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From the Baron and Baroness



Dearest Barony,

It is with a somber heart that we write this missive to you, our beloved Barony.

After a long battle with a barrage of mundane obstacles, we've had to accept the reality that our continued service as Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort will ultimately slow or even hinder the forward momentum that we worked so diligently to set in motion. As a promise I personally made to King Sven I, once the time came upon us that this was the case, we would numbly ask our Sovereign's permission to pass along this honour to another and to step down as your representatives.

At Queen's Champion we had the occasion to meet with our beloved Kingdom, where it was determined that letters of intent should be presented to Their Majesties, the Kingdom Seneschal, and ourselves as soon as possible (immediately). Polling is to be done at the July Populace, with Investiture to commence at this year's Defender.

We are excited for the new opportunities this brings to our much loved Barony, are looking forward to our new and continuing roles, and are looking forward to the future as it unfolds.

For it is in joyful service we remain,

Elrique Netterville and Sarah Róis Netterville

Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort



The Raven's Chronicle & *The Ansteorran Advisor*

As has been previously announced, after many years of Service our Sable Winged Excellencies are stepping down. The cry for applicants was heard and two parties have presented Letters of Intent for the Baronial seat.

On July 8, 2021 populace will be held, where the candidates will present their qualifications and a representative of the Crown will present the virtual voting procedures. Following Populace a new "Quoth" will be published further outlining these voting procedures.

Populace will be held via zoom at the following link:

- * <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86183118517?pwd=RFJjWXZWMFpyK0ZNMTlaM1Y1TUVNdz09>
- * Meeting ID: 861 8311 8517
- * Passcode: POPULACE
- * Dial by your location: 1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Below, please find the Letters of Intent, as submitted to the Crown.

*PLEASE NOTE: the only changes to the letters as published from their submission to the Crown was the deletion of personal information (address/phone numbers) of the candidates who provided them.



LETTER #1

Unto the holders of the Sable thrones, Jason and Margherita, Stellar Majesties of Ansteorra, do we Honorable Lord Jean-Michel de Meaux and Honorable Lady Marie de Meaux send our warmest and heartfelt greetings. It is with joy in our hearts that we received word that the plague that has been ravishing Your Majesties lands, and those of Your Cousins, is finally beginning to subside.

A wandering herald has recently brought news that Your Majesties are seeking heirs to the Baronial seats of Raven's Fort, the 8th oldest Barony in Ansteorra. Should it please Your Majesties, it would be our honor to be your landed representatives for the group of our SCA birth a score of years ago.

It has been our privilege to answer the calls of Your predecessors upon multiple battlefields. When Ansteorra was challenged or chose to support other Kingdoms in their claims to victory, we rose to the challenge with aprons, clipboards, and swords. We stood with our Kingdom at Battlemoor, Pennsic, Gulf Wars, and Diamond Wars as "Vivat Ansteorra" rang through the air.

The years have seen us travel across the great lands of Ansteorra and we returned home at long last. With these travels, we harnessed our knowledge and skills by continuing to hold offices and learning the cultural differences between Baronies, Shires, and Cantons. Collectively, we have held the positions of Knights Marshal, Seneschal, A&S Minister, Minister of Children, and Deputy Reeve within groups across Ansteorra. We have both had the privilege to serve as Captain of the Raven's Fort Baronial guard. These opportunities have provided the foundation of experience, wisdom, and emotional maturity needed to serve this Barony while still respecting the history and traditions of one of the oldest Baronies in the Kingdom.

Our primary goals would be recruitment and retention of new and existing members by way of hosting new demos in high visibility locations, listening to members concerns, and working on solutions that maximize continued participation and comradery. Recognizing issues that contributed to the decline of interest and membership and making adjustments to help strengthen the foundation of the Barony would be a significant part of our goals. Our hearts have always been in Raven's Fort and we love the history and people that reside here. Please consider us as candidates for Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort.

We thank Your Majesties for the opportunity and Your consideration.

Honorable Lord Jean-Michel and Honorable Lady Marie de Meaux

LETTER #2

Unto Their Most Royal Majesties of Ansteorra, The Most Noble Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort, and the gentle populace of the Barony of Raven's Fort, do Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort and Lady Gisele de Bier send our most humble and heartfelt greetings,

We write this missive today to inform you of our intent to be considered for the Baronial Seat of Raven's Fort. We wish to serve the Barony and the Kingdom in this capacity, in order to spearhead future growth and learning while maintaining the balance of values and traditions in support of the Dream. As liaison for the Barony to the Crown, liaison for the Crown to the Barony, and as an Officer of the Barony, we wish to continue our service to this great Kingdom by infusing the energy, enthusiasm, and love of the game to those around us.

Lady Gisele:

In my 25 years of being part of the SCA I have held many local offices including: Seneschal, Exchequer, A&S Minister, Chronicler, and Hospitaler. I have served as Event Steward, Feast Steward, Entourage to the Crown, List Mistress, Cry Herald, and participated in many demos. Service and artistic expression are the center of my SCA persona and career, with sewing, cooking, and illumination being of particular interest. I received my Award of Arms in 2000, and have received a Sable Comet, a Sable Thistle for costuming, a Sable Crane, the Bella Luce, and a Guardian of the Gate.

In my mundane life I have extensive experience in interpersonal interactions. I have been the liaison between the companies in which I am employed and the clients we serve. I can deescalate a bad situation quickly and am adept at giving people bad news/reviews in a way to minimize the negative effect on both the individual and the company. I have had the opportunity to set standards, perform training, and be team leader in varying roles. Philanthropy is an important part of my life and my person, and I put emphasis in teaching, public works, and charities.

Lady Seneca:

I have been in the SCA for almost a decade, and the entirety of that time has been spent in the service of Raven's Fort. I have served as Seneschal and Reeve, and am currently serving as the Chronicler. I have been the autocrat for numerous Raven's Fort events, and have spearheaded the inclusion of demos, organized Yules, and ensured meetings go smoothly. I have volunteered at varying events and served as Entourage for multiple Baronial Seats and Crowns. Service, illumination, and sewing has been the focus thus far in my SCA career, and I am finding myself drawn for the last few years to archery, fiber arts, and cooking. I received my Award of Arms in 2013, and have received the Sable Crane of Ansteorra, a Sable Sparrow, the Silver Fleur of Raven's Fort, and am a member of the Order of the Raven's Wing.

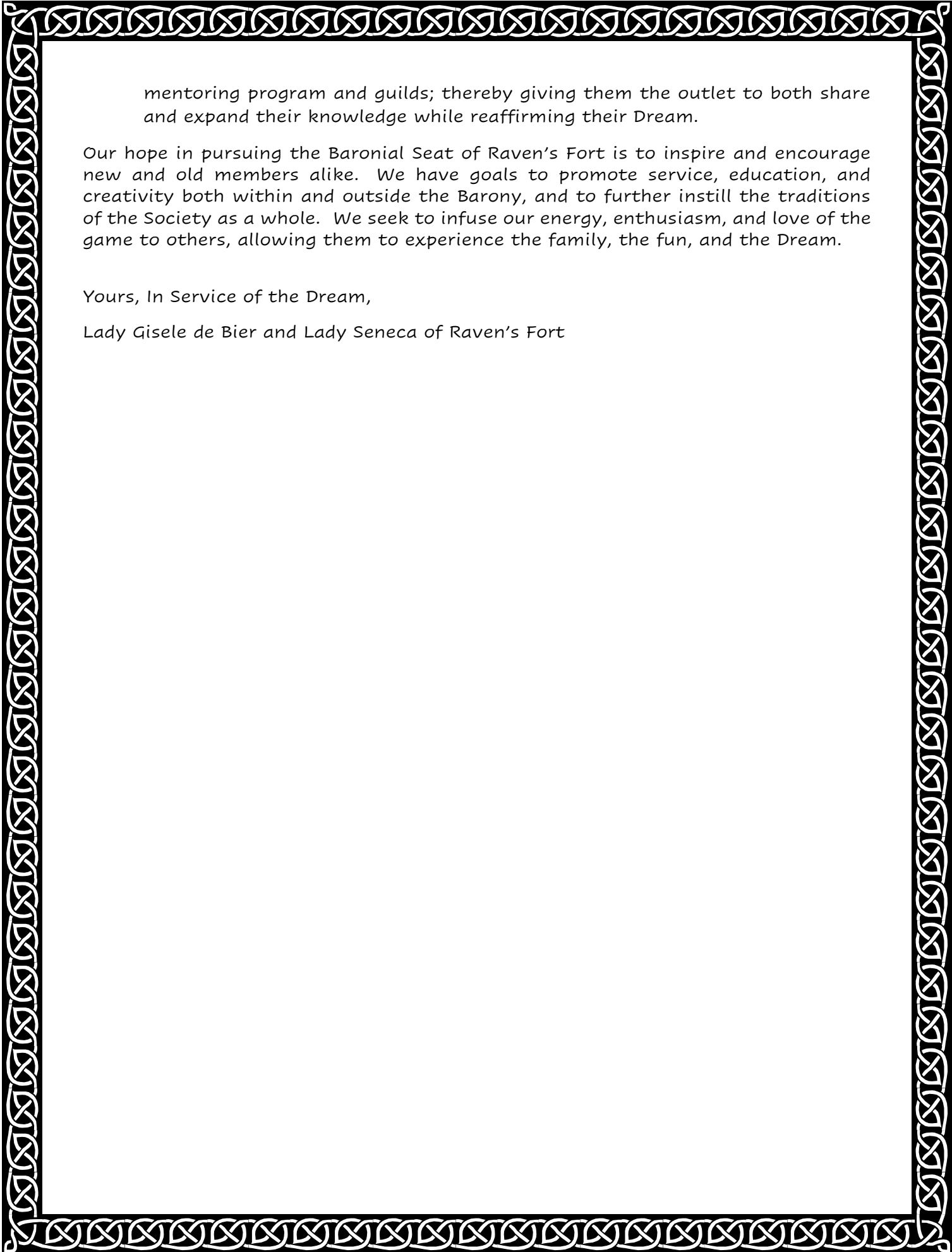
An attorney in the mundane world, many of the skills that I possess will transfer well into the Baronial Seat. Used to wading through the muck of rules and regulations, I am adept at adapting and explaining them in a concise and readily understood manner. Through interaction with a diverse set of populations, I am well versed in meditation, negotiation and tackling tough issues, while maintaining both the integrity of my position as well as being empathetic as to others' feelings,

position in life, and status. Being adept at public speaking and staying focused and on target will be extraordinarily beneficial in this role.

Goals:

Our goal for the Barony is to promote growth while balancing values and tradition with modern sensibilities and needs. We seek not only the inclusion of new ideas and people, but also seek to deepen the established relationships within our borders. To do this, we wish to increase our populace, not only with newcomers, but by bringing Ravens back into the fold and encouraging the enthusiasm of those currently active. To facilitate our goals of a vital Baronial Populace, our goals are the following:

1. Establish a mentoring program thereby coupling newcomers with current/old members - to take a newcomer by the hand, even at their first introduction, and help them find their own path into the Society. By encouraging their interests, we can do such things as explaining Court and Court procedures, as well as hierarchy, and showing them the varied opportunities for their learning that we have to share. Rather than simply igniting the spark and moving on, this program would allow for a more immersive experience, to give them someone they can both rely upon and develop a relationship with, thus ensuring that they become a part of the Dream.
2. Reestablish a presence at the University, and encouraging the youth of our area to become a part of our family.
3. Present and promote demos and demonstrations at schools, libraries, and other public functions in order to educate and recruit like-minded individuals.
4. Concentrating our attention and energies in promoting diverse events and demonstrations— bringing forth much of what has historically made the society fun, while still maintaining a modern flair. Encouraging themed events, with all of the accompanying pomp and ambiance that got us hooked initially. Reintroducing such activities as quests, hunts, masked balls, live musicians and live dancing - effectively making events a party again. Encouraging weekend events, and all the excitement that come with them - camping, torchlight tourneys, and the gathering around our campfires where we revel in old time-bardic (where we hear stories and song from the days of yore mixed with stories and feats of the day). Where we reignite the passion for feasts as we encourage the familial gathering of our brothers and sisters.
5. Encourage Ravens who have lost their way to come back to the flock. By reintroducing those values and traditions that brought us to the Society, encouraging education and mentoring, and by promoting such industries as quests, guild-togethers, and classes, we can reaffirm their history and encourage their future participation. There is a wealth of knowledge within our Barony, and they would be the perfect people to be involved in the



mentoring program and guilds; thereby giving them the outlet to both share and expand their knowledge while reaffirming their Dream.

Our hope in pursuing the Baronial Seat of Raven's Fort is to inspire and encourage new and old members alike. We have goals to promote service, education, and creativity both within and outside the Barony, and to further instill the traditions of the Society as a whole. We seek to infuse our energy, enthusiasm, and love of the game to others, allowing them to experience the family, the fun, and the Dream.

Yours, In Service of the Dream,

Lady Gisele de Bier and Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort

SCA resume by Gisele de Bier

1997- started playing in Barony of the Steppes

1. 1st lead roll was head of water bearing for Steppes Warlord
 - a) won best mask for the "medusa" mask
2. kitchen cleanup for 2 12th nights

2001- started playing in Gate's Edge

1. Taught a class on Elizabethan underpinnings and won "best period food" at a Stargate newcomers' event 2002 (can't remember what they were called back then). Taught a class on making goat cheese 2011
2. Autocrated Pestilence Ball
3. Feast steward for 1st "Court of Love" fall event 2002 & the "Bring out your Dead" fall event 2011
4. Chronicler
5. Voice heralding (too many events to list) 2001~2010
6. Prepared "hat lunch" for Stargate Baronial 2010~2011
7. Made Gate's Edge pass down championship banners
8. Sewing guild mistress
9. Gates Edge A & S minister 2011~2012
10. Scribal guild mistress 2011~2012
11. Gates Edge A & S champion (2003)
12. Member of Gates Edge financial committee 2011~2014
13. Gate's edge Seneschal 2012~2014
14. ran tavern for Ravens Fort War College
15. ran tavern for Grand Baronial 2013
16. Entourage: Aaron & Nicollet
17. lunch coordinator Queens 2013
18. feast steward BOYD2
19. Gulf Wars exchequer deputy: scheduling/bank liaison
20. Gates Edge exchequer 2014~2017

2020- returned to playing Ravens Fort

1. Deputy A & S minister 2021 ~ present
2. Sewing guild mistress 2021 ~ present

Awards: AOA 2001

Comet 2002

Thistle (costuming) 2004

Crane 2013

Lady Gisele de Bier mka Pamela Kendrick

SCA Resume - Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort

2010 - 2012

- Introduced to the Society while residing in the outreaches of the Kingdom (Rio Grande Valley)
- Began rapier training with Don Jeremy Skurlock
- Began going to events in Raven's Fort and Bryn Gwlad

2012 - current

- Moved to the Barony of Raven's Fort - February 2012
- Began playing in the Barony of Raven's Fort - March 2012
- Officer positions held:
 - Seneschal, November 2012 - 2014
 - Reeve, 2015 - 2018
 - Chronicler, 2019 - current
- Volunteer
 - Sat gate and performed "nasty crat" duties at my first Defender
 - Autocrat/co-autocrat for multiple events, including War College 2018, War College 2019, Defender 2018, War College 2020
 - Entourage for Baronial Seats for Bryn Gwlad and Raven's Fort
 - Entourage for multiple Crown's
 - Arranged and hosted numerous "workdays" and populace meetings.
 - Arranged and hosted the Fiber Arts Guild
 - Hosted fighter practices and "guild-together's"
 - Illuminated multiple Baronial Awards
- Awards
 - Award of Arms - 2013
 - Order of the Raven's Wing - 2015
 - Sable Crane of Ansteorra - 2016
 - the Silver Fleur of Raven's Fort - 2019
 - Sable Sparrow - 2020
- Interests
 - Rapier, 2010 - 2014
 - Archery, 2017 - current
 - Scribal guild/Illumination, 2017 - current
 - Sewing guild/sewing, 2013 - current
 - Fiber Arts guild/weaving, 2019 - current

Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort, mka Stephanie L. Allsup

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