

Greetings unto Mark and Patricia, King and Queen of the Kingdom of the West,
and unto Rolf and Aurora, Their Royal Highness' of the Kingdom of the West,
and unto Broeck and Margaret Anne, Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Eskalya,
and unto the populace of the Barony of Eskalya.

I, Elspeth Bouchannane of Loch Lomond, having searched my heart and with much consideration and after great reflection, do by this letter of intent, offer my humble service for the position of Baroness of Eskalya.

I feel that the role of the Baronage bears many responsibilities. As an officer of the Barony, the Baronage must work hand-in-hand with the other officers. One thing the Barony needs is to always have dedicated, qualified, capable excited people as officers to make certain that the Barony is always well cared for.

It is the duty of the Baronage to support and encourage Baronial members in their pursuits both inside and outside of Eskalya. Diversity is what makes this Barony feel alive. Eskalyans do it all – martial arts, singing, weaving and everything in between – this Barony has talent! It is known that the heavy fighters and fencers of our Barony are well known throughout the Known World for their abilities and I would lead them and cheer them on to greater feats. In the gentler arts I would continue to encourage all the artisans of these fair lands and try to bring more people to the Arts and Sciences. Every time I see the hard work the people of Eskalya have put into their creations I am moved by their efforts in helping people try new things and continue to grow more skilled in their crafts. I am also proud that the populace of Eskalya are known for their service to the Barony and our fair Kingdom. I would continue to encourage and support this service, as we know the Society thrives because of the hard work of those who serve it.

The health and well being of Eskalya is a primary focus. One goal is to promote Eskalya, and the SCA in general, as a family friendly group. I would like to continue to encourage families to actively participate in the Barony and in the Kingdom at large. I feel that it is fundamental to get families involved as the children of those families are the future of the Barony and SCA itself.

We need to continue to encourage growth and rejuvenation in the Barony and to extend a welcoming hand to members we have lost through the years. We need to continue seeking out new members in creative ways. I would encourage more teaching and education within the group and promote a welcoming environment for newcomers as well as expanding the knowledge of the current populace. Much has been done by the current Baronage to actively find, inform and support new members. I feel this is of utmost importance and plan to continue to focus on it.

A final area is fund-raising. While SCA is non-profit, events cost money; running a barony costs money. I would like to work with the Barony to come up with fund-raising ideas and a long term financial that both creates a savings 'cushion' for the Barony and allows for repair/ replacement of Baronial property. It seems prudent to plan now rather than panicking later. Having more saving allows our autocrats to have access to better/more sites and to plan realistic budgets that do not rely on donations to flesh out an event. Increasing the number of local events, fun activities and workshops will have benefits that extend beyond the Barony.

My readiness for this office is evidenced by past and present participation in holding Baronial and Principality offices, participating in demos, autocrating and feastocrating and being supporting staff for other autocrats. My experience as given insight as to what is expected of a Baroness:

I do not want to be Baroness just for the “pretty hat”. My motivations run deeper. I feel a very deep connection with Eskalya and her people. This is a chance to give back to the people who have given me so much. I want Eskalya happy, healthy and fun. I want to be there inspiring and cheering on our warriors, showing off the works of our artisans and thanking those who serve and praising everyone for being part of the Dream and helping it grow. I want to be part of making that happen.

SCA is a game; it is our hobby. It may be more involved or engaging than others, but it is a game where we learn, interact with friends and most importantly have fun. If it were not fun, we would not be doing it.

We must all work together and build the Barony of Eskalya into a strong, vibrant and productive part of our Principality, our great Kingdom of the West, the Society and even the Dream. Because in as much as we are a single unit, we must also continue to learn, to grow and develop individually. The populace has always been known for its dedicated service; willing charity; open welcome of visitors, old friends and new members and their support of each other and the Barony. The people of this Barony are also industrious, talented and fun-loving. I would continue to foster these traits by building upon the efforts of past bearers of the Eskalyan coronets.

I would continue to support and promote the Barony through out-of-Barony event by attendance and continue to maintain the strong spirit of goodwill, friendship and cooperation with our neighboring branches that has been created.

I recognize that this is not an easy duty or one to be considered lightly. I recognize that considerable amount of time, effort and care is required to serve the Barony as it deserves to be served. I know that this position leads me to be the voice of the Barony and the extension of Your voice to Your populace. I am willing to accept the responsibilities and burden associated with this great honor and fulfill the duties with all due respect and diligence.

I do not kid myself that I am volunteering for what may be the longest and grandest two years of my SCA life. I bring my heart, dedication, and passion before you.

Should I be found worthy of this office, I will work tirelessly to make the Barony exactly what it should be, a fun place for all. I graciously welcome your support as the barony embarks on this new journey. And should you choose others instead to shoulder this responsibility, know this to be true, that I will support them with continued efforts and tireless service.

With all due honor and in humble service

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SCA RESUME

I been an SCA member since 1989 beginning in the Barony of Earnglyd , then moving to Barony of Eskalya in 1992.

OFFICES HELD:

Earnglyd – Seneschal; Herald; deputy Chatelaine

Eskalya – Deputy Seneschal; Chatelaine x3; Children's officer x2; Arts & Sciences

Principality of Oertha – Seneschal; Chatelaine; Deputy Arts & Sciences; Regalia; and Deputy Chatelaine

AWARDS RECEIVED:

Kingdom of the West

Order of the Pelican – 2004

Court Baroness of the West 2003

Order of the Rose Leaf – 1992

Order of the Leaf of Merit – 1997

Award of Arms – 1989

Queen's Cypher – 2007

Queen's Treasure – 2007/ 2010

Queen's Artisan – 2008

Wooden Spoon - 2009

Principality of Oertha

Diamond Willow 1992

Snowy Owl – 1991

Silver Ulu – 2000

Principality Arts and Sciences Champion – 1992

Ivory Thimble

Princess Riband – 1991, 1993, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2010, 2010

Lady of the Chamber – 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2006, 2009, 2010

Barony of Eskalya

Silver Bough

Esklayan Order of Merit (Ivory Quatrafoil)

Order of the Caltrop

LapisAngularis

Barony of Earnglyd

Aurora

Anchor

Orca (Baroness Whim)

Sea Maid

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Event Steward for approximately 39 Baronial events (Eskalya and Earnglyd); Event steward for 3 Principality coronets; Feastocrat and support staff for many other events, Instructor at 6 collegiums.

MODERN RESUME

I am a single parent, having raised three daughters. Our family has grown now to include two sons-in-law and 4 grandsons, We are a three generation SCA family.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Since 2009 I have been employed with the Alaska Veterans Health Administration in Anchorage, Alaska, as the Outpatient surgery coder and an outpatient encounter coder. I am a GS 8-3. I am responsible for accurate coding for diagnosis and procedures of the surgeries and encounters to assure the maximum benefit for the veterans, the insurance companies, and our facility. I am qualified in the use of ICD-9 and CPT methods of coding.

From June 2007 I was an Accounts Receivable tech for the MCCF s with the Alaska Veterans Health Administration in Anchorage, Alaska. I was responsible for assuring that the information between the VA and the insurance companies was accurate and timely to assure the maximum benefit for the Veterans, the insurance companies and our facility.

From Jan 2006 I was a Medical Billing Analyst for the Alaska Veterans Health Administration in Anchorage, Alaska. I was responsible for assuring that the information received from our Fee providers was accurate and ready for processing for payment.

From 1992 to 2005 I was the Outpatient surgery coder for Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. I was responsible for the accurate coding of all outpatient surgeries (including cardiovascular, endoscopy, orthopedic, ophthalmology, interventional radiology, general surgery) and Observation. I am qualified in the use of ICD -9 and CPT methods of coding.

Prior to moving to Anchorage, Alaska I lived in Juneau Alaska where I worked for 13 ½ years at Bartlett Regional Hospital as a Medical Records Tech 2. My responsibilities included auditing charts for errors and completion, coding for diagnosis and procedure, transcription. I also worked as Adjudication Secretary for Veterans Administration in Juneau.

I have also worked as Nome Police and Fire Department dispatch supervisor; a legal secretary; I was head of the medical record department for a nursing home in Boise Idaho for 2 years.

EDUCATION

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduated with an Associate of Science degree in Medical Records. Then passing the national accreditation test.

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

Studied 3 years, with History/ English major.

INTERESTS

Historical costume research, Cooking, music, dance, sewing, reading; hanging around with daughters and grandsons