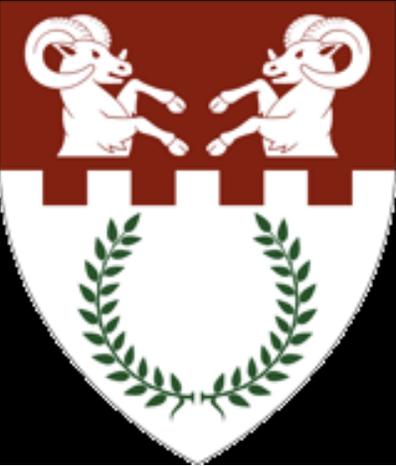


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Presenting...Your Baronial Candidates!

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Online group	Http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCA-Ramshaven
Bryniau Tywynnog	Http://www.treheim.ca/bryniau
Der Welfengau	Https://sites.google.com/site/cantonofderwelfengau/home
Kingdom of Ealdormere	Www.ealdormere.ca
Upcoming Events	Www.ealdormere.ca/listcalendar.php

From Their Excellencies Ramshaven

Unto the Populace of RamsHaven do Their Excellencies, Kolbjorn Gothi and Brehyres Wencenedl send spring greetings:

Ready for some trivia? The classic proverb says that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. While that can sometimes apply to the weather, the origins of the phrase actually have to do with astronomy and the relative positions of the constellations Leo and Aries in the night sky. That's rather appropriate for us as the selection process for our successors commences. After all, the lion is a classic symbol of nobility which is an important chivalric virtue, and Aries is the ram, the emblem of our barony.

Since our Society presumes everyone to be at least minor nobility, nobility as a virtue can be a bit overlooked or taken for granted. So what does it mean? Edmund Burke gave the analogy, "Nobility is a graceful ornament to the civil order. It is the Corinthian capital of polished society." Nobility is going above and beyond. To be truly noble is to possess the qualities of a high moral character, such as valour, generosity, and good faith. Fortunately, it is a quality which can be cultivated. Marcus Aurelius noted, "A noble man compares and estimates himself by an idea which is higher than himself; and a mean man, by one lower than himself. The one produces aspiration; the other ambition." Nobility also means to conduct oneself with dignity and respect for one's fellows. These are important qualities for anyone in a position of authority, but especially a baron or baroness who sit in the balance, representing the Crown to the barony and the barony to the Crown. As Goethe wrote, "A noble person attracts noble people, and knows how to hold on to them."

We are pleased with the four couples who have presented themselves as possible successors to the high seats of Ramshaven and look forward both to hearing them speak at the All-Candidates meetings in April, and to learning who among them Their Majesties shall choose. This edition of The Herald gives them a chance to introduce themselves, and we hope that you enjoy getting to know these fine people better as we do.

From the Baronial Seneschal

Good Gentles of Ramshaven,

As our not so blustery winter winds down, the gentle winds of spring are bringing a change to our fine barony. We are starting the process to find our next Baron and Baroness Ramshaven. The position has been advertised and we have 4 fine sets of candidates who have put forth their names for consideration. The following is a break down of our polling requirements and important dates.

All paid members living within the borders of Ramshaven are eligible to vote. Identification will be required to determine the residential address of members. All non-paid members who have attended two group meetings or events in the last year will be eligible to vote. Again identification will be required to determine residence requirements are fulfilled. All persons casting a ballot will be expected to show proof of residency or written approval to receive their ballot. Proof of residency is defined as a photo driver's license, a current post secondary photo id student card from a campus that is within the baronial boundaries, or other equivalent piece of identification. All persons wishing to cast a member's ballot will be expected to show proof of membership, as per Corpora definition.

Any minor (as per Ontario age of majority) or person residing outside the geographical confines and consider themselves subjects of the Barony wishing to receive a ballot must personally gain the written approval of the Baronial couple and Scrutineer by showing that they understand the ramifications of their ballot. This decision is not subject to appeal. This approval must be obtained before the start of the first all candidates meeting.

There will be two all candidates meetings to be held, one in each canton. In Der Welfengau the all candidates meeting will be held on April 3, 2012. After the discussion with the candidates, the polls will be available under the above considerations. Additionally, ballots and polling will be available in Der Welfengau on April 10, 2012 during the first half of the meeting. In

Bryniau Tywynnog, the ballots and early polling will be available on April 5, 2012, during the first half of the meeting. The all candidates meeting in Bryniau Tywynnog will be held on April 12, 2012. The polls will close 1 hour after the meeting. Should someone be unable to attend any of the above meetings, they can contact the scrutineer and make individual arrangements to participate in the polling. The scrutineer is the Seneschal of Ramshaven, Odette de Saint Remy (ladyodette at gmail.com).

This process should make for both an interesting and exciting spring in Ramshaven. It takes a lot of commitment to run for the position of Baron and Baroness. All those candidates who have chosen to run, should be congratulated for their efforts and dedication. Wassail.

Odette de Saint Remy
Seneschal Ramshaven

Naga and Shiomi



Greetings Ramshaven,

It is with great honour that we present ourselves to you as aspirants to the thrones of Ramshaven. We are all entering into exciting times in our Barony. Songs of past Barons ring in our hearts and the grace of our Baronesses enliven our spirits. Tales of sweet victory and bitter sadness live in our memories. Yes, we have a rich history and strong tradition here.

The time has come, though, to look to the future. A time to honour the past not by living in it, but

by building anew. Together, we can all build a Barony that flourishes on the strengths of its populace. Think only of the past year. Our forces won Murder Melee. Mistress Odette joined Privy Council. Mistress Eyrny was elevated to the Order of the Pelican. Count Sir Master Edward the Red and Countess Mistress Ryn Buchanan became Prince and Princess of Ealdormere and shall lead the Kingdom in War. Der Welfengau continues to grow and will soon host its first event in years. Bryniau is also taking great and progressive steps for growth that will benefit the Barony. (Shiomi and I have gone so far as to add to the Barony in the traditional way!) This populace succeeds merely by participation.

It is our vision that we take the momentum of the past year and push it further. Start now, to build a true Baronial community. It's time to refresh our part of the Society to reinvigorate, enthrall, and inspire new and old participants alike. We have a great many ideas in support of this and we're very excited to share them all and see them enacted.

It is our wish that we all come together, not just as Cantons, but as citizens of Ramshaven, helping and supporting one another. It is also our wish to represent you, the noble populace of Ramshaven. To inspire its warriors, artisans and servants. To lead by example. Above all, we want to make Ramshaven the envy of Ealdormere. Who could stand against us if we are truly united?

Yoshikuri Nagayori go-taisho & Mori Shiomi
hime



Albrecht and Asa



Valiant people of the Barony of Ramshaven, thank you for the opportunity to stand as candidates in the election of your new Baron and Baroness.

We salute Baron Kolbjorn and Baroness Wencenedl for their years of support, counsel and pride in this beautiful barony, so enriched by its fierce fighters and fencers, its dedicated artisans and its enduring tradition of selfless service. These are elemental qualities, and we continuously seek to express them through our personal lens of respect, hospitality and hard work.

Combined, we have almost 40 years of service to the Society. We joined Eoforwic in the early 1990s, where we met and later married 15 years ago. In 2005 we moved to Ramshaven to raise our beautiful children. Today we offer ourselves as baronial candidates.

THL Albrecht Stampfer is a 16th century German fencer. Widely travelled, he now teaches his art in a London fencing salon. He is also fond of Norse and Persian dress.

A former armoured combatant who fought in the Shield Wall at Pennsic, Albrecht has actively taught and marshalled fencing in Ealdormere for almost 20 years. He has fought at Pennsic as Rapier Champion for Ealdormere, and most recently completed a term as Kingdom Rapier Marshall. Albrecht is a member of the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer, and won the rank of Provost in the Ealdormere Academy of Defence.

Albrecht's interest in medieval history and renaissance rapier techniques also expresses itself in the Arts & Sciences. Recipient of the Orion, he frequently teaches at FITP and FOOL, has published in Tournaments Illuminated, and competed successfully in the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Fair. A book herald, Albrecht also serves as Pursuivant for the Canton der Welfengau. Albrecht is apprenticed to Baroness Magistra Nicolaa de Bracton for research.

Over the years Albrecht has run countless fencing tournaments, practices and authorizations, and taught over 100 students. Albrecht is particularly proud of launching der Welfengau's Mega Practices. These quarterly practices are open to all fencers, as well as dancers and armoured combatants. Last year he received the Maiden's Heart for service. He also holds service awards from Ramshaven, Septentria and Rising Waters.

David Stamper is a stay-at-home father and part-time building representative. He graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours BES in Environmental & Resource Studies.

THL Asa Gormsdottir is a 9th century Norsewoman from Hedeby. Addicted to silk, she often wears transitional Gothic gowns or slums as a 15th century Venetian lady. Asa loves hosting her friends and is proud of her table.

Asa found the SCA in 1995, and autocratted Lord Mayor's Market Day six months later. An instinctive and efficient organizer, she has served

as Seneschal, Exchequer and A&S Minister in both der Welfengau and Eoforwic, and holds the Maiden's Heart for service.

Devoted to the arts, Asa is an avid costumer and illuminator. She has taught, competed in and judged A&S throughout the Known World, including at Pennsic, the Known World Costuming Symposium, RUM, Ice Dragon, Ealdormere's Kingdom Arts & Sciences Fair, Practicum, FITP, FOOL and many other events. In 2003 she won Ealdormere's Arts & Sciences Pentathlon in a field of 12 challengers, and has judged Pentathlon ever since.

A member of the Order of the Crucible, Asa is one of Ealdormere's most prolific scribes, receiving a rare Augmentation of Arms for her contributions. In 2006 Asa successfully reintroduced Cloth of Gold (formerly Golden Seamstress) to Ealdormere, and this biannual event is now celebrating its 4th anniversary. She has authored a Compleat Anachronist, written for the Pennsic Independent, and published articles in various SCA newsletters.

Eve Harris is an executive assistant at Canada's best-known private intercity bus company. She has a B.A. from the University of Toronto in French and Commerce.

While Ramshaven does not lack for martial skill and excellence in arts and science, we believe we have something special to offer as Baron and Baroness. In a time when some members speak of dissolving or shrinking the Barony, preferring to dwindle rather than grow, we are not afraid to stand up and put our shoulder to the wheel.

In summer 2009, the Canton der Welfengau was on the verge of collapse. Despite negative counsel, we rallied the few active members and began a campaign of demos and activities, including regular fencing practices and A&S Sundays. We opened our library, our living room and our hearts. Today the canton is healthy and growing. We are proud to be part of it. For our work the Barony recognized us with the Guidon d'Argent.

It can be scary to speak to an endless parade of strangers at a demo. It can be a drag to pack up the books and clothes yet again, to call up the fighters and call in your favours. To sacrifice another Sunday or vacation day. To take on risk and expend time and effort that does not bring immediate reward. And to do it again and again, cheerfully and confidently, believing in our Dream with all its richness.

But it works. We have proven it can be done. We have seen the lean times and the rich before in Ealdormere, and we keep the faith – in war, in art and in service.

We promise:

To convey the Crown's will with truth and faithfulness;

To rightly and respectfully represent our people to the Crown;

To protect and grow the health of the Barony and defend its honour; and

To welcome, encourage and recognize the contributions of all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adnar and Tamsin



We, Lord Adnar Dionadair (Erhard Kruger) and Tamsin Kitto (Heather MacEachern), are at your service!

When we were involved in the Society some years ago (Adnar joined in 1990, Tamsin in 2004), we were humble and quiet, but no less enthusiastic in our wide-range of activities. Adnar worked on the scribal arts, chainmail, and archery, while Tamsin enjoyed various fibre arts and fencing.

Between then and now, Erhard kept busy working in the recreation industry (currently a zamboni driver). He also volunteered in the community at large, for the Lions Club of Kitchener, for several organizations writing newsletters, and for KW Olympic Hockey coaching field hockey. He also honed his craftwork, from miniature chainmail, to paper-cutting. Heather's focus was on her career as a teacher, a variety of crafts, writing, and reading.

Since returning to the Society, we have made it our goal to be as involved as possible. This includes offering weekly Arts and Science nights, attending most if not all fight practices, meetings, and helping out with events wherever we can. Adnar is currently serving Bryniau Tywynnog as Arts and Sciences minister, and Ramshaven as Chronicler.

Our love for the Society, its people, and its values continues unabated, and grows with each endeavour we undertake. We wish to stand as representatives for all of our common values and strengths, as enablers of the many activities in the Barony, as growers and producers for our great lands.



Penda and Sibylla



The Baron and Baroness are beacons not only for the Barony but also for the Kingdom of Ealdormere. They are a bright light who provide guidance for the populace and welcome all who wish to join in the game.

We are Lord Penda (Mark Pasley) and Lady Sibylla (Tamara Pasley) of Glyndmere and have been members of the SCA for nearly five years. Although we chose Anglo-Saxon 7th century time period for our personas, we are eager to learn about the entire SCA time span of a thousand years. The 7th century enticed us with a strong emphasis on family, sense of community and equality of men and women.

Our favourite aspect of the SCA is its people. Many wonderful folks have become our friends since joining and we look forward to every opportunity to meet existing members and introduce new people to the SCA. We love to make things and try new approaches that help recreate life in medieval times. One of our goals is to encourage people to have fun while discovering their way in the SCA. Some of our own interests include carving, forging, brewing, wood working, pewter casting, archery, heavy fighting, writing, sewing and cooking.

Since joining the SCA we have had the opportunity to prepare feast, provide lunch counter services, teach A&S classes, entourage, and have formed a household (hence the term Glyndmere) with visions of forming a Canton one day. Teaching medieval classes at our local schools has gained us some great memories as well as the opportunity to meet more people in our area who could potentially become members. It was great to introduce some of the more basic skills to the kids as well as see how they chose to role-play while dressed in medieval clothing.

When we joined the SCA we were told by a passionate member of Ramshaven that the best way to get to know people and have fun was to participate. Since then we have been blessed with Awards of Arms, Guidons, Orions, Scarlet Banner (Penda), and the Maidens Heart (Sibylla).

In the mundane world we have held offices such as Presidents of the Paisley & District Chamber of commerce, Kinsmen, assisted in the publications of our local news paper and history book, written and published our own book, as well as run our own business for over 10 years.

Our commitment should we be fortunate enough to become Baron and Baroness:

☒ We will strive to attend all Kingdom and Baronial events as well as the Great War of Pennsic, and as many out of Barony events as we possibly can. We believe that attendance is important to the health of not only the Barony but to the Kingdom as it enhances the game for all who attend each event.

☒ A medieval Presence is essential at events. It is also the best way to create atmosphere and to help decorate a hall! We are looking forward to welcoming newcomers and old friends alike to our gathering place/presence.

☒ New members are essential to the longevity of the SCA; therefore, we are committed to seeing that they feel welcome and develop personas while they actively take part in

living history. We accept the responsibility to offer our members guidance and support so that they may continue to enjoy the SCA and create lifelong memories.

☒ Communication is the most essential role of the Baron and Baroness. We will communicate promptly with our members and act as liaisons between the Barony of Ramshaven, the Crown, and the other Baronies of our Kingdom. We will use all media and forms of communication available to us as well as have an open door policy. We expect the same from all of our potential officers. In person conversations are always the best; however, today's variety of wireless communications make meeting each other effortless and immediate.

☒ We recognise the strength and well being of the cantons, Bryniau Tywynogg and Der Welfengau. That said we would also like to explore the edges of our Barony and see what additional members and Cantons could be developed.

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