

ESKALYAN CHRONICLE

Barony of Eskalya, Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West September/October 2011

Letters of Intent for the polling for the next Baron and Baroness of Eskalya

Dame Elspeth Buchannane of Loch Lomond

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 tiling 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 tills 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 t he Arts and Sciences. Every time I see the hard work the people of

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Lord Colyne Jak Leslie and Lady Isabel de la Hay

As many now know, recently Their Excellencies did give heartfelt announcement to their populace that their tenure would soon be drawing to an end. I, Lord Colyne Jak Leslie and my Lady wife Lady Isabel de la Hay, do humbly submit our selves unto your consideration as candidates to be your heirs. We do so after much consideration unto the responsibilities and the commitment that you have demonstrated over your tenure as our Baron and Baroness. We hope that you, Their Majesties, and the Populous of Eskalya might find us as suitable replacements as the guides and guardians of the Barony upon the completion of your reign.

During your years of gentle leadership we enjoyed watching you both govern with a kind, respectful hand. Your example of welcoming all with open arms into an atmosphere of warm acceptance and fun continues to promote the Barony's reputation as fun and energetic and has attracted many active members from beyond its physical borders. Your devotion to supporting all interests within the society has been a source of inspiration to us and we would hope to continue on in this same spirit; guiding gently, maintaining the Baronial tradition of Fun and Welcome.

If we should be chosen as your successors,

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Special points of interest:

- The Polling for the next Baron and Baroness will be starting soon, please don't forget to vote!
- Join L'Emprise du Loup and see the World! Or at least more of Oertha!
- The mountains look like a frosted chocolate cake. Chocolate cake is yummy!



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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 this 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

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Upcoming Baronial Events

Fighter Practice:

Thursday nights at Chugach Foothills Park (Where Muldoon meets Tudor), 7 PM. Both rattan and rapier fighters are welcome for drills, discussion, and free fighting. Contact the marshal, Sir Soren at marshal@eskalya.org for more information.

A&S nights:

October 15: Body blocks with Cynehild (noon at the University Library)

November: Cooking with Annora

Times and locations vary, contact Lady Anna Nari at annah-narie@gmail.com for more information.

Scribal nights:

Third Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Syr Verica of Lighthaven. Contact her at wingedcup3@yahoo.com for directions and more information.

Bardic nights:

First Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Mistress Anne of Bradford. Contact her at quidnon@gci.net for directions and more information.

Pirate Revel:

Ahoy me hearties! On **October 22**, 2011, a call goes out to pirates, buccaneers, privateers, sailors of the Royal navy and wenches. All are to gather at the Salty Dog Tavern to engage in pirate amusements, bawdy and bold and take a break from the rigors of the sea. Competitions aplenty: best crew, best pirate persona (garb); best pirate shirt; Bardic - songs and/or tales of the sea. Cooks - Best food with a pirate name. Event Steward: Dame Elspeth

Eskalyan Day of Thanksgiving:

The Barony of Eskalya invites its friends near and far to join us on **November 19**, 2011, as we give thanks for the summer gone away, the winter soon to come, and bounty of conviviality we all enjoy. Event Steward: Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor

Please check the e-list or webpage for additional event information!

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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

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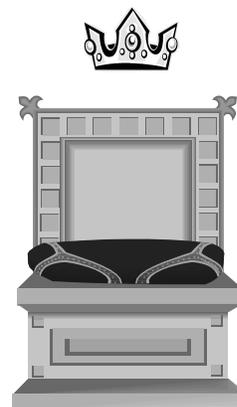
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our efforts to lead the barony will focus primarily on attracting and maintaining more members unto the Populous; using your example of warmth and welcome. In that same line we would also strive to encourage and reward those new to the SCA and the treasures of our Barony, for only with them is our future bright.

The other area that my Lady wife and I would also seek to address is spreading the knowledge and talents that are contained not just in Eskalya but Oertha as a whole. Encouraging the Populous of all baronies to teach and hold classes to share the enormous wealth of skills and experience that we have.

We have spent much time in counsel with each other, discussing the responsibilities of the job and the commitments that we will have to make should we be honored to be chosen as your heirs. We will both strive to uphold the standards that you and previous Barons and Baronesses have set by your example. We hope that you will look with favor upon this our simple petition and we stand ready to answer as needed; however should another person or persons be chosen for the honor of the Barony, trust in that we will support them and aid them in the same manner that we currently support and aid you both.



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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.

From our Correspondent About the Town

Being that there were no Eskalyan events in the last two months, we were worried there would be nothing to say, but then we remembered, there's more to this than just events!

Fighter practices have been well attended, Sebastian, Angela, Fergus, Christian*, Ben, and Sirs Viresse and Cyrus have all been regular attendees as have Viscountess Svana, Their Excellencies Breock and Margaret Anne, Colyne, Isabel and Christina*.

And it looks like practice has been paying off, all the fight-

ers are showing improvement and there has been a distinct uptick in discussions of chivalry and what it means to succeed on the field of honor.

The Baronial trip to the zoo was well attended. Though this correspondent couldn't make it (she has a debilitating fear of Llamas and all their ilk), she has heard tell that much fun was had looking at the animals and waxing poetic about their natures. Pictures show friends both new and old from our Barony and from our sister groups to the north and east. I'm glad fun was had by all and am so sorry to have missed it!

* This correspondent is deeply sorry she can't remember Christian and Christina's SCA names. The editor will beat her later.



Being an Event Steward, Part III - Making a List and Checking it Twice

When planning for an event, making a list and checking it twice is an excellent way to ensure everything gets done in a timely manner, plus ticking things off as done is very satisfying! There are a number of Autocrat/Event Steward To-Do lists out there, but if you can't find one you like, try wedding or modern event planning websites. You can also make your own to-do list, but be careful of forgetting something important! On your list should be: finding a site, advertising your event, contacting any officers whose help will be needed, advertising your event, finding a cook and planning the menu if you plan to have a feast, advertising your event, sorting out site tokens, advertising your event, planning non-fighting activities, advertising your event, working with the seneschal and exchequer on a budget, and, did I mention, advertising your event. Make a plan and stick to it to get everything done with the least muss and fuss!

Next time: Leading the Horse to Water, how to advertise your event.

Persona Creation

By Leonia the Mouse

Persona creation is something that is as individual as the number of people within the group. It is completely optional and really practiced as a matter of finding ones way through the mysterious waters of Time and Space.

Whenever we interact with another living creature, we all assume some kind of persona. Jung referred to them as masks. Even when we are alone we wear some kind of mask (we simply may be more inclined to letting the mask slip). When we put on garb and step into another layer of ourselves, it affords us an opportunity to look within and ask what details are on that mask.

On the evening of September 14th, Master Bjarni and his wonderful wife Mistress Annora gathered at my house. We were joined by some visiting friends from the Barony of Selveirgard and my neighbor. Master Bjarni brought with him a handout that he had created to bullet the key points he wanted to make. Like any good storyteller, the true details were between the lines and illustrated with anecdote and humor.

To illustrate the concept of the Persona, he had us introduce ourselves by our society names and talk about where we were from. The stories were varied widely, from Iceland, to Ireland, to Oertha itself, and the vague realm of uncertainty.

From this Bjarni stressed the importance of respecting context for Persona discussions. When at most events, our Persona simply is Who We Are and that isn't something that should become a focus (Modern therapy is out of period). Nevertheless, it can be an enriching part of the SCA experience.

Master Bjarni created a Persona set in time historically and built around it. He talked about correlating the Persona of Bjarni's birth year with his own (to the year 949 AD) and patterning in his imaginings of Bjarni's history after his own experiences in life. He was then able to put his own experiences into a historical context based upon what he learned of the time and place that Bjarni lived.

Mistress Annora shared that she didn't have a Persona in the same sense as Master Bjarni; Annora was a compilation of her functions within the SCA. The places that she had traveled to were places that Annora had gone. The awards that she had earned were part of Annora's prestige. While still role playing in the same sense that we all role play daily, Annora and Anne were pretty much the same person in the same space, just traveling back and forth between the times of the Real World and SCAdia.

It provided a comforting balance to listen to them both talk about who they were in SCAdia. There can be a lot of emphasis placed on the creation of a Historical Persona. As was pointed out in Master Bjarni's handout, it can provide Grounding, Details, and History to build one's SCA experience around.

Persona's are never set so deeply into stone that they can't be re-chiseled. Names and Arms can be changed. It was discussed during the evening, a time when the passing away of one Persona lead to the appearance of the new Persona attending the wake. Such drama, while unnecessary on one level, provides depth and a bit of spice for everyone's experience.

At some point in the evening, Master Bjarni mentioned the immersive encampments of Cariadoc, who gives up assistive technology (his glasses) to stay within the technology level of the time period (which he maintains strictly within a certain distance of his tent). He said that Cariadoc claims not to have a Persona, and I take this to be much the same as the Persona of Annora; they are the person as they are within the context of each event they attend.

The bottom line is that rather than being a requirement, a Persona is a tool we can use for research purposes and a way to compartmentalize pieces of ourselves.

The next gathering with a focus on Persona development will be Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm in the manor of Mistress Elspeth. We will take a focus on Pirates of the 1500s and 1600s in preparation for the Pirate Revel on the 22nd of October. People are encouraged to bring any historical materials they have with them to these workshops for general discussion.

L'Emprise du Loup

L'Emprise du Loup (The Enterprise of the Wolf) is a tournament company in the Principality of Oertha dedicated to fostering the ideals of Chivalric Combat while encouraging attendance at as many local tournaments and fighter practices as possible. Members of the Enterprise will undertake to attend at least three acknowledged local tournaments or practice tournaments in a twelve-month span beginning on All Hallow's Day (November 1st), 2011 and will receive points based on attendance, prowess, appearance, and chivalry. Any fighter is welcome to join the Enterprise.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- One point for entering the tournament.
- One point for making finals in the tournament
- One point for the best kit as judged by your fellow fighters and those non-fighters in attendance.
- One point for the most honorable conduct upon the field as judged by your fellow fighters and those non-fighters in attendance.
- One point for entering three, six, and nine of the ten tournaments.

The fighter who accrues the most points will be lauded and receive some sort of prize.

Acknowledged Tournaments are those tournaments which members of the

Enterprise agree to endeavor to attend, they will tentatively be held at the following events:

November - Eskalya (Festival of Thanksgiving)

December – Eskalya (Yule)

January - No Tournament because of Coronet

February - Selvieregard (Fighter Practice)

March – Selvieregard (Revel)

April – Eskalya (Fighter Practice)

May – Winter's Gate (Captaincy)

June – Eskalya (Revel or 3BF)

July – No Tournament because of Coronet

August – Selvieregard (Baroness' Champion)

September – Winter's Gate (Captaincy)

October – Winter's Gate (Michalmas)

Any changes to the above schedule will be announced at least two weeks prior to the tournament.

Coronet is not included because the stated aim of the enterprise is to encourage attendance at local tournaments and fighter practices which often do not draw the same number of entrants as a Coronet list. Hopefully, increased attendance at local tournaments will result in increased attendance at Coronet.

Rapier fighters are welcome to join the Enterprise, if there is an event without a rapier tournament, alternative arrangements will be made.

I will make every effort to be in attendance and on the field at the above events in order to facilitate the recording of points (and to have a wild good time on the field :D) should I be unable to attend, I will make other arrangements.

Fighters can enter at any point during the 12 months, but it is to their advantage to enter at the beginning.

All entrants will receive a favor bearing the badge of the Company, on a blue field, a white wolf rampant, it's forepaw grasping a spear, and will have the right to display the badge as they see fit.

If you are interested in learning more about the High Medieval Votive Orders upon which this Enterprise is based, I recommend starting with this webpage: <http://www.heraldica.org/topics/orders/ordhist.htm>.

If you are interested in joining this Enterprise, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at clairemargery@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting everyone on the field!



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An honest-to-goodness medieval quote:

Sanctus Ivo erat Brito Advocatus et non latro res miranda populo.

St. Ives, a Breton, a Lawyer, and an Honest Man, this is a miracle to the people.

Regnum

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