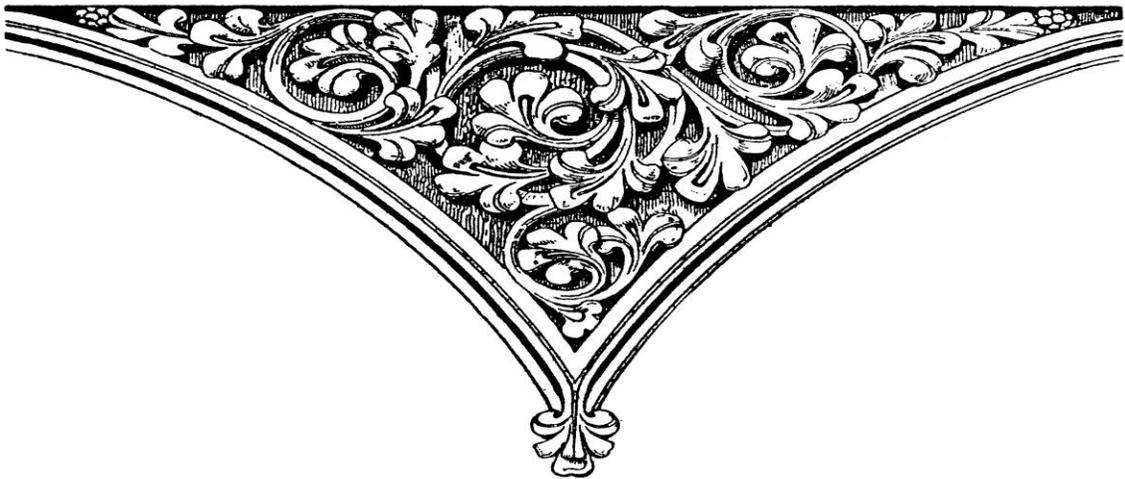


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The Acorn: <http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org>

Event Calendar: <http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.htm>



reetings Lochmere!

Their Majesties, King Jason Kinslae and Queen Gerhild the Willful, have decreed that a special edition of The Dredgings be published to include a Letter of Intent from each set of candidates seeking appointment as the next Baron and Baroness of these most wonderful lands, The Barony of Lochmere.

On each of the following pages are the Letters in the order received.

Unto Their Most Excellent Majesties Jason Kinslae and Gerhild the Willful and the Populace of the Barony of Lochmere,

We, Herr Erich von Ossenbrugge and Frau Lena von Ossenbrugge, respectfully and humbly offer ourselves as candidates to be the next baron and baroness of Lochmere. We do this only after careful consideration of the responsibilities and duties involved. We would strive to uphold the high standards set by those who have come before and to carry out the required duties. We hope that Your Majesties will find us suitable replacements to guide the barony over the next two years. With your leave, we will introduce ourselves and explain our vision for the barony.

We spent our formative years in the Society in Lochmere and are familiar with its history and customs. More recently, we lived in Drachenwald and Ansteorra before returning to Atlantia earlier this year. Living elsewhere gave us the opportunity to see different ways of doing things; we hope to take the best ideas of the known world and incorporate them into the barony's grand traditions. During our six years in the SCA, we have developed many interests. Erich is a chivalric fighter, woodworker, brewer, crossbow archer, and calligrapher. He has also served as web minister and knight marshal. Lena is an archer, cook, and brewer, as well as served as exchequer, deputy seneschal, and seneschal. Although we have wide ranging research interests, we primarily focus our studies on, and place our personas in, the Hanseatic League and the Central European Baltic region (specifically Estonia) during the 14th century.

Should Your Majesties find us worthy, we would have two major goals as baron and baroness. The first would be to unite the disparate communities within Lochmere. While Lochmere is blessed with many gifted people who partake in the various aspects of what the barony offers, everyone, understandably, does not have identical interests. Therefore, we would encourage more cross community support. For instance, we would hold gatherings, either in a park or restaurant, after the regularly scheduled chivalric and rapier practices where fighters and non-fighters could gather to socialize. We hope to bring people together to form a stronger barony and a more supportive, inspiring, and fun community that encourages people to enjoy these Current Middle Ages.

Our second major goal would be to seek out newcomers and bring them into a warm, welcoming environment. Atlantia, in our humble opinion, is the best kingdom in the Known World. We want to build an active and vibrant barony and kingdom where people can experience all of the wonder that is Atlantia and the Society. To do this, we must revitalize long time, inactive members and bring in excited new ones. We would push Lochmere to hold more demos while also looking for other innovative ways to recruit new members. Having changed kingdoms multiple times in the last few years, we know how important it is to make new arrivals, whether to the SCA or the kingdom, feel like they can make valuable contributions. We would do everything in our power to promote such an atmosphere within Lochmere.

To realize these goals, we believe there are four additional steps that must occur. First, the barony must improve its financial situation. We would encourage the barony to spend its limited funding prudently as well as to develop a year long planning budget. We would also request full inventories of all Lochmere's

goods along with notes on items' condition so the barony could determine whether it needs to repair, replace, or dispose of items.

Second, we would seek to reenergize the chivalric fighting and rapier communities by recruiting new fighters and inviting inactive members to return to the field. New fighters require teachers and so many excellent teachers have retired from both the field and the Society. This would support our goal of re-energizing the barony as a whole. In addition, we would form a baronial fighting unit to carry Lochmere's standard into battle during melee events such as Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

Third, we would support and expand the archery community. Based on turnout at practices, Lochmere's archery community is growing. We will do what we can to help retain that interest including finding a practice range that meets Society and Atlantian regulations.

Fourth, we would advocate for a greater focus on research and authenticity in the arts and sciences. This would further enrich the A&S community plus provide the entire barony with a greater flavor of the times. Such an emphasis would also make Lochmere more appealing to history and authenticity minded newcomers who are not inclined towards fighting. Specifically, we would host a quarterly "Persona Night" where people could gather to practice being their chosen personas so as to minimize the mundane at events. As a token of our dedication to research-based arts and sciences, we have already started a "Library Night" where people can show off their favorite research materials and perhaps find new areas of interest or more resources for existing research topics.

If, in Your Majesties' good counsel, you should choose another couple for the positions, we will aid and support them in all that they do. We will start or continue the activities that we mentioned and would happily take officer positions if they become available over the next few months.

Should Your Majesties or members of the populace wish to ask us any questions or desire more information, we may be reached via email at erichvonossenbrugge@yahoo.com and lenavonossenbrugge@yahoo.com. Or, should Your Majesties choose, we shall be available at your summons to further discuss these issues in person.

We look forward to continuing to serve you now and in the future.

Your Servants,

Herr Erich von Ossenbrugge and Frau Lena von Ossenbrugge



Unto the Their Royal Majesties and the Populace of the fair Barony of Lochmere, Do
Master Reynard de La Rouchefoucauld and Mistress Arianna Morgan Send Warm Greetings!

Your Majesties and Good Gentles,

After careful consideration, we hereby submit ourselves as candidates for the positions of Baron and Baroness of Lochmere. It would be a great honor to serve the Barony and the Kingdom in this capacity. We are well aware of the extensive time commitment, dedication, and resources necessary to serve in these positions.

We have been members of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) for a combined total of 35 years. We have been proud to call the Barony of Lochmere our home for the vast majority of that time (Reynard for 19 years and Arianna for 14 years after living in the Barony of Dun Carraig for several years.)

Through our service in a variety of local, regional, and Kingdom level offices, we have become very familiar with Kingdom Law, policies, procedures, and traditions at both the local and Kingdom levels. We possess the strong ability to assess a wide variety of situations and appropriately interpret and apply law, policy, and common sense to address each issue with positive results for all concerned. (A list of offices held is attached for your reference.)

The SCA is unique organization in that everyone is and should be welcome and encouraged to pursue their interests within the context of our charter. Most importantly, it should be fun! If selected as your Baron and Baroness, we would continue to cultivate that welcoming, encouraging, and fun environment by working with baronial officers to:

- Encourage more experienced members to mentor others to serve with confidence and competence, to develop their talents in the arts and sciences, and in martial arenas;

- Work with each community of interest to support the others in their endeavors, thereby increasing the strength and depth of the group as a whole;
- Increase the baronial presence at the Kingdom level;
- Increase recruitment efforts to bring new members into the barony;
- Fine-tune retention strategies;
- Work with long-term members and newcomers to blend the wealth of experience and tradition with fresh, new ideas; and
- Ensure that the populace is appropriately recognized for their efforts.

If it is the will of their Majesties and the populace, we would be proud to serve as your Baron and Baroness and would perform the duties of the office to the best of our ability.

Your humble servants,
Master Reynard de La Rouchefoucauld, OL
Mistress Arianna Morgan, OP

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Expiration: 31 July 2013

Membership Number: 69804 (Reynard)
Expiration: 31 May 2013

Offices Held

<u>Arianna</u>	<u>Reynard</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister of Arts and Sciences - Barony of Lochmere (present – 2nd Term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baron of Lochmere (1996 – 2000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Seneschal – Barony of Lochmere (present)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archery Marshall (Several Terms)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchequer - Barony of Lochmere	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chatelaine – Barony of Lochmere	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Kingdom Seneschal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Seneschal (Maryland)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kingdom Chatelaine	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seneschal – Barony of Dun Carraig	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchequer – Barony of Dun Carraig	

Unto Their Royal Majesties of Atlantia, Their Excellencies Lochmere, and the Populace of the Barony of Lochmere, do Mikhail Chaika Pavlov-syn Novgorodets and Cristiana Iarina Chaykinaia send greetings!

We would, with this letter, announce our Intent to be candidates for the future Baron and Baroness of Lochmere, upon the retirement of Dominick Elphinstone and Margery Winterbourne.

Lord Mikhail has been involved with the SCA since 1992, and participated in the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, the West, Caid, and An Tir, before coming to Atlantia, where he has spent the last decade. He is known throughout the Kingdom for his skills as a Brewer and a Baker, and enjoys Archery and Thrown Weapons. He has been Baronial Chronicler, as well as Baronial Archery Champion.

Lady Cristiana met the SCA at the age of nine, but only became truly involved some years later, in 1990. She participated in the East, Ansteorra, Outlands, Trimaris, Caid, the West, and An Tir before accompanying Mikhail to Atlantia. She is known for her skills both in the Kitchens of Atlantia and behind a sewing machine. She is currently the Baronial Minister of Youth Activities, and has held the positions of Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chatelaine, and Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion (twice).

We are both members of the Orders of the Pearl and the Opal, and are equally grateful for the recognition of our efforts through various Kingdom and Baronial-level awards.

Our desire to step forward as representatives of Lochmere's populace as Baron and Baroness stems from our belief that each member, both current and potential, deserves to feel appreciated and welcome. Lochmere is already a barony of Culture, Contest and Service. To promote a further integration of each of these is another of our goals. The people of Lochmere (and thus Atlantia) gain not just from individual accomplishment, but from the joint efforts of all. We would like to think that our experiences, from not only Atlantia but other Kingdoms as well, have prepared us to work toward these values.

The Dream is unique to each of us; for ourselves, a large part is to serve others. The opportunity to serve as the Baron and Baroness of Lochmere would not only be an opportunity to serve locally but the Kingdom as well. Long live the Barony of Lochmere, The Kingdom of Atlantia and the Dream!

Lord Mikhail Chaika Pavlov-syn Novgorodets

(MKA Michael Suggs; Membership #128952, expiration April 2013)

Lady Cristiana Iarina Chaykinaia

(MKA CC Suggs, Membership #128953, expiration April 2013)

Unto Padre Quintus Maximius Formaggio and the fair people of the Barony of Lochmere, greetings from Duke Galmr Ingolfsson and Lady Eydis aka Etain ingen Thadgain.

This missive is to express our intent to step forward as candidates to succeed Their Excellencies Dominick Elphinstone and Margery Winterbourne.

Both of us have lived in Lochmere almost our entire SCA careers and we feel it is time to step forward and serve our home group in this important leadership role.

When we realized we missed the original deadline we contacted Their Royal Majesties to find out if it was too late to be added and to seek their approval. They had not sent the polling out and were willing to allow us to be added. For that we are grateful and our apologies for the tardiness of this letter.

Lochmere is well known throughout the Kingdom for the skills of our artisans, the talents of our performers and the deadliness of our archers. As everyone knows, my interests follow a more martial path. There was a time, towards the early days of the Barony when I was but a squire, that Lochmere was also feared for the puissance of its fighters. We would like to see that return. Should we be selected, we would foster a return to the fighting field while maintaining the support for the arts and crafts for which Lochmere is so well known.

With the experience gained during three reigns on Thrones of Atlantia I feel we will be able to impart to the office the proper amount of dignity and ceremony. At events throughout the Northern Region, we will call upon the Barony to make a proper show of its talents and we will be sure they get a proper and prominent display.

While we've rarely missed a Lochmere event in recent years, you will see us attending as many other events in the region as our schedule allows. We would invite everyone in the Barony that's able to join us and perhaps Lochmere is up to the challenge in any competition that might be held.

Lochmere has a strong group of officers and we look forward to working with them and supporting them in their roles to maintain a healthy and well regarded group. And while Lochmere has few of the problems that often plague SCA groups, we will stand ready to mediate and solve whatever problems might arise.

Lochmere has gained a reputation as a go-to group when the Kingdom needs an event hosted. That brings us a great deal of pride and we are sure the inventiveness and tireless energy will continue and I will use what influence I can to bring as many Kingdom events as I can to the Barony in the coming years.

I think that my qualifications and SCA resume are well known, but for those newer folks or those, who like me are finding details harder to remember, I'll list the relevant ones:

- I have been a member of the SCA for over 25 years
- I have reigned 3 times as King of Atlantia
- I am a member of the Orders of the Chivalry and the Golden Dolphin
- I have served as Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshal and then as Kingdom Earl Marshal
- I was a founding member of the Barony and its second Baronial Seneschal
- I have also held positions of Knight's Marshal and Minister of the Lists (technically Shire of Myrkwud)
- I have autocrated Kingdom and Baronial events

- And a bunch of other stuff, I forget...

Eydis, my lovely lady, is ready and willing to serve with me and should we be selected, we are certain that together we can do an excellent job. Some of the highlights of Eydis's SCA career:

- She has been in the SCA for over 13 years.
- She has autocrated local events
- She has been Baronial Chatelaine as well as VP and Chatelaine of the St. Mary's College group in Dun Carraig
- She is a founding member of L'Academie Atlantienne de la Danse
- She has served as Baronial Retainer in both Lochmere & Dun Carraig and as a Royal Retainer for several reigns
- She has organized and run assorted University classes, taught a number of local A&S classes on such diverse topics as: sewing, dancing, brewing, newcomer's activities, etc.

<fill in some clever ending>

Yours in Service,

Duke Galmr Ingolfsson & Lady Eydis aka Etain ingen Thadgain