

Unto their Most Gracious Majesties, Cuan and Signy, King and Queen of Atlantia, and unto the populace of the fair Barony of Lochmere:

We, Master Kryss Kostarev and Dame Dealla Cohen, do hereby submit our request to be considered for the positions of Baron and Baroness of this august barony and to represent your sovereign rule in these lands.

If we are selected to this office, we intend to work toward making Lochmere an even more fun place to be. We want to emphasize the theme of "Welcome". We want to welcome newcomers. We want to welcome old hands. We want to welcome transfers in from other places. We want to try and bring back people who have "burnt out" or become discouraged from the SCA by encouraging them to begin again and try new things and helping them to avoid the things that drove them away before.

We want to boost or enhance the office of Chatelaine by reminding everyone that they are all Chatelaines. Newcomers are important; we want to continue to welcome them and help them learn more about the SCA.

We would like to make sure that transplants don't feel left out. We have heard and observed that newcomers often get a lot more attention than transplants because it appears to be more fun to introduce new people to the SCA than it is to welcome someone who knows about it already. We want to make sure that people who move here are not left out of the welcome and they get plenty of attention to get to know people and make friends.

We want to create new opportunities for the populace to learn new skills in the gentile and the martial arts. We would like to occasionally have a guest instructor come in for a practice or a class or for possibly an event. We would like them to teach their skills in A&S or in a martial art. We are not only looking at experts within Atlantia, but possibly at having visitors from other kingdoms as well. We don't want to create another university, just a class or two once in a while.

We want to try to bring back some of the folks who became jaded with the SCA and dropped out or who did too much and burned out. We want to encourage them to come back and try again, but to try new activities, new arts, new fighting styles, maybe even a new persona, and to give it another chance. We will need to prepare our people and ask them to give these "reborn" scadians room to recreate themselves and neither demand nor expect the past that they may be trying to leave behind. We also want to be on a sharp lookout for burnout in our current people and try hard to prevent it.

Between us we have nearly 65 years of experience in the SCA. During that time we have seen the Society grow and change. Though we don't want to live in the past, there are aspects of it that we would love to share with our current friends.

As Baron and Baroness, representing the Crown, we feel we could better use our talents and experience to the Crown's advantage in your Barony of Lochmere. We hope you feel the same way.

Yours, In Service,

Master Kryss Kostarev and Dame Dealla Cohen