

Unto their Majesties of the East, their Excellencies Baroness Renye Wurm and Baroness Rhode Kephhalaina, Deputy Seneschal Baron Joseph of the Red Griffin, and the good gentles of the Barony of Dragonship Haven, do we Pan Casimir Sarkastyczny and Sayyida Umm Butrus A'isha al-Anida send their most warm and sincere greetings.

We are writing this letter of our intention to run for the position of Baron and Baroness of Dragonship Haven. We humbly offer our service to the Barony and to the East Kingdom. We offer our skills and time in support of the people of the Barony of Dragonship Haven.

For the past three decades, we have lived the Dream of the SCA. Ambitious in our youth, the second event we attended was Pennsic 21 in 1992. Our history of service in the SCA started in the (now defunct) Canton of Northpass (Ostgardr) where we were active members for years. It continued by becoming founding members of the Dawn Moose Guard, a household that earned the Ostgardr Order of the Seahorse (a Crown Province service award) in 1996. We later became members of the East Kingdom Brewer's Guild and House De Londres, a brewing household. Even though we lived outside the Barony, we attended the occasional Dragonship Haven fighter practice and it was there we were first introduced to the members of the Barony. Twenty years ago, we moved to our current home and became true and proper members of Dragonship Haven.

Casimir Sarkastyczny is my late period Polish persona from the Town of Puck on the Baltic Sea. I have held offices in the Canton of Northpass and Dragonship Haven including exchequer, chronicler, archery marshal, thrown weapons marshal, and seneschal. My time in the SCA has been spent in service to others. I have worked in kitchens and volunteered at gate in events from Vermont to Delaware and have been a Steward and Feastocrat for numerous other events. I am heavily involved in archery having designed and run many archery tournaments always lending a hand on the archery field both at home and for other groups in need of a marshal whenever they put out the call. I am a deputy archery coordinator for Pennsic this year. Due to my service, I have been awarded Apollo's Arrow, the Silver Wheel, The Yale, and the Order of St Martin and I am grateful for the recognition I have received.

Umm Butrus A'isha al-Anida is my persona from the Golden Age of Cordoba. I have served in both the Canton of Northpass and Dragonship Haven. I have been a deputy exchequer, herald, archery marshal, chatelaine, deputy chronicler, youth combat marshal, and Mistress of Arts and Sciences. I volunteered in kitchens and Gate both locally and for our neighbors. Over the years at Pennsic, I worked Gate, Herald's Point, Lost and Found, Security, as well as marshalled on the archery field and for youth combat. I ran and hosted workshops both in person and virtually and encouraged others to do the same. I have set up hospitality areas for the archery field for a number of events. I have been awarded the Yale, Silver Wheel, and Freya's Cup.

We choose to run for Baron and Baroness to further serve our extended family, Dragonship Haven. Our Barony is held in high esteem by our neighbors and we wish to expand on our relationships with them. We support and recognize the good gentles who have stepped up when our neighbors have needed assistance whether it is at a demo or running the kitchen. It is our desire to strengthen these bonds through mutual support, sincere respect, and co-operation. We would be honored to be the public face of Dragonship Haven.

We plan to increase the prominence of the Barony by proudly flying the Baronial banner at as many events as we can. In this way will our neighbors be reminded of our Barony's presence at events and our

people will have a central point to gather. We would like to help grow the Barony by working to increase our visibility to encourage new members. We need to better engage the next, younger generation who will be the future leaders, artisans, and officers of Dragonship Haven and possibly beyond. There is nothing like the spark when someone discovers the Dream that is the Society. As part of this, we aspire to increase recruitment and our presence at fairs and demos. In order to better prosper, we need to seek out, welcome, and teach those who show an interest in medieval learning and reenactment. It is our duty to pass our knowledge to the next generation. Sharing the Dream will help to fulfil the Society's mission as an educational organization.

Dragonship Haven has a well deserved reputation for martial endeavors. Balfar's Challenge is an annual delight with a multitude of contests of the warrior's arts. Whenever an event has needed marshals of archery or thrown weapons, the Barony has always answered the call. We wish to continue these traditions. As your baron and baroness, we will lend our support to help our people continue to advance in their skills and receive the recognitions they warrant.

Our Barony has an abundance of talented artisans. We aim to increase acknowledgement of their work by recommending our Barony bring them to the attention of the Kingdom for the awards they so justly deserve. We want to encourage those who are willing to share their knowledge with others by sponsoring their workshops or promoting their work on the baronial website so others may be inspired.

We ask you, the good people of Dragonship Haven and their Excellencies, to look upon this, our letter of intent, with favor that we may take up this task to serve the Barony we all love. As Baron and Baroness, we would be able seek out the counsel of the populace so that their words and thoughts may be known, support the ongoing endeavors of our people, and welcome new members and friends. Know that should we not be chosen, we will continue to serve the Barony to the utmost of our abilities.

To this we pledge by our hand, Pan Casimir Sarkastyczny and Sayyida Umm Butrus A'isha al-Anida

Yours In Service To The Dream,

*Casimir Sarkastyczny*

*Umm Butrus A'isha al-Anida*

