

# Special: Letters of Intent

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## Clyffe Notes



Barony of Dun Carraig

**Greetings unto the Barony of Dun Carriag from Duchess Simone de Barjavel, Kingdom Seneschal.**

Their Majesties Dietrich and Thora have approved all of the candidates that submitted their names. Each couple sent Their Majesties a letter of their Intent to be your Baronage and the letters are available for you below. How fortunate you are to have so many worthy individuals willing to serve your Barony. If you have any questions concerning the Polling please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Simone de Barjavel

Greetings to Their Majesties, Dietrich and Thora, Their Excellencies, Ragnarr and Lynette, and the populace of Dun Carraig,

This letter is to inform you that we, Lord Matthew of Summerdale and Lady Adriana Michaels, wish to be considered for Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Dun Carraig. This letter of intent describes our backgrounds and experience in the SCA and the qualifications we would bring to the position if selected.

We would like to serve as Dun Carraig's baronage because we feel a special connection to the barony, which has been our home group since 2005. We're both very invested in the success of the barony as a group, and would welcome the opportunity to serve the barony as its baronage and to help the barony serve the Kingdom. We've seen how strongly the enthusiasm and courtesy of good baronage can positively affect the group, and we would like to build on the momentum that Baron Ragnarr and Baroness Lynette have established.

We both started in the SCA in college, Adriana in 2000, and Matthew in 2001. We were in the same college group, which was located in the Shire of Hartshorn-dale in the East Kingdom. We held various offices in the college group. Adriana served as treasurer/exchequer, and Matthew served as president/seneschal.

Adriana's first Pennsic was Pennsic 30, and Matthew's was 31. Adriana spent most of her first Pennsic water-bearing on the field, as well as taking classes and watching fighting. For his first Pennsic, Matthew was only there for the first week, so he took a number of classes and helped the group get the camp set up and ready for the next week.

After Adriana graduated from college, she moved to northwest Pennsylvania and taught middle school English. She continued to be active in the SCA, playing with the then-incipient Shire of Blackwater in Aethelmarc. For the sixth grade's Middle Ages week, she arranged a demo with members of the local SCA group.

Once Matthew graduated in 2005, we both moved to Southern Maryland. One of the first things we did was look up the local SCA group and start attending meetings and A&S nights in Dun Carraig.

Adriana served as baronial chronicler from 2005-2007. In 2006, Dun Carraig's newsletter, the Clyffe Notes, was nominated for a Blackfox Award for best overall newsletter. Adriana

established the “Overheard in Dun Carraig” feature, a compilation of funny quotes heard around the barony. After stepping down as chronicler, she continued providing quotes for this feature, and it was nominated for a Blackfox Award for best regular feature in A.S. 43.

Adriana served as Dun Carraig’s MOL from 2007 to 2014 and ran the list at a number of baronial events, as well as assisting at a number of other events. Adriana served as Dun Carraig’s webminister from March 2012 to August 2014. She kept the website up to date using the templates that Matthew had developed.

Adriana is currently serving as Dun Carraig’s seneschal. She took the position in 2014. She runs the monthly baronial business meeting and ensures that reports, contracts, and other paperwork are completed on time. (If we are selected as baronage, Sir Harald Brandarm has agreed to replace Adriana as seneschal.)

Adriana also autocrafted several successful baronial events, as well as a very well attended Kingdom University in 2014.

In April 2006, Matthew became deputy exchequer for Dun Carraig. As deputy, Matthew worked to learn the duties of the exchequer and supported the exchequer.

Matthew served as webminister from September 2006 through February 2010, and again from August 2014 to the present. One of the major changes he made was a massive overhaul of the webpage, both front and backend. He updated the webpage code to make it easier to maintain and keep consistent. He set up a members’ section, which included an electronic baronial inventory, so that members could see what items the barony had available.

Matthew served as the exchequer for the Barony from February 2010 through June 2012. In late 2010, the Maryland groups were moved into the SCA-MD subsidiary, which required a change to the baronial bank account. Matthew was responsible for making this change over, including opening the new account, closing the old one, and maintaining reports for both accounts.

Matthew is currently serving as the Baronial Quartermaster, having stepped up in July 2013. Matthew has been working on taking pictures of all the items for the online inventory, so that members can view the inventory electronically. He also oversaw moving the baronial inventory from the old shed to the new shed.

Matthew and Adriana have a wide range of interests and experiences in SCA activities. We are both authorized siege engineers, and have operated our own ballista at Pennsic in support of Atlantia's army (for which we were inducted into the Order of the King's Missiliers). Matthew is a siege marshal. He has taught siege classes and run a number of siege authorizations. Adriana and Matthew are both authorized heavy fighters and have fought at Pennsic and other events. Matthew is also authorized in combat archery, and Adriana is an authorized rapier fighter.

Matthew and Adriana have both participated in cooking for events, helping with feast prep and day-of cooking. Matthew has served as head cook for several events, for feasts, lunches and fundraiser lunches, usually with Adriana's assistance. Adriana has done calligraphy for scrolls, with Matthew doing illumination. Adriana knits and makes fingerloop braids and has taught several classes on these arts, teaching both children and adults. Matthew has made lampwork beads for event tokens and taught classes on making them. Adriana and Matthew have participated in numerous other A&S activities as well.

This wide range of interests is useful to the role of baronage because the baronage are responsible for recognizing the talent and hard work of barony members in all activities. Familiarity with a variety of activities would help us in giving awards, in supporting all the officers in the barony, and in encouraging barony members in their various pursuits.

We have demonstrated responsibility, as shown by the positions we have successfully executed. We have also been active long enough and broad enough to generally know everyone in the barony, plus others in neighboring baronies. We work well together and complement each other, having a wide coverage of interests and abilities between the two of us. We have been very active in the barony, attending just about every baronial event, demo, and meeting, as well as most A&S activities and some practices.

If we are selected as Baron and Baroness, we have a few main goals. We see the main role of the baronage as to support and encourage activities within the barony--whether that's local practices and classes or barony members branching out to do more at a regional and kingdom level. This includes attending everything we can, providing hospitality at events, arranging carpools, and generally encouraging barony members however we can. It also includes representing the barony well to the kingdom and to our neighboring baronies.

We plan to encourage and support the continuation of regular A&S classes and newcomers' activities, as well as regular demos. These have been very successful, and we want to help that

continue. We also want to support all the regular baronial activities.

We plan to host baronial get-togethers every month or so, both general “bring a project and hang out” days and “sweatshops” to work on things like loaner gear maintenance, donations for gift baskets, and things to improve the barony’s Pennsic encampment (such as new silk banners and finishing painting the sheet wall). Our general plan would be to alternate between the two, so that members of the populace have ample opportunities to work on their own projects and to support larger efforts. We think these activities would encourage socialization and camaraderie in the barony, as well as providing an opportunity for members to contribute to the barony and the kingdom.

We hope to have a baronial presence at a large number of events, including providing hospitality with food and a dayshade to provide a place for barony members and friends to socialize.

We think it’s very important to field a strong baronial unit. Because we’re less experienced in combat and command than a number of people in the barony, we’d be soliciting a lot of advice from them and would select a baronial warlord for both armored and rapier combat. We would both take part in as many war points as possible.

If we have the great honor of being selected as Dun Carraig’s baronage, we will work very hard to fulfill the duties of the position and the trust placed in us by both the Royalty and the populace of Dun Carraig.

Yours in Service to Atlantia and Dun Carraig,  
Lord Matthew of Summerdale and Lady Adriana Michaels

Unto Their Royal Majesties, Their Excellencies of Dun Carraig, and the Populace of Dun Carraig do Lord Joorkin Volz and Baroness Lore Von Bubeck send greetings:

Their Excellencies, Lynette Semere and Ragnarr Blackhammer, have announced their intention to step down as Baron and Baroness of our fair land this coming September. We thank them for their leadership and service during their time on the Baronial Thrones. Hear us now as we put forth our names to Atlantia and the Barony for consideration to hold the Baronial sovereignty of Dun Carraig. It would be both an honor and a privilege to serve our land in this capacity. While we both have served as territorial Baronage previously we both feel that our work is not yet done.

My lady and I have a long history of service to both Barony and Kingdom. My lady has served as Baronial Chronicler and Baronial MOL. In addition, my Lady currently serves as the regional MOL for Maryland as a deputy to the Kingdom MOL. As an officer she executed her duties with both dedication and faithfulness, fulfilling each position to the best of her abilities. My Lady is a member of the Order of the Garnet Tower, our Barony's Service Order, the Order of the Seahawk, the Order of the Opal and a Court Baroness in recognition for her service as an officer and as Landed Baronage to our fair Barony and Kingdom. I am a member of Onore del Ponte d'Oro, Ponte Alto's Service Award, Onore del Ponte Nero, Ponte Alto's Fighting Award, and Onore del Ponte d'Oro, Ponte Alto's Arts and Sciences Award. I am also a companion of the Coral Branch and have received both the King's Award of Excellence and the Dun Carraig Mark of Excellence.

As Baron, I would encourage our Barony to hold to a fundamental agenda: Pursuit of Arts & Science, Combat, and Service while having fun. The Society started as a backyard party for fun. We all need to do our part to make sure the party goes on.

As Baroness, it is my Lady's desire to support the growth of our artistic population, continuing to build on the enduring works Her Excellency Mary Isabel, Lady Coblath of Dal Riata, and Lady Alexina Mac Suibhne have so enthusiastically inspired. My Lady has never met an Art or Science in the Society that did not capture her interest. Her participation was noted by her Carraig Uaine Mark of Excellence. She has also served as the Arts and Science Champion of our Barony. She loves to find activities that inspire folks to join her in the fun and make them happy. She also hopes to help to continue to grow our Barony's populous and involve more gentles in the Society at large.

We have always been amazed at Dun Carraig's Society. Our Barony exemplifies the hospitality, care, and generosity that exemplifies the best our Society has to offer. Thank you

for considering us as successors to the Baron and Baroness of Dun Carraig.

In Service to the Barony of Dun Carraig, the Kingdom of Atlantia, and the Society

Lord Joorkin Volz

Baroness Lore Von Bubeck



To Their Majesties Dietrich and Thora, Their Excellencies Ragnarr and Lynnette, and the populace of Dun Carraig from Master Christopher MacConing and Baroness Ysane de LaSelle:

Greetings!

First, we would like to give thanks and praise to Their Excellencies, Ragnarr and Lynette, for all of their hard work and efforts over the last several years. They have done an amazing job as the Stewards of the Crown, representing Dun Carraig and ensuring that the Barony thrives and grows. We cannot thank you enough for your efforts.

With those efforts in mind, we would request of the Crowns to be included in the upcoming Polling for the Barony of Dun Carraig. Should the Crowns and the Populace be pleased with us, we very much would like the opportunity to continue their efforts and serve as the Royal Stewards for these great lands and supporting the efforts of the populace.

Christopher has been an active member of the SCA and Atlantia since 1998, and has served Atlantia at all levels since shortly after that. Christopher has held positions at the local, regional, and Kingdom level across a variety of offices. He is well versed in the combat arts, and has represented his residing Baronies in competition and during times of war. During times of peace, he participates in arts and sciences as a metalworker, and encourages his fellow artisans' skills to grow. For all of these efforts he has been recognized by Baronies and the Crowns, including the Order of the Laurel, Order of the Pelican, and the Order of Defense.

Ysane's accomplishments are equally great. Baroness Ysane has been an active member of the SCA and Atlantia since 2000, and has served at all levels, including serving the Barony of Dun Carraig as Seneschal for four years and serving close to two years as the MD/DC Regional Seneschal. During that time she contributed greatly to the governing policies of the Barony. Her Excellency is also accomplished in rapier combat and has dabbled in heavy combat, archery and equestrian activities. When off the field, Baroness Ysane creates Elizabethan garb, herbal salves and ointments, and is an Apiarist (beekeeper). For her efforts and contributions, she has been recognized as well at both the Baronial and Kingdom levels, including the Order of the White Scarf and the Golden Dolphin.

The Barony of Dun Carraig has amazing, dedicated officers and members that truly work to make this Barony successful. Over the last few years, we have seen an uptick in local member numbers. Recruiting is the key to keeping the Society running today and in the future, and our main goal as Baron and Baroness would be to keep this positive trend rolling. We want to explore opportunities to bring in new members by capitalizing on our proximity to local colleges and the military base. We want to support more local demos and hosting Kingdom events. We

want to see everyone, both new and existing member to explore new interests. And by doing so, we believe that all areas of the Barony, from the artists to the Baronial fighting forces will grow.

In 2010, we moved into the area and were met with open hearts and hands. This barony has continued to be a place where we feel at home and valued. We would be honored to represent the Barony, showing Atlantia and the Known World why Dun Carraig is such a wonderful place.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your time.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Ysane de LaSelle OWS, OGD

Baron Christopher MacConing OL, OP, OD

Unto Their Royal Majesties, Dietrich and Thora, King and Queen of Atlantia  
does Sir Harald Brandarm Olafssen and Mistress Ceridwen ferch Owain send Greetings.

It is with heavy heart that we hear that Baron Ragnarr and Baroness Lynette will be stepping down as Baron and Baroness of Dun Carraig. Their time as Baron and Baroness has grown and strengthened the Barony and they will be sorely missed.

As difficult as it will be to fill their shoes, we would like to make the attempt. Sir Harald Brandarm Olafssen and Mistress Ceridwen ferch Owain wish to express their desire to become the next Baron and Baroness of Dun Carraig. It is our desire to continue the good works of Baron Ragnarr and Baroness Lynette and to improve on them if we can. As our only desire is what is best for the Barony and the Kingdom, we will fully support whom ever you do select as the next Baron and/or Baroness.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,

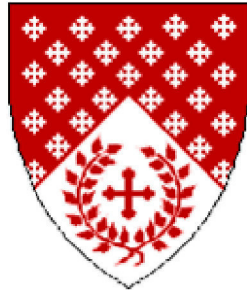
Sir Harald and Mistress Ceridwen

Sent from our keep at Grifbrandhold

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## May Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm at Big Larry's Comic Book Cafe, Leonardtown, MD 20650. For directions go to [duncarraig.net/directions.shtml](http://duncarraig.net/directions.shtml)

May 3, 2016

In attendance: Adriana, Karl, Coblaith, Serena, Cadfan, Alexina, Matthew, Thea, Lynette, Richard, Mary, Amalia, Ragnarr

**Old Business**

University - need volunteers for troll, setup, cleanup, lunch.

Lunch will be sandwiches, similar to last time but with fewer options & with fruit in a bowl. For preorders, pay at troll, get token, have a cutoff time for picking up preorders.

Kingdom handles class registration, Matt handles lunch registration.

For troll, need to have 1/2 hour overlap between shifts.

No new rules for silent auctions.

Investiture - will have highnesses this weekend, Adriana will bug them for date.

Hunt & Harvest theme has lots of support. Looking at scavenger hunt. Looking for event staff, marshals.

Adriana has a backup for autocrat if she & Matt get the nod.

Has not identified anyone to do tokens.

**New business**

Alexina wants to start a guild for cooks & brewers.

Adriana wants to do a portable scriptorium/stitch&bitch, rotate between different sites.

Kingdom Facebook noted that Dun Carraig was one of 3 baronies that contributed to hospitality/travel funds.

## Officer Reports

### B & B's Report

Will be moving, probably before investiture. Will not make it to Crown, Harald will be there. Plan to attend Ruby Joust.

## Seneschal's Report

Got wording to use on event forms: "Adult Registration" & "Member Discount Registration." Need to revise Financial Policy to use same wording.

## Chronicler's Report

Quarterly report in, a little late but got OK for that. Had problems uploading last issue with lots of pictures, Matt fixed it. Photographer's releases done.

## Herald's Report

No report.

## Chatelaine's Report

Had such a good demo! 24 people came, including kids. 14 people signed up for more info, plus some of the vendors.

Upcoming - leather May 15, cooking in June with Rose.

## Quartermaster's Report

Nothing to report.

## Minister of Arts & Sciences Report

Quarterly report went in. Amalia has a box to transfer everything.

## Minister of Minor's Report

No report.

## Minister of the Lists' Report

No event, no report.

## Knight Marshal's Report *(via Adriana)*

Harald still out of country, back this week. Fighting in Crown. Practices have been happening. Some talk of finding a practice site in north of barony.

## Chirurgion's Report

No report.

## Webminister's Report

Helped get newsletter up. Set up email for Historian. More announcements for upcoming meetings. Please proofread announcements before posting.

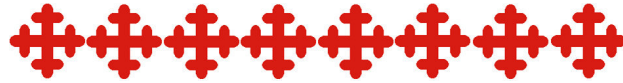
## Exchequer's Report

Balance still \$6499.86

Two checks to Kingdom have not cleared yet; otherwise no money going in & out.

Quarterly reports are now mandatory to be cumulative.

Need new Exchequer in August. If no exchequer, Seneschal has to do both jobs, till Barony gets suspended. (Humorous discussion of "Sexchequer" & the NC bathroom bill.)



### Chronicler's Choice

## The Crossbow

Mediaeval And Modern  
Military And Sporting  
Its Construction, History And Management  
With A Treatise On  
The Balista And Catapult Of The Ancients  
by Sir Ralph Payne-Gallwey  
Published 1903  
With appendices on the Catapult & Balista,  
and Turkish & Oriental bows.

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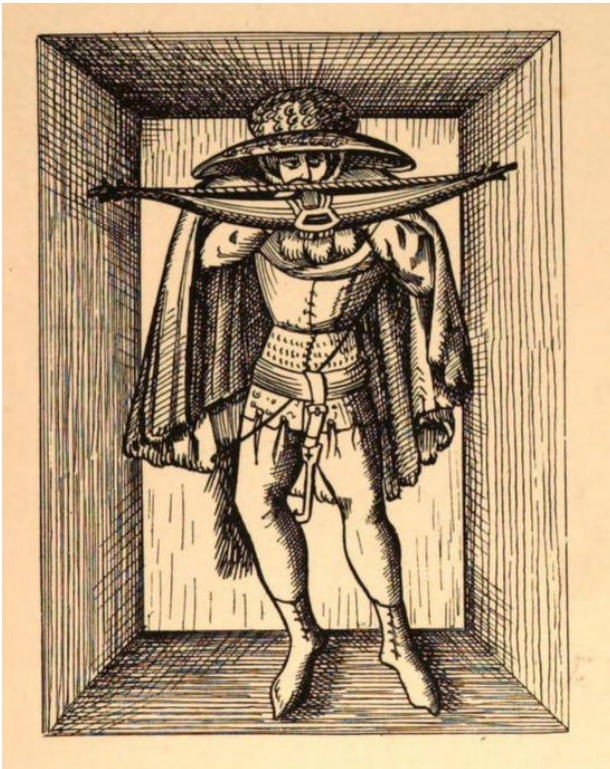


FIG. 15.—CROSSBOWMEN PRACTISING AT THE TARGET.

Their dogs are retrieving the arrows, and were trained to do this without injuring the feathers of the missiles.

*From a translation into Italian of 'A History of the Peoples of the North,' by Olaus Magnus, Archbishop of Upsala. Printed at Venice, 1565.*



# JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Archery Practice 7:00 PM Baron Jonathas' house	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Ramadan begins</i>	<b>7</b> Baronial Business Meeting 7:00 PM Big Larry's <u>Leonardtown</u> HEMA Fight Study	<b>8</b> Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Archery Practice 7:00 PM Baron Jonathas' <u>house</u> Highland Melees	<b>11</b> Highland River Melees & Games Highland Foorde Knoxville, MD Æthelmarc Æcademy
<b>12</b> Highland River Melees & Highland Games Highland Foorde Knoxville, MD	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Flag Day</i> HEMA Fight Study 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>15</b> Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Archery Practice 7:00 PM Baron Jonathas' <u>house</u> SCA 50 Year	<b>18</b> Stierbach Baronial Birthday <u>Warranton, VA</u> SCA 50 Year Celebration Danville, IN
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i>  SCA 50 Year Celebration Danville, IN	<b>20</b> <i>June Solstice</i>  SCA 50 Year	<b>21</b> HEMA Fight Study 7:30 PM Southern CC  SCA 50 Year	<b>22</b> Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC  SCA 50 Year	<b>23</b>  SCA 50 Year	<b>24</b> Archery Practice 7:00 PM Baron Jonathas' <u>house</u> SCA 50 Year	<b>25</b> Kings Assessment Black Diamond <u>Lynchburg, VA</u> SCA 50 Year Celebration Danville, IN
<b>26</b> SCA 50 Year Celebration Danville, IN	<b>27</b>  SCA 50 Year	<b>28</b> HEMA Fight Study 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>29</b> Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC	<b>30</b>		

## Baronial Progress

Key:

(BnB) – Baron Ragnarr and Baroness Lynette

(B) – Baron Ragnarr

(Ba) – Baroness Lynette

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It is not a schedule of all Atlantian events.

For all scheduled events go to

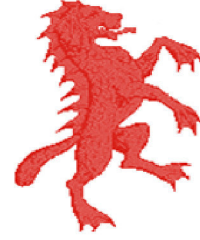
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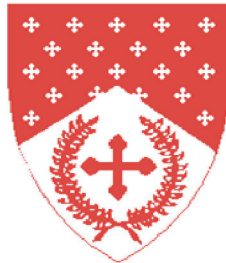
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### Baronial Champions

Armor: Torfin de Carric  
Rapier: Cristobal Espada de Avalos  
Archery: Nathan  
Arts & Sciences: Thea de Nes  
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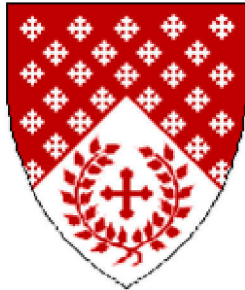
### Baronial Marshalate

Archery, Siege Weapons:  
Baron Jonathas Reinisch  
Rapier: Cristobal Espada de Avalos  
Thrown Weapons: Caitriona Bheachadoir

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