

Questions Submitted to the Candidates from the Populous

1. What do you see as our baronies strengths?

The most prominent strength we see in our Barony is the dedication of the populace. We have many members who are driven to make the Barony a cohesive community by volunteering their time freely to organize events, practices, and workshops.

Another strength we see is our ability to organize memorable and successful events. Many of our events have become quite prominent and SCAdians from other baronies will travel far from home to our events because we are so good at organizing these events. I believe this also ties strongly into the dedication of our members.

2. What do you see as our baronies weaknesses?

While there are many members are dedicated to service to the barony we believe there could be more involvement from more of the populace. We have a core group of people who volunteer to run offices and events. We have a vast barony with many citizens and we know and trust the populous to help spread the load so that the same core people do not get burnt out. We believe it would benefit the barony if we had more of the populace present at baronial meetings and volunteering for baronial responsibilities.

3. If you are elected what will your work be focused on?

If elected, we plan to have two main points of focus.

The first is to work on recruitment of new members into the barony. We find it imperative to get new members into the barony to keep our barony sustainable. We believe fresh minds and outlooks are health for a community in that they can reignite the passion in those who have been playing in the SCA for an extended period of time.

The second is to continuing in the forward progression of relationships between our barony and our neighboring baronies. We believe by encouraging these relationships we can continue to create an open and engaging community that will improve the SCA as a whole.

4. What's your platform?

We would like to focus recruiting new members to the barony and continuing collaborative relationships with neighboring baronies.

5. If you are a member of a given household, in the Barony would you treat all members of the Barony equally and fairly, and not put your individual household first ahead of the Baronial populace?

Llewellyn: I'm a member of 2 households; the Handsome Boys and Rangnarshus. The Handsome Boys is a fencing household that spans the East Kingdom and now has a few members from different

kingdoms. Its primary focus is fencing and that's it. We have a few members in the barony but they won't get preferential treatment by us nor would they be looking for it. It's not what we're about.

As far as Rangnarshus, the main tenant of this house is to improve yourself and to give back to make the Society better. To treat the whole barony as equals on their own individual merits should be what anyone should do as Baron and Baroness and to not do so would not make the Society better.

Catalina: I am a member of several fencing households that span the whole of the East Kingdom and mainly contain members out of our barony. I am the member of two households that are contained within our barony: the Brotherhood of the Wolf and Ragnarshús. The Brotherhood of the Wolf consists of a few baronial fencers who are focused on encouraging each other in our study of the martial art.

My fellow housemates would not expect nor want to receive preferential treatment from me if I were to be elected as Baroness. To give them preferential treatments would be to do a disservice to the barony and to the SCA.

6. Pennsic: would you be able to attend and camp with Barony (if the Barony again becomes a group at Pennsic) rather than staying home or camping only with your individual household?

We have always been at the same camp since we started in the SCA. In fact, Pennsic was our first event. We have our home at Pennsic and would be reluctant to move. That being said, we go out quite a bit and visit a number of other camps. If the Barony were to have its own encampment again, we would definitely be spending some time there.

7. Will you be available as an impartial "ear" to concerns in the Barony, and do your best to address any issues in a fair and equitable manner?

Absolutely. As Baron/ess, the populous of the Barony should be able to trust you and come to you for any advice or help on a problem within the Barony.

8. Submitted question was for Worm & Rhode

9. If you are honored with the seat of the barony, in what ways would you hold the office similar to previous coronets. In what ways would you do it differently.

I would continue the precedent of acknowledging and awarding those for contributions they have made to the baronial via baronial awards. We have been especially excited by the establishment of the Order of the Sunstone, Freya's Cup, and the Fiskar.

We would also continue to have a presence at as many martial practices, A&S workshops, and SCA events as we can.

Since we have only witnessed one reign of baronial coronets in Dragonship Haven we only have Joe and Brose to draw from as an example and we don't foresee doing much differently than they did. We

will have our own personalities to how we do things, but we plan to be as active as Joe and Brose had been.

10. How long have you lived in the Barony?

We have lived in the Barony for four years. We bought our house here last year and have no plans to go anywhere.

11. What is your favorite tradition that you'd like to see brought back and why?

Since we have only lived in the Barony for four years, we are uneducated in past traditions, but would be very open to learning about them and would be more than happy to consider bringing them back if the populace wishes them to be.

12. What is your least favorite tradition and why?

We would refer to our previous answer.

13. What 3 qualities make you uniquely qualified to be the Baron or Baroness?

The first unique quality that we both share is that we have been very good friends with all of the recent, and upcoming, Barons and Baronesses in the Central Region for years now. It will make working with our neighbors easier and can lead to new event ideas and collaborations.

The second is that we've both been active in many aspects of the SCA. Though we're known primarily for our fencing we've been involved with archery, several of the arts and sciences, service (officers, Queen's Guards, autocrating, demos), equestrian, and even a little thrown weapons. I think this gives us insight into many of the communities within our Barony and Society.

The third is amount of time we have spent serving behind the thrones. This service has given us insight into the inner workings of court which we believe will give us inspiration for running efficient and, hopefully, entertaining baronial courts.

14. What events outside of Barony do you feel are "must attend" events (barring real world issues)?

Coronations, baronial investitures, crown tournaments, K&Q championships, BBM/Bergental Yule, and events with Curia.

15. What do you feel are the duties and responsibilities of a Baron/ess (besides those listed in Custom or Law)?

As Baron/ess, we would be a leader to and for the populace. In that respect, our duties would include: being the voices and ears to the concerns of the people, acknowledging those who contribute to the barony, and being positive representations of the barony at all events and meetings we attend in the SCA.

16. What prior officer positions have you held?

Catalina: I have been Deputy Fencing Marshal and I am currently the Baronial Fencing Marshal.

Llewellyn: I am the current Baronial Exchequer.

17. **What is the one big thing you'd like to accomplish as Baron/ess?**

We would like to recruit and retain at least 5 new members into the barony.

18. **Will you bring back meeting with the orders or the Principals or at least requesting suggestions from the orders for new members?**

We definitely plan to continue asking for suggestions from order members for new members and think it would be beneficial to have order meetings once a year to evaluate the concerns of the orders.