

## **POLIT BARONIAL NOMINATION LETTERS**

### **Lord Semeon Aleksandrovitch Dragon and Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta**

Unto Your most gracious Majesties, Alain and Safiya, do Lord Semeon Aleksandrovitch Dragon and Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta send wonderous greetings! It is our honour to nominate for the position of Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis.

I Semeon have been a member of the SCA for over 30 years and have lived in the Barony since before it was one, remembering the days of the Shire and our first days as a Barony. I have served Politarchopolis as the first Baronesses' champion to Mathilde and have stood as the Baronial Champion no less than three times.

I have served in Baronial and Royal households. I have held several officers' positions, not least that of Seneschal of Politarchopolis, I have run events notably the first Viking war (many moons ago). I have also served the wider Society as a member of the Australian Board of Directors.

I am an immense proponent of pageantry and fun in the Society, loving the vision and sheer exuberance of events. I welcome all who partake in what we do, whether newcomer or veteran member and hold them all the same in my esteem. I fight in all disciplines, I make my own armour and garb, and am always seeking to improve my skills and knowledge.

I promise that should the Crown ask me to serve as Baron that I will be here for all and to do all I can to enhance and support the dream.

I, Beatrice, have been a member of the SCA for nearly 30 years and have resided in 3 Baronies - River Haven, Ynys Fawr and now Politarchopolis, having been a resident for four years here.

I remember the first days as a Barony, being lucky enough to wayfare to the creation and am grateful for being a resident of this magnificent barony!

I have served in multiple offices at all levels, including Kingdom Seneschal, Ynys Fawr Baronial Seneschal and Canton of Castellum Montanum Seneschal. I have also served in Royal and Baronial households across my years. I had the honour of inspiring Count Henri to win the 21st Crown of Lochac, which I hold dear.

Being Crown reinforced to me the importance of all Baronial representatives, what they stand for, and the role they have across our wondrous Kingdom. Across my time, I have learned a wide variety of things both artistic and martial. I enjoy costuming, embroidery and cooking - I'm not that good but generally have fun along the way! I also enjoy the service that comes with events, creating an atmosphere of enjoyment, creativity and community.

I love to encourage those to continue their pursuits and enjoy taking to the opportunity to highlight the creativity of the populace where I can. I feel that Semeon and I would stand

together as the chosen representatives of Politarchopolis, where our goal is to enhance and enrich the SCA experience of all throughout Politarchopolis and afield. Both of us feel that the true service we can provide for the Barony is to render the SCA a place that is welcoming, inclusive and fun for all who wish to participate, no matter their level of interest or the depth of their involvement. We will mentor, encourage, praise and reward without fear or favour and no-one will be beneath our notice.

In service to the Crown and Barony Lord Semeon and Countess Beatrice

## **Mistress Isabella de Bordeaux and Maîtresse Kiriël du Papillon**

Unto their most puissant and splendid Majesties, do Mistress Isabella de Bordeaux and Maitresse Kiriël du Papillon send their deepest respect and wishes for a long, happy and healthy reign.

Your Majesties, it has come to our note that Politarchopolis' dearly beloved Baroness Brigid is unable to continue holding the lands of this great Barony under your Majesties' firm but gentle rule.

After much consideration, we humbly put ourselves forth to you as candidates to be considered for this challenging but wondrous role.

We know that this, the finest Barony in your Kingdom, has many good people who might be suitable for this task. But we feel that together we have the qualities, dedication, experience and most importantly, love of this Barony, to lead it into a great and glorious future.

We pray that you will consider us for this duty, and place ourselves at your disposition should you desire any further information beyond that contained in the attached missive.

Yours in service to the Kingdom of Lochac and the Barony of Politarchopolis.

Isabella and Kiriël

### **Our goals**

Our goals for the Barony are simple.

Politarchopolis is the finest Barony in the Kingdom, and as such, we will do all within our power to have it continue to flourish.

Our role as Baronesses will be to recognise the contributions of Politarchopolis' citizens, to maintain the best traditions of the Barony and to ensure that our behaviour and demeanour reflect our respect and love of the Barony and the Kingdom.

We will endeavour to represent the best of the Barony to other groups in Lochac and in the known world, and vow to be approachable, contactable, impartial, and open minded.

We value the great wisdom and experience of the citizens of the Barony and intend to remain ever mindful of their wishes, and take into consideration the sound council they impart.

The stability of the Barony is crucial, both financial and social, and we will strive to provide

leadership and energy to this aim.

We promise to encourage all of the diverse aspects of the society – including all the arts marshal; heraldry; music; as well as other gentle arts; sciences; and service; and lots and lots of wonderful food.

One of the greatest joys of the SCA is that our activities within the Society also can bring us new friends. We hope to encourage an active social atmosphere outside events, to further increase the cohesiveness of the Barony and the pleasure of spending time in good company.

We believe that the Barony needs a healthy balance between fun and formality and will encourage diversity in events – small, large, formal, informal, silly and serious.

We consider the households in Politarchopolis to be one of its great strengths and know that to see them flourish is to see the Barony thrive. But we also see it as vital that those who do not desire to be in a household are still completely supported, valued and included in all of the Barony's activities.

Between us we have more than half a century of experience in the SCA. We believe that together we provide a balance of enthusiasm and energy; depth of experience and service; planning, forethought; dignity; occasional silliness; grace; pageantry; approachability; creativity; patience and calm; as well as a strong desire to see Politarchopolis' reputation maintained as the best and best-fed Barony in Lochac.

Our many decades of service over the whole history of Politarchopolis has been unstinting and reflects our boundless love and dedication to the Barony.

Neither of us is perfect, but together we believe that we offer strengths to each others weaknesses, and that we would be Baronesses Politarchopolis would be proud of.

### **About Isabella and Kiriel**

Mistress Isabella de Bordeaux has given decades of service to the SCA. This includes having held positions in multiple groups, including Riverhaven, Rowany, Torlyon and Politarchopolis, as well as at Principality and Kingdom level.

Her experience includes being Chirurgion, Herald, Seneschal, and she is currently the Baronial List Keeper.

Well known as one of the finest and kindest healers of the Kingdom, Mistress Isabella is beloved across the Kingdom. Too many citizens to count have found healing and succour at her hands at Rowany Festival and other events. Her satisfaction with healing the populace of the Kingdom is only matched by her enjoyment of supporting others to have the best possible events, whether that be through her cooking or by stewarding.

Mistress Isabella has been a stalwart and lynchpin of Torlyon for decades, and once Torlyon joined the Barony as a Canton, she has simply become a lynchpin of Politarchopolis. She has supported the Barony for many years both as an officer and as an organised and indefatigable event and feast steward for events such as Politarchopolis University, St Vitas dance weekend, as well as Kingdom investitures and tourneys.

Mistress Isabella is the epitome of approachability, and what she loves most about the Society is meeting people and sharing stories. Connecting people to each other and to knowledge and guidance is her speciality.

Mistress Isabella has been recognised within the Barony of Politarchopolis for her great dedication and efforts, with a Politarchopolis Fellowship of Grace and Orders of the Burley Griffin (for both arts and service), and is a Free Citizen.

#### Awards

Member of the Order of the Pelican, Baroness, OSP, OGT, AoA

Barony of Politarchopolis: Free Citizen, Order of the Burley Griffin (arts), Order of the Burley Griffin (service), Politarchopolis Fellowship of Grace

Maîtresse Kiriël du Papillon is a 16<sup>th</sup> century widow from France who has settled in the south of Germany.

Maîtresse Kiriël is a founding member of Politarchopolis – the very first event was held in her home. Over the many years of Politarchopolis's history, she has been responsible for running and cooking innumerable events, small and large.

Kiriël ran Lochac's first Vice-regal Investiture, Lochac's first Principality Investiture, and Lochac's first Kingdom Investiture. She has held many Shire and Principality offices and worked as a marshall, arts and sciences officer, and was the first herald in Lochac to be rostered for voice alone.

Maîtresse Kiriël loves the pageantry, colour and creativity that the SCA brings to participants, but also the outright fun that it can provide (examples of her work in this regard include stewarding the anti Valentines feast “the feast of St Wilgefortes”, where people who displayed affection were required to wear false beards, and where she herself donned an outrageous moustache to take the role of the Pirate King in a play; and the free Winter games event which included activities such as catching a soap “fish” in a paddling pool of iced water and snow ball fights).

In contrast, First Crown was just one example of the dignity, pageantry and glory of high court events that Maîtresse Kiriël's leadership and imagination has brought into being. It was an example of her ability to inspire and lead, engaging citizens across all of Lochac to achieve a great goal, and her strongest hope is that the Barony will allow her to dedicate herself to help lead them as Baroness with similar energy and dedication.

Although Maîtresse Kiriël was absent from the Kingdom for some years, she remained in close contact, during that period. Since her return ten years ago she has been an active member of the

Barony and has run many events in the Barony, and catered and assisted with cooking with even more. Even during covid lockdowns Kiriell continued to contribute to the SCA, teaching zoom cooking classes across the known world.

Maître Kiriell has been recognised in Politarochopolis as a founding member of the Order of the Cordon Rouge, holds a Politarochopolis Fellowship of Grace, two Burley Griffins (one for service, one for A&S), a Baronial Cypher, and is a free citizen of the Barony.

#### Awards

Member of the Order of the Pelican, Member of the Order of the Laurel, Baroness, AoA, OROLi, PsC, ORwn, OST, RC (x2), Pride of Lochac (Politarochopolis Assault Catering Corp)

West Kingdom: QOG, ORL, OLM, WKPM

Kingdom of Drachenwald: Order of the Panache, member of Popular Company of Sojourners

Barony of Politarochopolis: Free citizen, Order of the Burley Griffin (arts), Order of the Burley Griffin (service), Politarochopolis Fellowship of Grace, Order of the Cordon Rouge, Baronial Cypher

Barony of Aneala: Order of the Demi-Sun

Barony of Rowany: Silver Cinquefoil

## **Sir Ysambart Courtin and Mistress Joie Tigre d'Argentona**

Warmest greetings unto Their Majesties King Alain and Queen Safiya,

Please accept our nomination to stand as candidates to be the next Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis.

Our reasons are many for deciding to run - timing both in the mundane world and the stage at which we find ourselves in our SCA development. Aside from the obvious peerages, we have both been Seneschals, Kingdom Officers, like to travel to events, are unattached to other responsibilities and feel it is time to use this experience on a new path. We feel our strengths and experience complement each other well and it is time.

A longer list of candidates also provides great options for all and, if it is not ourselves, we will support the successful candidates in all ways possible. A happy and mutually cooperative Barony is a happy place to be!

We have three main goals and ambitions:

1. To promote fun and laughter wherever possible. These recent times have been hard on many. We need all the japes we can muster.
2. To continue to promote inclusivity, in all its forms, from personal to geographical. Baroness Anne has been instrumental in this regard, and we very much wish to carry the torch forward.
3. To expand the arts, sciences, martial and services activities for which Politarchopolis are renowned. This may, or may not, involve war, in the halls, on the fields in other lands to make our people proud and bind us together.

Humbly, and In Service to the Crown and Kingdom,

Sir Ysambart and Mistress Tig

## **Drottin Vidar Half troll and Thegn Jon "Johan" Huslangr**

To their Majesties Alain & Safia, the Crown of Lochac Do Vidarr & Johan send Greetings.

It has been five years since the storms of Joltenheim set our doomed skiff upon the Shores of Politarchopolis. Here we found fun and friendship; a people of great seidr(magic) and fröjd(merriment).

And so our Saga began, training in the Arts, Combat and Service. Learning all we could, from all who would speak. As the dreams & tales grew so did our avidity; to do more and see all we could of what this great Kingdom has to offer.

Thus now with the call for consideration to be the 8th Baronage of Politarchopolis. We hereby announce our intent to stand so that we may speak and share widely, all that we have come to know of and love about these prosperous lands.

If successful, we look forward to continuing the promotion of Pageantry & Playfulness; improving not only the decoration and immersion at events but also create spaces and opportunities where all members of the populace can equally engage in revelry.

We have already seen much success in this through a small sample of field-games but we hope to broaden the accessibility of this endeavour to increase tabletop games/activities and explore options for online activities so as to include those members of the populace that may not be able to interact as often at in-person events.

Politarchopolis has always been blessed with a significant and diverse local population. If we have learned anything in our time here, it is that the citizens of this Barony are its great treasure.

Their skill, strength, creativity, generosity and passion is boundless. One does not have to look far to see the wonders that Politarchopolis is capable of.

As the Baronial heads, we would capitalize on this by directing our energy into encouraging and supporting the dreams of local members and as such benefiting the society as a whole; Leading from a place of humility and joyfulness.

Another great love we have in this game is the War Events. Travelling to many regions & visiting their groups. Although such events are often dominated by Armoured Combat and Archery; we would love to encourage & grow our Fencing community's involvement. As we are both keen to take the field alongside such esteemed folk, whether that is as "swordspeople", "Pike-gentles", musketeers or musicians.

But what are Wars without the Arts & Sciences that produce them? We hope to continue the Workshop Project; that is often attached to Politarchopolis campsite and invite/engage more instructors from this populace to share and demonstrate their various crafts there.

As well as sponsor lead-up-to-event programs to improve field presence for all Politarchopolians.

Such an undertaking may include the odd incitement of the other Baronies, (in the spirit of *friendly rivalry*, naturally) to enthuse their own peoples so the Kingdom & Society as a whole, becomes grander from such interactions.

It may be important to note that when we speak of the Barony, this term includes the Cantons and Colleges; for Greater Politarchopolis is not just a place but a people, and although they may roam far & wide, there is always room for all by the hearthfire.

We acknowledge that it has been a testing few years. We look forward to working alongside and visiting our regional holdfasts of Okewaite & Torlyon as they become re-energised and opportunities to revel arise. And should the colleges re-establish a foothold, know that we will be there in whatever capacity they need.

But one of the most rewarding duties of the Landed Baronage (and a task we look most forward to carrying out) is the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Populace.

Whilst Politarchopolis already has a wonderful set of esteemed awards with applicable tokens; we hope to also gift largesse and wondrous objects to enhance personal kits.

Items imbued with tales of creation and connection so that the worthy recipients then may also become part of those sagas and can feel more connected to the Barony.

We'd like to thank you for reading these words and look forward to speaking with as many of your subjects as we can in these next few weeks as a decision is reached.

Know that successful or not; our hearts will always bleed red & white. We remain, Griffonborn.

Skâl,

Vídarr Hálftról, Drottin & Jón "Johan" Húslánger, Thegn

Politarchopolis Baronial Awards - Vidarr	Kingdom Awards - Vidarr
Order of the Burley Griffin - Service	Award of Arms

Order of the Burley Griffin - Martial, Armoured	Order of the Rowan
Order of the Burley Griffin - Service	Wreath of Valour
	Royal Cypher

Politarchoyopolis Baronial Awards - Johan	Kingdom Awards - Johan
Order of the Burley Griffin - Service	Award of Arms
Free Citizen of Politarchoyopolis	Award of Arms
Order of the Cordon Rouge	Order of the Golden Tear
	Royal Cypher
	Court Barony

## **Lord Giovannino da Vidor and Lady Magdalena af Husum**

Unto their Majesties, Alain King and Safiya Queen of Lochac, do Lord Giovannino da Vidor and Lady Magdalena af Husum send warmest greetings,

We would like to put forward our names for consideration as the next Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis.

Although we are relatively new to this Barony, Lord Giovannino has been involved with the Society since 1994. He is originally from the Barony of Innigard. Where he, over a period of many years, held several Baronial offices: Seneschal, Captain of Archers, Herald and Quartermaster. He is one of the original members of the Primus Agmen.

Since we have joined this Barony, Lord Giovannino has taken up the office of Seneschal, from which he will be stepping down in Nov / Dec 2022. He also currently holds the office of Chronicler.

Lady Magdalena took up the office of Hospitaller in Nov 2021. Over the past few years she has also been heavily involved in the Scribal Arts. She has also been freely giving of her time to the Barony in various ways, assisting behind the scenes at events and activities.

As Baron and Baroness, we would continue the fine traditions and standing that the Barony of Politarchopolis has developed over the years. We hope to inspire and guide the populace during this next chapter in the life of the Barony. We will endeavour to be an ear for all those who require advice, guidance and direction, while living the dream within the Society.

If we were to be successful, we would do our utmost to promote the Barony and its populace to all within the Kingdom and the Society. Be it by travelling these fair lands, proclaiming and extolling the fine works of all within the Barony.

Yours In Service to the dream always,

Lord Giovannino da Vidor and Lady Magdalena af Husum

## **Lord Daniel de la Guerre and Lady Felicia ad Aquam**

To their gracious and noble Majesties, do their subjects Daniel de la Guerre and Felicia ad Aquam send greetings.

We have heard your call to the populace that you are seeking successors to the Baronial Lands of Politarchopolis, and beseech Your Majesties to consider us as candidates to serve in this honour.

Under the guidance of Baroness Anne, Politarchopolis has prospered through many adversities, and it is with great admiration for her works that we hope to continue her legacy of warmth and welcome to all. As your stewards in these lands, we would strive to listen with a ready ear to all voices of the Barony, to invite children and families further into the centre of our community, and to celebrate the works of the populace, upon whom the stability and strength of the Barony rests.

For many years we have been enthusiastic and passionate members of our beloved Barony. During our daughter's infancy and the coming of the plague to the land, we turned our attention to the health of our household. Now that the illness has waned, and our daughter is no longer at the breast, we are excitedly rejoining the populace in preparation of events to come.

Felicia has been a member of Politarchopolis for over ten years. She has run many feast kitchens under the guidance of Mistress Rowan Perigryne, to whom she is apprenticed. She has also served as Baronial Constable, applying her skills of organisation to the regulations under which we must all abide.

Daniel is one of the founding members of the College of St Andronicus, and has striven for the security of these lands, serving on multiple occasions, as part of the Baronial guard, as Sargent of that guard, and now as part of the Royal guard, under the tutelage of Sir Ysambart Courtin as his squire. We stand with pride as members of two of Politarchopolis' great households; the House of Castle Rookwell, and the House of Hurts.

If given the honour and opportunity to guide and encourage Politarchopolis, we would strive to

bring local events to a new heights of grandeur, and make our local traditions legend on the lips of the populace. We wish to work with those who would be event stewards, to bring vibrancy and personality into every event that takes place within our borders, after many years weathering the storm of the unkind circumstances around us.

We leave ourselves to the sage judgement of their Majesties, as we know that all candidates that come before you love our Barony and our Kingdom as much as we do. We are honoured for the opportunity you have graciously bestowed upon us by reading this missive, and know in Your grace and wisdom that Politarchopolis will be looked after.

In Service,

Daniel de la Guerre and Felicia ad Aquam