

Unto Your most gracious Majesties, Kitan and Alesia, do Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta and Baron Semeon Aleksandrovitch Dragon send most respectful greetings! It is our wish and greatest honour to nominate for the roles of Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis.

Semeon and Beatrice would stand as one as your chosen representatives of Politarchopolis, to enhance and enrich the Barony and its Cantons, and spread wordfame of this most illustrious Barony and her populace across the Kingdom and to the four corners of the Known World.

We feel the measure of the Baronage is through demonstrating true service to the populace and Crown. We look to provide a welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable environment for all who participate, regardless of interest or depth of involvement. We intend to mentor, encourage, praise and reward without fear or favour. We shall continue to honour and acknowledge all who invest their time, efforts and energies into the Barony.

We have been active members of the SCA for more than 30 years (each), and we are both active in pursuing our artistic and martial fields. We are service orientated, holding officer roles at local, Kingdom and Society level, as well as event staff for some of Lochac's largest events.

Together we look to encourage all members of the populace through enjoyment and recognition of the excellence of their chosen pursuits. To encourage is to lead through example, which we will endeavour to do. We are very passionate about the diversity and equality of the populace, ensuring the SCA is a place free to be authentic in a multitude of ways.

We are avid proponents of pageantry, knowing that the presentation and visual spectacle of an event, whether at Kingdom level or Canton potluck, adds to the atmosphere, enjoyment, vision and sheer exuberance of events. We enjoy the service that comes with events, creating an atmosphere of enjoyment, creativity and community.

As the Baronage represents the Crown, we recognise the importance of what They stand for, the role They have across our wondrous Kingdom and the commitment and love They have for it. We promise that should the Crown ask of us to serve as Your representatives, we will be present, open to advice and endeavour to do all we can to enhance and support the Barony, Crown, populace and SCA dream. We commit to maintaining our memberships and presence for the duration of our Baronage should we be chosen.

Of ourselves:

I, Semeon, have been a member of the SCA for over 30 years and have lived in Politarchopolis for most of that time. From its time as a shire, through the process to become a Barony I have helped to pave the path to where we stand now. I have served Politarchopolis in a multitude of ways, including 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, held several officers' positions within the Barony, notably as Seneschal and Marshal. During my time I have been a part of event teams, and stewarded a number of events, notably the first Viking war (many moons ago) and recently Fields of Gold XI. I have also served as a member of the SCA Australia Board of Directors.

I am active in the marshallate and as a combatant in all disciplines. My passion for the martial arts crosses to the realm of arts and sciences where I make my own armour and garb, continuously seeking to improve my presentation, franchise, skills and knowledge. Currently my passion is the Varangian period, however during my time I have enjoyed researching and creating garb and armour across other times. Of note when I fence it is as a Landsknecht rather than a Varangian (they

won't let me fence with a Daneaxe!). I am currently the Kingdom Arbitrator, a role that involves me investigating matters given to me by the Kingdom Seneschal and handing down findings to them to enable a decision to be made.

Outside the SCA I am a long time role-player and war gamer, having received awards internationally for gaming and the painting and presentation of war gaming miniatures. My roleplaying ability in particular has stood me in good stead in the SCA, in my presentation, franchise and ability to organise and portray a persona. Mundanely I am a public servant in an operational planning, administration and organisational reporting role, prior to that I was a Police Officer for 23 years. My experience has made me an extremely competent communicator at all levels and given me a well-developed sense of equity, justice, procedural fairness and open-mindedness.

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I, Beatrice, have been a member of the SCA for over 30 years, starting my journey in River Haven before travelling to Ynys Fawr and settling my feet in Politarchopolis for the last six years.

Early in my SCA career, I had the honour of wayfaring to witness the creation of this Barony. Back then, Politarchopolis made a strong impression on me with its generosity of time, knowledge and hospitality. My travels were always met with kindness, joy and laughter. I had dreamt of living in these fair lands, and now I'm here the reality is even better than I envisioned.

Over the years I have served the SCA in many ways: from holding offices at Canton, Baronial and Kingdom levels, including Kingdom Seneschal (2020-2022), Ynys Fawr Baronial Seneschal (2018) and Canton of Castellum Montanum Seneschal (many times between 2000-2009). My service has also been behind the scenes of events. I have held a number of roles at many small and large events - including stewarding Rowany Festival (2018/2023), Great Northern War (2011/2014), Crownination II (2021) and Valentines (2023). My service extends to supporting Royal and Baronial households in coordination roles and as guard, which provided a strong foundation and support network when I had the honour of inspiring Count Henri to win the 21st Crown of Lochac, which I hold dear. I am the current Deputy Kingdom Seneschal for Crown Events, which is a role I love. However if we are successful in our nomination I will stand aside to ensure Politarchopolis has the attention it merits.

Across my time, I have learned a wide variety of skills both artistic and martial. I am an armoured combatant (which I am hopeful to be in armour more in the coming years), not very good at archery but I will keep trying. I enjoy costuming, embroidery and cooking. My interests are diverse - I have a place in my wardrobe for Norse, mid-late 14C and 16C lower Germany (with some camp garb thrown in). I am passionate about the SCA, and enjoy every moment that I get to immerse myself into it, and have fun along the way!

Your Majesties, thank you for Your time and consideration. We place ourselves at Your disposal if you wish to further discuss our nomination for this most significant role.

In service to the Crown

Semeon and Beatrice