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Baronial Interviews At September Business Meeting

Our September meeting was mostly taken up with interviews with the candidates for Baron and Baroness. Master Grimmund, THL Friedrich and Lady Gwenllian and Lord Aaron and Lady Joan fielded answers from the populace, their excellencies and their Royal Majesties, Drottning Æsa and Kitadate-tenno. We would like to thank TRM for their input and Baroness Yseult for acting as moderator. The candidates prepared responses are found on pages 3-4 of this edition.

Your Baronial Candidates:



Master Grimmund Blackwing



THL Friedrich von Augsburg



Lady Gwenllian verch Ieuon Seis



Lord Aaron Martin



Lady Joan Martin of Cheshire

October Meeting Notice

The Business Meeting will be held at 3pm on Sunday, October 19th at the Stone Cellar Brew Pub, 1004 S. Olde Oneida St., Appleton, WI.

Baronial Polling

The official polls for Baron and Baroness were mailed to members on the 1st of October. If you did not receive one and would like the complete a poll, contact Lady Elspeth ASAP. Completed polls must be returned to the Kingdom Seneschal by October 31st.

TOC Update

Our original site will not work due to the installation of 9 foot ceilings. I am researching other sites and several members of the Barony are assisting in the process. Lady Eva is looking into renting at the Fond du Lac County fairgrounds and THL Friedrich will be checking into the possibility of rent the old St. John's Church in Green Bay. I will post to the list with updates, as we get closer to lining up a new site.

WAC Report

The WAC updated the Mission Statement from:

Identify legitimate concerns that may be stalling our growth and success and keeping us from being productive as a barony. Develop a plan of action to make us a healthy productive barony that is able to do its part in financially supporting the Kingdom of Northshield.

To:

Identify opportunities for success and develop a plan of action to make us a healthy productive barony that is able to do its part in financially supporting the Kingdom of Northshield.

The change came as a result of concern for negative language. We felt this new wording was more positive and open.

We tossed around ideas for fundraising for the Barony or Kingdom that were themed toward the SCA. Ideas were:

- Baseball Caps
- Key chains
- A feast Auction
- Bake Sale

We also suggested the Barony consider a partial donation of profits from TOC to support the kingdom. This will allow for a donation without accessing our existing funds. This suggestion was in response to concerns that the Barony has not had much profit from recent events.

If you are interested in becoming a WAC member please contact myself or another member as term limits for some members will be coming up in October.

If you have any question please feel free to attend the next WAC meeting or ask the Seneschal to add the item to the business meeting.

Leaina

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Officer's Reports

Seneschal

Nothing new to report.

Herald

Working with some of the new people to create heraldry.

Chronicler

Online version of the VI has been well received. Need to make sure officers are getting reports in on time to be included in VI

Chatelaine

Thanks to the Baronial members who support the students at UWGB. We had a nice turnout for fabric buying and constructing beginner garb last week.

The Demo Team is going to be meeting Thursday, October 2 at the Neenah Public Library to deconstruct the demo and brainstorm what worked and what needs improvement for future demos. We are going to discuss the possibility of doing this again next year. We also are going to discuss assisting Turm with the Roncalli demo. It was scheduled for Sunday, September 28, which was our business meeting. Also on the agenda is discussion regarding at least one more demo this year, where we should have it, and when.

My Kingdom's report is not due until November. I will have lots to discuss!

Yours in Service,
Gwennlian verch Ieven Seis
Chatelaine of Windhaven

MOAS

Once again, I would like to encourage members of the Barony to support our UWGB student group by attending the many A&S classes they organize. If you are interested in teaching a class let Lady Fiona know.

A challenge has been issued to the people of Northshield to produce "the Queen's height" in scroll blanks. The scroll are to be presented at Boar's Head. Our Barony should do its part. I will arrange dates for us to get together in groups to participate in this. : I am trying to work out some Saturdays in the next two months to use my parents house, if I hear back from them tonight with permission I will send more info with directions etc Watch the VI and list for details.

Leaina

Knight's Marshall

Will be looking for winter practice sites. Have a number of new fighters attending practice regularly.

Baron and Baroness Report

We would like to thank the Demo Team and Lady Fiona for all their work with the student group at UWGB.

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**Master Grimmund Blackwing
answers 5 Questions
for Baronial Candidates**

**1) What will you do to bring energy and
unity to Windhaven?**

I will continue to lead by example: show up, pitch in, and encourage others to do the same. I'll continue to lead activities, teach classes, talk to new people, attend moots and demos, go to the campus meetings, etc.

While I would do all those things anyway, doing them as 'the Baron' would add extra recognition to those activities and actions.

**2) What are your hopes and plans for
Windhaven?**

I hope to help people get what they want from their SCA experience, while trying to ensure that everyone has a good time. Those goals are sometimes mutually exclusive between different people, and in those cases, I will try to help people reach a compromise all sides can be satisfied with. More directly, I'd like to see us get a warranted rapier marshal, so we can have fencing practices, because rapier looks like fun. I'd like to see us secure a winter fighter practice site, and I'd like us to do events that actually make a little money.

**3) What do you think it means to represent
Windhaven in the Kingdom?**

Travel, visibility, and talk. I expect to travel to events with our neighbors, as well as the bigger 'kingdom business' events, and to be visible as the representative of the group when I do so. I enjoy welcoming new people to the group. It also means presenting people's concerns to the Crown and Stallari, when those concerns are brought to me, or introducing people with concerns to the Crown or relevant officers to make their own case, if they prefer.

**4) What do you feel are your greatest
strengths and weaknesses concerning
the role of Baron/Baroness?**

Strengths:

I am well known and widely recognized, locally, among the neighboring groups, and in the kingdom at large. I am low maintenance; I can carry my own gear, and don't need people to fetch and carry for me. I'm audible in court, and I present a good public face for the barony at demos. I am a warranted marshal and herald, and have held major offices locally and staff offices at kingdom level.

Weaknesses:

I live a short distance from Appleton, and some people may find that drive discouraging. My SCA time is limited to about two days a week, either weekday nights or weekends. There is a distinct chance that I might end up King at some point during the next three years, which might limit my availability

for local meetings during the reign.

5) Why should you be Baron/Baroness?

Based on my answers to the previous questions, I believe I'm the best candidate to represent the barony.

**The Honorable Lord
Friedrich von Augsburg
and**

**Lady Gwenllian verch Ieuen Seis
Answer 5 Questions
for Baronial Candidates**

**1) What will you do to bring energy and
unity to Windhaven?**

**2) What are your hopes and plans for
Windhaven?**

In preparing a response to these questions, it became aware to us that 1 and 2 are very much related, so is addressed as one question here.

We feel that increased guild participation will build renewed interest and energy in the various interest groups in the barony. By gathering to research, test, demonstrate and discuss common interests, we will get to know each other better, and be able to teach and assist others to learn these activities as well. For example, Windhaven has been known for our hospitality and feasts, yet the newer members to the group are probably unaware of these past activities. We would like to see the formation of a Cooks Guild to teach the art of feast research, planning, and preparation. In the past, there have been groups studying brewing and vinting, calligraphy and illumination, needlework, herbalism, heraldry, fletching, period games, dance, comedy, bardic performance, theatre, blacksmithing and beadwork.

We also feel that simply meeting once a month for business meetings does not advance the main purpose of the SCA . . . research into life in the Middle Ages. We would like to encourage frequent (monthly) moots (in garb of course) where the group can gather to expand their interest and love of the middle ages. These gatherings do not need to be very formal, however a "theme" for each gathering would help encourage development and discussion. We would work with the MOAS and Chatelaine to further this cause.

**3) What do you think it means to represent
Windhaven in the Kingdom?**

As a landed Baron and Baroness in Northshield, we would be first and foremost the Crown's representative within the Barony.

Beyond that, we would be a very public face of Windhaven as we travel to other lands in Northshield and beyond. Traveling with a

"Windhaven presence" would be a must. . . banners, seating, heraldry, accessories, etc. that tell the public that the baronage from Windhaven is present, whether at local or Kingdom level events, we intend to make Windhaven known throughout the Kingdom. We would like to visit all of our Cousins in Northshield, from Caer Anterth Mawr to Castel Rouge.

In these efforts, we would like to encourage as many of our members as possible to travel with us to create a better presence throughout the Kingdom.

We also feel that we need to develop a new "signature event" that is truly a "Windhaven event", whether it is a renewed version of "Fighter School" or some totally new concept, we need an event that is uniquely Windhaven.

Also, as one of the 5 Baronies in Northshield, we should be taking a more proactive role in sponsoring Kingdom-level events. Whether hosting them ourselves, or helping one of our neighbors by providing assistance they may require to sponsor the event, we need to accept and embrace the responsibility that comes with being a Barony in Northshield.

**4) What do you feel are your greatest
strengths and weaknesses concerning
the role of Baron/Baroness?**

Friedrich's Response:

I my over 10 years in Windhaven and Northshield, I have seen the maturation of the Principality and its birth into a fledgling Kingdom. During that time I have served Windhaven as Chronicler, Web Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Seneschal. I have served as event steward, helped prepare many Windhaven feasts and become a rather prolific scribe. I have also served Northshield as the first Kingdom Chronicler, while serving 5 sets of royalty as an advisor on the Stallari Council, have been a Herald at Large for many years, and am currently serving as Woodlands (Eastern Regional) Seneschal. I have always been a "lurker", observing what goes on around me with great interest. Between the experience and observations, I feel I have the skill-set needed to do this job well.

I occasionally get frustrated when things are not going quite right. I feel that I should speak up, but sometimes I don't, in fear of hurting someone's feelings. It is a delicate balancing act, but I feel I can manage this character flaw, with the help of my very able Baroness.

Gwenllian's Response:

My strengths that qualify me for the role of Baroness of Windhaven include:

An enthusiasm to help make Windhaven the best Barony it can be.

The experience of serving as an officer in various of my extracurricular clubs such as Chatelaine of Windhaven, facilitator for the Windhaven Advisory Council and Demonstration Team, secretary of multiple organizations and former MoAS in the Barony of Stierbach in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

I rarely miss any meeting or event relating to Windhaven.

The personality that permits me to get along with almost anyone.

Things about myself that I would like to improve that would better prepare me to serve as Baroness:

The desire to please everyone and fix everything. That can be very emotionally draining and ineffectual.

I sometimes take criticism too personally, thinking I have somehow failed someone if I cannot participate when asked or made a mistake.

I occasionally speak first without really thinking about what I am saying.

5) Why should you be Baron/Baroness?

Friedrich:

The role of Baron in Windhaven is the one place where I feel I can help make a positive difference at this point in my SCA life. My desire is to foster renewed growth in the Barony, and further the Barony's growth in the Kingdom. After my experiences as a Kingdom officer, I also feel that I can represent Windhaven well to the Crown.

Gwenllian:

I have enjoyed my turn as Chatelaine where I have been able to tell new people and transplanted SCA members all about Windhaven and the SCA. I feel that the Baroness is a similar role, but in a much more public role.

Both:

Together we bring a wide range of experience to the role of Baron and Baroness. Our common vision for the future and growth of the Barony are amazingly similar. With a combination of historical experience and new ideas, we feel we are the best candidates for Windhaven as Baron and Baroness.

Lord Aaron Martin and Lady Joan Martin of Cheshire Answer 5 Questions for Baronial Candidates

Greeting to all our Windhaven Populace.

For those, who may not know us were Lord Aaron and Lady Joan Martin -Aka Aaron & Joni Schloseky. We live in Sheboygan and have been members in the SCA for 12years.As our children grew up we volun-

teered in numerous youth organizations. We are currently members of the Milwaukee Cat Club And The Friends Of Kohler Andre.

As you may have guessed ,we are running for the proposition of Baron and Baroness of Windhaven.

Notice – The following statements /comments and views are solely that of Aaron and Joni.

Please understand we regard everyone in Windhaven as our friends and do not wish to offend any one in any way.

1. What will you do to bring energy and unity to Windhaven?

We attended one of the Allthing events a few years back ,and they asked a question (What in the SCA do you like the most?).Amazingly everybody in the room agreed “The People” (expect for Lief ,he loved the fighting). When we ask people who loved the SCA but then left . Why? “The Politics”.

PLEASE, don't take this out of context,we in NO WAY believe in removing all politics. We do know some of you may like the politics and thats perfectly fine. But lets remember ,the People,the Fun and why we came to the SCA,while keeping the Politics in check.

When we first joined windhaven ,we attend-ed a camping event W.W..At that time their was a fighting group and a populace group ,but they camped next to each other. It was nice to see that even though a road separated them ,they preferred to camp together. Even at night the socializing continued. As years passed small groups broke off on their own.

3. What do you think it means to represent Windhaven in the Kingdom?

Of course the Baron and Baroness are ceremonial representatives of the crown . As a reporting officer to the crown we serve both the crown and the baronial populace by acting as liaison between the two.

As baron and baroness we believe it would be our duty to bring gentles to crowns attention that are deserving of recognition,

4. What do you feel are your greatest strengths and weaknesses concerning the role of Baron and Baroness?

This is something we looked at even before we decided to run for the position,and that had the most interesting points.

We have been married for over 33yrs. And it is important to know that we both see many things very differently from each other. This makes for very interesting conversations between us and also why we have two TV sets. The point we are trying to make here is most of or strengths and weakness are opposites from each other, thats why we wouldn't consider running as separate candidates .

Joni finds it rewarding to converse with new people, while Aaron would find more strengths in listening.

Joni is very good with people and Aaron is very good with the mechanics of things.

Aaron is skilled in creating things, while Joni finds just the right items to bring the creations together.

Joni does well in organizing, while layout is more Aarons thing.

Aaron is the optimist, while Joni would be more the pessimist .

Joni is conservative, Aaron is the liberal.

Were the ying and yang.

We may not have the charisma that some of the members have, but we are in our own way colorful.

We may not be in the foreground at our events, but you will see us in the back ground trying to fill in as needed.

Joni and I may not be the most well versed in court procedures ,but would look to previous Baron's and Baroness for their council.

5. Why should you be Baron and Baroness?

Here again is a question we milled over in great lengths before we decided to run for this office. In our opinion we truly believe that we have fine quality's that would make us a good pair for Baron and Baroness. Maybe not the perfect Baron's and Baroness, but workable and willing to learn.

With our persona, being the Tudor style we still would portray ourselves as upper class and well dressed.

When we go to events we would make a effort to arrive early and setup a nice presence as Windhaven.

We have become well rounded in the Arts and Science's (Cooking /Sewing/ Armoring /Drumming/ Vin ting/ Archery /Class teaching and Illumination).

At other groups events we have helped out in teaching classes, Marshaling, or being in a Fashion Show.

We have made many efforts to meet people from lots of other groups.

We recruit people for the barony and for the Society as a whole.

We do not belong to any household or other groups so as to stay more windhaven populace ordained.