

Unto the Crown of the East, and the Coronet and People of the Barony of Dragonship Haven I bid you a good day. I am Morgan ap Rhys ap Bran and I wish to recommend myself for Baron of Dragonship Haven in partnership with Lady Clarice d'Allaines le Comte.

I believe that the Society, and more specifically the Barony, represents the primary outreach to the community, both within the Society and to the general public. And, in my years of being involved with various groups and living history work, I have enjoyed the opportunity to bring "dull and boring" history to life for those who only know it as dates and events. The whys and hows of our ancestor's efforts – often things we take for granted today – is nothing short of amazing given what they knew and the tools available to them. The ability to bring that all to life, in context, is the best thing we can do to grow the Barony and educate those who would otherwise write off history as dull. It is anything but that!

I have lived in the Barony of Dragonship Haven for over 20 years and served as its Seneschal multiple times and as its Chronicler. Mundanely I work in the business continuity field for a significant insurer in Hartford. In this role, I focus on helping my business teams plan for and manage disrupting situations. This "contingency" mindset has been most helpful in helping groups to manage situations within the Barony.

I have always been a champion of equal representation for all aspects of the Barony. All arts, sciences, and martial activities should be similarly supported. And special interests can be indulged when they meet the primary goal of the Society – education.

In my role as Baron, I feel it is incumbent on me to support, encourage, and participate in as many aspects of the Barony as I am able. In recent time I have been somewhat absent from the Barony, but I am rested and ready to return with renewed vigor and, with Clarice's partnership of a fresh viewpoint to help guide us in today's world. A lot has changed in the 40+ years since I first joined the Society. I would hope to use my real-world experience, both inside and outside of the Society, to help the Barony to prosper and grow.

In my tenure as Seneschal, we supported some specialty events that focused on such specific topics as period dance instruction; or another that focused on teaching techniques for open-fire cooking. While both events may have lost a modest sum of money, they were wildly successful in terms of their educational abilities and were highly spoken of in many of those specialized circles. As long as the Barony has sufficiently deep coffers – and we have signature events for that (Balfar's Challenge and St. Elegius); These events allow us to make opportunities to provide for other, more specialized, interests.

The first St. Elegius was, in fact, envisioned and managed by my wife (Mistress Eilis in Bhraonain) and myself. It was designed around an arts and sciences pentathlon in addition to a fighters collegium. Truly something for everyone. Even the list masters we able to teach new recruits about techniques to manage a multi-format list field.

I have also served as the Majordomo for a number of the Crowns of the East, and on multiple occasions, managed the operations for the East Kingdom Royal encampment at Pennsic.

I believe that the role of the baronial coronet is to be the eyes, ears, and hands of the Crown of the East within the Barony and to partner with other regional groups in the East to the benefit of all parties. Within the Barony I believe our role is to work to get the best for the people of the Barony and the best from the people of the Barony. As long as we are working in partnership with all, we cannot expect anything less than success.

With these thoughts in mind, I ask for the support of the people and Coronet of the Barony of Dragonship Haven, and the blessing of the Crown of the East.

In Service, I remain,

Morgan ap Rhys ap Bran

Master of the Pelican  
Baron of the Eastern Court

Companion of the Silver Crescent

Companion of the Yale

Companion of the Consorts Order of Courtesy

Sovereign's Cypher

Consort's Cypher