and ensuring that "Battle Scribes" were available at all events. Upon moving to Atenveldt, she worked with Baronial members to form the Cook's Guild during that first year before she deployed with the military for almost three years.

She became the Deputy Exchequer while still deployed and upon her return has been the Baronial Exchequer ever since. She has worked Pre-Registration and Gate for Estrella for three years and during this last year was the coordinator of both Pre-Registration and Volunteers. Samara has been an event steward for both Baronial and Kingdom level events as well as doing the feasts for various events.

Because we have made Atenveldt, and even more importantly, Mons Tonitrus, our home, we are very active in both this Barony and this Kingdom. With the example of the kind and respectful leadership we have seen throughout the years, we have learned to encourage others by doing and sharing what we have learned with the populace. Both of us make a point to make it to Kingdom level events and help others get there as well. If someone cannot make it to a Kingdom event, but wishes to participate – we will (and have) taken their entries and entered them for that member. We enjoy helping people strive for improvement in both knowledge and skill in the martial arts (heavy, rapier, archery, thrown weapons and equestrian), the gentler arts and sciences (to include – but not limited to: sewing, brewing, woodworking, armor making, glass work, scribal, weaving), and service – to self, household, Barony and Kingdom. Over our years in the SCA, we have helped others by both making for them and helping them learn to make their own armor and clothing. We have both participated in archery, cooking, brewing, calligraphy and illumination, jewelry making, research, dancing, drumming, heraldry (book and voice), music and any other topic or area that we either decided to try or someone else wanted information on. Karl is not only an armored marshal and fighter, but also a rapier fighter and archer. Our goal is to help the Barony and her populace to grow and learn in all areas of the combat (to include Ballista, Equestrian, Thrown Weapons, Archery – both target and combat, Rapier and Heavy), and in any area of the arts and sciences that interest those around us.

We wish to serve as Baron and Baroness out of our dedication for the Barony – our family. The populace has always been known for its dedicated service; willing charity; open welcome of visitors, old friends, and new members; and their support of each other and the barony. We, as a barony, need to play and work as a team. Guiding gently, maintaining the Baronial tradition of fun and welcome, allowing our officers to run the business side of this Society, we wish to continue fostering the feeling of community by building upon the efforts of past bearers of the Baronial coronets and the efforts of the entire populace of the Barony.

We wish to maintain links with both the past coronets and leaders of this Barony as well as the current members and populace through open communication to ensure that we embody what the Barony wants and needs to further its growth in numbers and skills. Without these links, the Baron and Baroness are nothing as the positions are there to serve the populace to the best of our abilities.

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In Service to the Dream,

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