



Lords and Ladies of the Great Azure Barony of Elfsea,

After a Glorious reign, William and Cassandra have decided to step down as the Baron and Baroness and have put the call out to the populous to see who amongst the people would head the call.

And so they have.

Here now are the two petitions to the populous for the honor of bearing the title of the next Baron and Baroness:

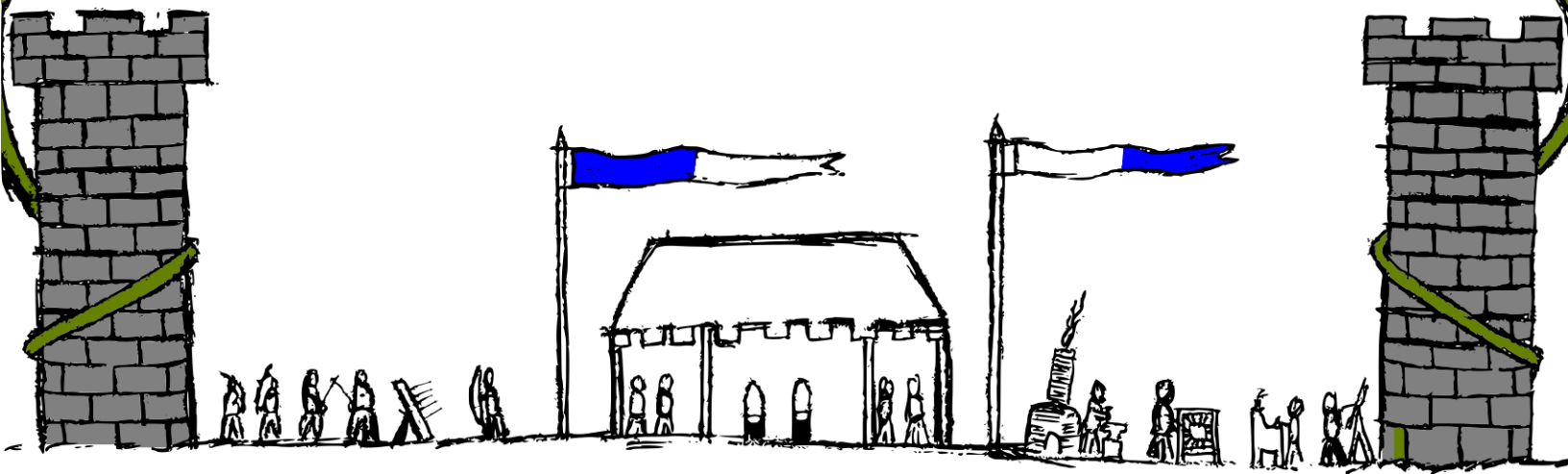
Honorable Lord Absolon de Herford and Honorable Lady Silvana Corwin

And

Lord Kazimierz Ziowiezczy and Lady Katheryn Margarete de Ryes

Populous polling for the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor will be June 10th, 2018

Populous Polling for the Barony of Elfsea will be June 25th, 2018





Unto Your Stellar Majesties, Your Azure Excellencies, and the Populace of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor do we, Honorable Lord Absolon of Hereford and Honorable Lady Silvana Corwin, submit our names for your consideration to become the next Baron and Baroness of Elfsea, Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor.

HL Absolon has served the Barony of Elfsea in many different ways. First, he served as a member of Elfsea's Financial Committee. In his two years as knight marshal he made sure to fulfill all obligations of his office and then some. Not only did he rarely miss a practice, but he was there to teach and ensure safety. HL Absolon even made his way to Dragonsfire Tor to help the Canton get its heavy fighting program going stronger. He also hosted armor repair workshops in an effort to ensure the safety and sustainability of the loaner gear. After he stepped down as knight marshal, HL Absolon continued to serve in an unofficial capacity. He still, even now, helps to teach and train new fighters. HL Absolon has also served faithfully as the Court Herald for Their Excellencies, William and Cassandra. HL Absolon has served the Barony with his art of calligraphy for which he received the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra. The majority of the scrolls to come out of Elfsea in the past two years have been written by his hand. HL Absolon has also served in the capacity of an event Autocrat within Elfsea. HL Absolon has also served the Kingdom of Ansteorra. Currently, he is the General of the Central Regional Army for His Majesty. For his commitment to chivalric combat he was granted the Sable Talon of Ansteorra and he was also admitted into the Order of the Centurion of the Sable Star.

HL Silvana has served the Barony as well. Her first office was as Minister of Children for Elfsea. At the time Elfsea did not have a MOC and had not had one for some time. HL Silvana stepped in and was able to get the office up and running successfully with the support of Their Excellencies, William and Cassandra and the Elfsea Officers. During her time as Elfsea MOC, HL Silvana happily served not only the Barony but the Canton as well. HL Silvana fulfilled the role of MOC at events hosted by Dragonsfire Tor on both the kingdom and local levels. After a successful year and a half as the baronial MOC, HL Silvana heeded the calling of the Kingdom and stepped up as Kingdom MOC. This was only after she had found a suitable replacement in Lady Liaden Orlanderson. HL Silvana has served as KMOC faithfully and will be stepping down at the July Round Table. For her service to children, HL Silvana was granted the award of the Compass Rose of Ansteorra. HL Silvana also took up the reigns of the Costuming Guild of Elfsea. After passing the Guild onto Lady Yvette, she took on the Scribal Guild after the Principal Scribe moved out of Kingdom. With HL Silvana at the helm as Principal Scribe of Elfsea, the scribal community in Elfsea has grown and flourished. For her work within the art of illumination HL Silvana was granted the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra. Through HL Silvana and HL Absolon, the plan to see original scrolls come out of Elfsea continues to the present, knowledge that is known throughout the Kingdom. HL Silvana has also overseen the success of demos and events within the Barony. With service to both the Barony, the Canton, and the Kingdom, HL Silvana was granted entrance into the Order of the Star of Merit.

Both HL Absolon and HL Silvana hold a Portcullis of Elfsea and both have been admitted into the Order of the Azure Keystone of Elfsea. For his work in calligraphy, HL Absolon was granted the Eastern Tower of Elfsea and for his dedication to chivalric combat, he was granted the Western Tower of Elfsea. For her personal service to Her Excellency, Cassandra, HL Silvana was awarded the Azure Pearl of Elfsea.

We do understand the position can be a difficult one at times and that there can be added strains to those that wear the Baronial coronets. Though we have not been married for as long as some, we have a strong relationship that has been tried and tested true and continues to stay strong. We are also blessed with children that are responsible and willing to work and help

however they can. They understand the importance of the position we are striving for and are also excited for us as a family to potentially transition into such an esteemed position.

We also understand the financial obligations of the position of Baron and Baroness and are in a position in which we can successfully fulfill the role. Already we travel far beyond the borders of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor throughout the Kingdom and we will continue to do so.

We feel that in our previous services to the Barony, the Canton, and the Kingdom we have learned much and will continue to serve the Barony no matter the choice made by the Crown. In our heart of hearts, we wish to see the continuing success of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor and will ever endeavor to see the Barony flourish. We wish to continue the practice of leadership through service so easily seen in Their Excellencies, William and Cassandra. We also greatly desire to continue to see new growth through new members to our Barony and Canton and will always endeavor to make everyone, from our oldest nobles to our youngest novices, feel welcomed and a part of an extended family.

We strongly believe that the Officer Corps of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor have done an amazing job of administering the Barony and Canton and will continue to do so. We are also not so prideful that we would not stop and ask for counsel from our Peers and our Predecessors. We strongly believe in sharing knowledge and learning, no matter our rank or position. We will always endeavor to bring peace to the Barony and the Canton and to address difficult situations with patience and dignity. We strive to bring honor to the Barony and Canton and do our best to represent both in noble fashion.

Thank you for your time in reading this missive and for the honor of considering us worthy applicants as the Heirs of Their Azure Excellencies, William and Cassandra.

Always in Enduring Service,

Absolon and Silvana



Unto Their Stellar Majesties of Ansteorra, King Jason Drysdale and Queen Margherita de Mantua, Their Excellencies of Elfsea, Baron William Palfrey and Baroness Cassandra Palfrey, and the Populaces of the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor, do we, Lord Kazimierz Zlowieszczy and Lady Katheryn Margarete de Ryes, send our Greetings and Prayers for Your Good Health.

It is with great sorrow that we send this missive, having heard that our Beloved Baron and Baroness of Elfsea have requested of Your Majesties to be relieved of their obligations as Your Representatives in the Barony. Thoughts of Their retirement and the sad void it will leave in the Barony have given us pause to consider what the future of Elfsea might hold these next few years. We, Lord Kazimierz and Lady Katheryn after long and careful deliberation, humbly request consideration for this role in Your Great Barony and it is our intent, by this letter, to officially submit our names to serve Your Majesties and Your eventual Heirs, as the newest Baron and Baroness of Elfsea and Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor.

We have been living the Dream for well over a decade, first in the Shire of Loch Ruadh and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor, then more recently in the Barony of Elfsea. Lady Katheryn was already a member of the Society when Lord Kazimierz joined. From the moment the two of us met at a Loch Ruadh fighter practice, a friendship between our families formed that has lasted unbroken and uninterrupted to this day. We have served local groups together and supported each other through personal triumphs and tragedies. Our personas have evolved through our friendship. What was once a joke between us that we were brother and sister, separated at birth, has now become so embedded in

our lives that many who read this letter will be surprised to learn that we are, in fact, not related by blood nor are we married.

Our period in the Society has been full and rewarding mostly because we believe strongly in the Noble Virtue of Service. We have never performed duties to any group, or the Kingdom, for recognition. We have embraced what we call “stealth service” for many years. However, we are compelled by the circumstances of this letter to list the awards and positions that we have held for the benefit of Your Majesties. Therefore, we humbly submit our lists of accomplishments so that You may better understand our devotion to the Dream.

Lord Kazimierz holds the following awards from the Crown; an Award of Arms, a Sable Comet for service to Your Shire of Loch Ruadh, a Sable Comet for service to Your Canton of Dragonsfire Tor and a Sable Thistle. Additionally, he has been awarded a Portcullis for service to Your Barony of Elfsea. He has served the Shire of Loch Ruadh as Knight Marshal and Herald. He is currently on the Financial Committee for the Barony of Elfsea. Lord Kazimierz has served as Autocrat for numerous events including Loch Ruadh’s Lughnasad twice, Loch Ruadh’s Fall Brawl, Dragonsfire Tor’s Yule Revel, and the two most recent Elfsea Defender events.

Lady Katheryn holds the following awards from the Crown; an Award of Arms, a Sable Comet for service to Your Shire of Loch Ruadh, and a Sable Comet for service to Your Canton of Dragonsfire Tor. Additionally, she has also been twice awarded a Portcullis for service to Your Barony of Elfsea. She has served the Shire of Loch Ruadh as Chronicler and Hospitaler and she is currently the Hospitaler for the Barony of Elfsea. Lady Katheryn has served as Autocrat for numerous events including Loch Ruadh’s Lughnasad, Loch Ruadh’s Fall Brawl, Loch Ruadh’s Shannon River Raids, and the two most recent Elfsea Defender events. In addition, she has served as Feast Steward for several Noble’s luncheons and events, including Queen’s Champion.

Now that we have offered a brief look into our past in our beloved Society, pray allow us to offer a glimpse into the future and how we request to be allowed to serve the Barony of Elfsea. If chosen as the next Baron and Baroness, we would strive to aid every member of your populace, both Baronial and in Your Canton, in achieving their Dream. From wizened Peer to nervous newcomer, everyone who joins us in the Society has, or will develop, their own goals and dreams. We will work to connect each member with persons who can assist them in growing in skill and ability to reach their potential. Every new fighter needs instruction in footwork, every first-time illuminator requires someone to show them

brushwork. Our mission will be to introduce students to teachers and teachers to students. Additionally, we will endeavor to ensure recognition and encouragement is provided to those who give freely of their time to teach and those who dedicate endless hours to practicing what they are taught.

We also want to engage members who are not quite new but have not taken the next step into seeing the rewards of Service or the Arts. If they are willing and have an interest, we would like to cultivate the next generation of Stewards and Officers. These members with new ideas, when guided by experience, are necessary to keep the Dream alive and flourishing.

Another area, which is close to both of our hearts, is encouraging the participation of our youth. Elfsea has a wonderful youth arts program. However, the youth combat in our Barony desperately needs a strong and dedicated leadership group, committed to teaching and strengthening the Baronial forces of the future. To this end, we will seek out the leaders needed and ensure the youth are given a place of Honor at our events.

We wish to assure Your Majesties that, mundanely, we have both the time and financial resources required to fulfill the duties of Baron and Baroness. Lord Kazimierz is employed with a local civil engineering firm, designing projects across the State and Nation while guiding junior employees in developing the skills they require to advance their careers. Lady Katheryn is employed in elementary education, working with young minds, instilling a sense of wonder and responsibility to our next generation. While both of our jobs can be demanding at times, we have found balance in our lives between our mundane careers and the Dream. We are fully capable and willing to pledge a minimum of three years of service to Your Majesties, Your Heirs, and the surrounding populace.

We thank you for reading this missive and considering us for this responsibility. Pray, forgive us for its length. However, we sought to give you a sense of who we are, the depth of our passion for the Dream and our Love for the Kingdom of Ansteorra, the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor.



Yours in Service,
Lord Kazimierz Złowieszczy
and
Lady Katheryn Margarete de Ryes



