

A hand-drawn illustration of a stone archway made of rectangular blocks. A scroll is draped over the left side of the arch, and a quill pen lies on its surface. The entire scene is framed by a yellow border with a blue outer edge.

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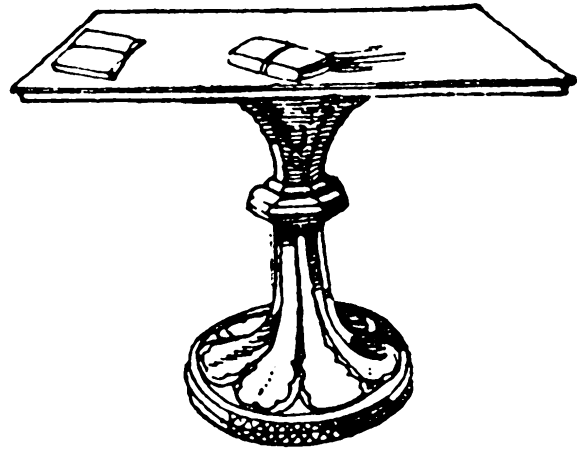
# Elfsea Tidings

Newsletter for the  
Barony of Elfsea

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# A Message from the Central Regional Seneschal



Greetings unto the populace of Elfsea from the Central Regional Seneschal! As you all know, Baron Kazimierz and Baroness Katheryn are stepping down in September.

It is my great pleasure to announce that Sir Absolon of Hereford and the Honorable Lady Silvana Corwin, and Lord Thomas Grey and Lady Floria Black Dragon have submitted Letters of Intent to apply for the office of Baron and Baroness. They are all good people, and the Crown has a weighty decision for you, the populace, to help them with.

We will be having an in-person meeting to conduct a polling of the Elfsea populace on July 17, 2023. Please come join me at the polling. If you cannot be there, then fill out the absentee ballot below and email it to [central@seneschal.ansteorra.org](mailto:central@seneschal.ansteorra.org). The absentee forms must be in my email inbox no later than July 24, 2023.

Remember that baronial pollings are not a democratic vote and do not necessarily determine who will be chosen for a position. Rather, pollings provide a way for the Crown to hear and consider the opinions of the populace on the matter of Baronial succession. The Crown considers many factors when choosing new Landed Nobility, including the results of the polling.

Everyone can fill out a polling form. You do not have to be a member of the SCA or a resident of Elfsea to express an opinion.

Those Letters of Intent are published here, along with the polling form.

If you have any questions as to the polling process, please email me at [central@seneschal.ansteorra.org](mailto:central@seneschal.ansteorra.org).

Yours In Service,  
Lady Esmeralda Malaspina  
Central Regional Seneschal  
Kingdom of Ansteorra

# Letter of Intent #1

Greetings unto Their Stellar Majesties of Ansteorra, King Gabriel of Maccuswell and Queen Sonja Ryzaja, Their Excellencies of Elfsea, Baron Kazimierz Zlowieszczy and Baroness Katheryn Margarete de Reyes, and the populaces of the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor.

We, Lord Thomas Grey and Lady Floria Black Dragon, do humbly submit this letter of intent to be named as the next Baron and Baroness of Elfsea and Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor. Elfsea is our home, having welcomed us with open arms, showing us how beautiful the Dream can be. It would be an honor to serve the Barony, the Canton, and the Kingdom in this way.

We are a husband-and-wife team with a diverse set of talents and experiences that we believe will serve the Barony and Canton well. If chosen, we have the time and resources available to us to commit to a minimum of three years of service.

Lord Thomas Grey joined the SCA in 2005, first in the Shire of Loch Ruadh, and now in the Barony of Elfsea. He served Loch Ruadh as Hospitaler and Exchequer and was co-autocrat of Loch Ruadh's Day of Games. In Elfsea, he is currently serving on the financial committee and as Webminister. Lord Thomas holds the following awards from the Crown; an Award of Arms, a Sable Comet for service in Your Shire of Loch Ruadh, and a Sable Thistle in woodworking. Additionally, he has been awarded the Eastern Tower of Elfsea for period cooking.

Over the years, Lord Thomas has worked gate shifts, served, planned, and cleaned up after many feasts, and helped set up and tear down multiple events not just in the central region, but throughout Your Kingdom. He loves to find where help is needed and fill in the gap. Lord Thomas has served outside of Ansteorra, as well. From the beginning of the project to its completion five years later, he participated in the building of the Woodshop in Early Period Life on the Gulf Wars site. Alongside friends from Calontir, he was able to indulge in his passions for woodworking and teaching. He was involved in all aspects of the construction and was given the opportunity to teach others various techniques.

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Mundanely, Lord Thomas works as an inspector in the construction industry where he has held several leadership positions, where interpersonal skills and problem solving are a must.

Lady Floria Black Dragon joined the SCA in 2005, first in the Shire of Loch Ruadh, and now in the Barony of Elfsea. She served Loch Ruadh as Chronicler, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Deputy Seneschal, and coautocrat of Loch Ruadh's Day of Games. In Elfsea, she is currently serving as Minister of Arts and Sciences, and head of the Gardening Guild, which she founded. Lady Floria holds an Award of Arms from the Crown. Additionally, she has been awarded a Portcullis for service, an Eastern Tower for costuming, and the Right of Riparian in Your Barony of Elfsea.

Lady Floria has been an artisan merchant in the SCA since 2006. First by selling her handmade soaps and poetry, then changing over to garb and various supplies. This is one of the ways she expresses her passion for the arts and teaching. A day spent talking with newcomers, helping someone find the right supplies for a project, and teaching young children about the wonders of rocks, is an inspiring and fulfilling day for her. Along with merchanting, she has volunteered for gate shifts, coordinated sideboards, made largess, and driven for transportation services at Gulf Wars.

It is her mundane experience that we believe will serve the Barony well. She has been an open mic poetry host and an editor of poetry, non-fiction, and children's books for several independent publishing houses for over 20 years. She feels the main objective of those jobs has been to help people identify their passions and to acquire the skills they need to succeed.

If chosen as the next Baron and Baroness we would continue the work of our predecessors of making the Barony and Canton a welcoming, safe place for all. We would support and empower our officers to help the Barony grow. We would foster an environment that encourages the populace to help the experienced find the curious, to pass on knowledge, and in doing so, find mutual inspiration. It is the populace that should shine the brightest. It would be our mission to ensure that happens.

Thank you for Your time and considering us for this opportunity.

Yours in service to the Dream,  
Lord Thomas Grey  
Lady Floria Black Dragon

## Letter of Intent #2



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

Sir 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 practice, but he was there to teach and ensure safety. He also hosted armor repair workshops to ensure the safety and sustainability of the loaner gear. After he stepped down as knight marshal, Sir Absolon continued to serve in an unofficial capacity. He still, even now, helps to teach and train new fighters. Sir Absolon has also served faithfully as the Court Herald for Their Excellencies, William and Cassandra. Sir Absolon has served the Barony with his art of calligraphy for which he received the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra. Most of the scrolls to come out of Elfsea in the past few years have been written by his hand. Sir Absolon has also served in the capacity of an event Autocrat within Elfsea. Sir Absolon has also served the Kingdom of Ansteorra. Previously, he was the General of the Central Regional Army for Their Majesties Jason and Margherita and currently is the Kingdom's Armored Combat Marshal. For his commitment to chivalric combat, he was granted the Sable Talon of Ansteorra, admitted into the Order of the Centurion of the Sable Star, and elevated to a Peer of the Realm when he was admitted into the Order of Chivalry. Outside of the Barony of Elfsea, Sir Absolon has been helpful in the kingdom itself. During the tenure of Baron Peter and Baroness Sarah of the Steppes, Sir Absolon would frequently attend fighter practices to assist the growing chivalric community of the neighboring barony, for which he was given the award of the Grice's Track. He also continues to attend practices in the Canton of Glasyn where he previously served as knight marshal for six years. For his enduring service to the Barony and Kingdom, Sir Absolon was also awarded the Sable Crane.

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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 served as KMOC faithfully, in total completing two terms. 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 Sir 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 a Sable Crane and entrance into the Order of the Star of Merit. Most recently, for her continued prowess in the arts, HL Silvana was admitted to the Order of the Iris of Merit. Outside of Elfsea, HL Silvana has also been supportive of the Barony of the Steppes and the Canton of Glaslyn through her scribal and embroidery artforms. For this support in the arts to the Barony of Steppes and Canton of Glaslyn, Their Excellencies Baudoyne and Katherine bestowed HL Silvana with the award of the Forest Light.

Both Sir 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 and in voice heraldry, Sir Absolon was granted the Eastern Tower of Elfsea twice, 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. For her skill in illumination, HL Silvana was also awarded an Eastern Tower.

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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 throughout the Kingdom, and we will continue to do so.

We feel that in our previous and current services to the Barony 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 will ever endeavor to see the Barony flourish. We wish to continue the practice of leadership through service so easily seen in Their Excellencies, Kazimierz and Katheryn. We also greatly desire to continue to see new growth through new members to our Barony 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 have done an amazing job of administering the Barony 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 to address difficult situations with patience and dignity. We strive to bring honor to the Barony 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, Kazimierz and Katheryn.

Always in Enduring Service,  
Absolon and Silvana



# Member Ballot

## Polling form

### Opinion Polling: Barony of Elfsea Landed Nobility

Results of this opinion poll will be shared only with the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Crown. The results of this baronial opinion poll will not be made public. This is the norm for opinion polls conducted in Ansteorra. Please understand that this poll is a measure of your opinions, not a "vote." The Crown alone makes the decision, in consultation with their Heirs.

The following candidates have declared their intent to run for the position of landed nobility of the Barony of Elfsea. Please rank each couple or candidate in the order with 1 being your first choice.

| Candidates  | Rank (with 1 being your first choice) |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sir Absolon of Hereford and Honorable Lady Silvana Corwin |                                       |
| Lord Thomas Grey and Lady Floria Black Dragon             |                                       |

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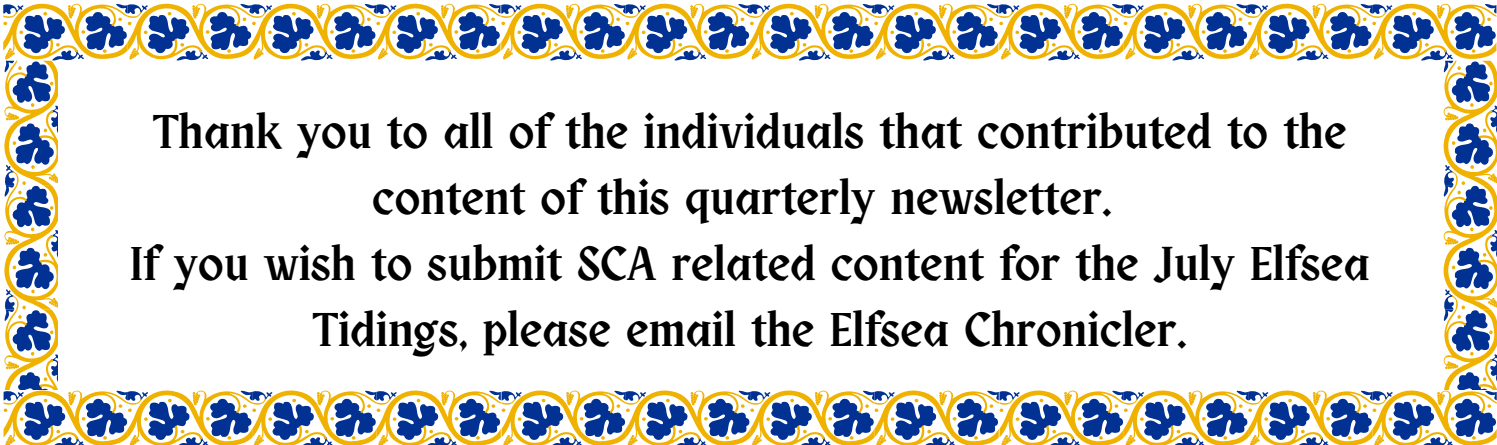
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Thank you to all of the individuals that contributed to the  
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If you wish to submit SCA related content for the July Elfsea  
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