

Unto Their Majesties Kitan and Alesia, do Lord Llewellyn de Guerre and Lady Rosa Frye send greetings.

Please accept this letter as notice of our intent to stand as candidates for Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis and the Cantons of Okewaite and Torlyon.

In support of our candidacy we offer the following as evidence of our suitability for these roles, the reverence in which we hold these positions, and our vision for the Barony should we be found suitable in the Crown's eyes and the eyes of the populace.

We are wayfarers, entertainers, makers and fighters. We have built households, led warbands, supported colleges and represented the Barony and Lochac at home and abroad.

At Pennsic War we represented Lochac on the rapier war field, sang with pirates in the Tilted Tavern and supped with royalty at Casa Bardicci. In the Midrealm, Canterbury Fair, Fencing Fest and the Guided Symposium we were welcomed with warm hospitality and practised our fighting arts, learning from rapier masters and our fellow students alike.

As Baron and Baroness we would impart these experiences through words and actions to increase the depth of culture in the Barony. To this end, and acknowledging the cost of living crisis that constrains many from fully participating in the SCA experience, we are keen to investigate creation of a fund to support more young people to wayfare. This would also support more travel to the Cantons.

The Barony is our home and we are its servants. Llewellyn currently serves as a Baronial Guardsman and has served as Seneschal, Arts and Science Officer, Chirurgeon and Reeve. Rosa has been Baronial Rapier Champion, and is currently a Royal Guardsman.

Becoming the next Baron and Baroness is an opportunity to serve the Barony in a new role, to represent the populace at events at home and throughout the Kingdom and Knowne World. On a personal note, this role would allow us to fulfil our passion of enabling people to do the things they love and to recognise and award their achievements in their chosen field.

Politarchopolis has always been a strong Barony with diverse peoples and rich lands. We seek to build on the foundations of the great Baronial leaders who have come before, to strengthen the sense of community in the Barony. Making this vision sustainable requires as much transparency as possible to build trust, and seeking out and understanding opinions that differ from our own.

Through our mundane careers and experiences in our personal lives we have developed a strong suite of relevant skills that have enabled us to successfully navigate complex political and social environments, and to lead and develop peers, colleagues, friends and teams through these. As Baron and Baroness we would leverage these skills to work with all members of the Barony to find a balance and create an inclusive environment that enables people to pursue the things they want to achieve, and to feel safe to participate and try new things.

This can be as simple as connecting people with like interests and commonalities, as nuanced as assisting people to find alternative ways to meet their needs and achieve their goals, and as challenging as confronting behaviours and situations perceived to be exclusionary, negative or damaging. We enjoy and believe strongly in supporting others and see providing pastoral care as a strong feature of this role.

Politarchoyopolis is renowned for its majestic Kingdom events. Big events provide the opportunity for the Barony to showcase the skills of its populace. As Baron and Baroness we would see this continue and would also actively encourage smaller, local events. Smaller events are advantageous; they provide an opportunity to develop new stewards and allow for experimentation in cuisine and style with reduced risk and pressure. They are also generally cheaper, which will allow more people to attend.

Food is at the heart of many cultures, and smaller events will strengthen the culture of the Barony, binding the populace through the sharing of food and experiences in fun and intimate settings at a variety of locations around the Barony and its Cantons. Reflecting that we want people to bring their whole selves to the SCA, we would also create a regular mundane event to bring people together outside the confines of the SCA. This is a practice the Households of Politarchoyopolis do well and we feel the Barony would benefit from applying similar.

Politarchoyopolis is blessed with many fine makers able to produce an exceptional variety of goods. As makers ourselves we understand the investment of time required to develop these skills and the importance of Arts and Sciences to our Barony and the game more broadly. We are both students to members of the Order of Defence. Llewellyn is squired to Mistress Kiriell du Papillion and a blacksmith with interest in leather and wood-working. Rosa is working with a peer to learn patterning and tailoring.

The Arts and Sciences bring pageantry to our game. As Baron and Baroness we would use our experience as storytellers and role players to incorporate multiple interactive elements into a singular narrative to enrich the game and deliver an engaging experience for all involved.

While we would suspend formal agreements with our teachers were we successful in this application, we would remain committed to learning these arts and would encourage the same from others.

We are a stable couple with a strong relationship and history of supporting each other through difficult times. We have an excellent understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses and a good personal support network around us. We understand that the role of Baron and Baroness is a marathon event and would increase our existing network with members of the Barony to ensure one of us is always available and to promote a culture in the populace where members support each other.

We seek to hold these lands for the Crown and to drive its continued prosperity through our actions, words and deeds.

In hope of serving you, Politarchoyopolis and Lochac in this role.
Llewellyn and Rosa