



GETTING INVOLVED

There's many ways to get involved with the Barony! All of our social media can be found at

<https://linktr.ee/baronyoftheflame>

In addition, you can be added to our email list! Send an email to seneschal@baronyoftheflame.org to let them know you'd like to be added!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly practices are held Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm eastern at John Paul II Academy (3525 Goldsmith Ln). They regularly include armored and rapier combat, target archery, and diverse arts and sciences.

Regional target archery practice is held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park, weather permitting.

Other practices and local gatherings occur as weather, space, and marshals permit - watch the Baronial social media for announcements!

Our next Baronial business meeting will be on June 18 at 2 pm eastern on Zoom. The link will be posted on social media that morning, and also sent out via the email list.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Seneschal (vote on June 18): Ellowyn Kittel von Drachenstein (Stephanie Kittle) and Roberto José Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante (Roberto Fernández Morales)

Chronicler (vote on June 18): Æthelflæd of Deadman's Well (Sarah Upham)

Youth Minister (vote in August): Elise Kittel (Kelsey Kittle)

***DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE BARONIAL AWARDS?
NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY AT
BARONYOFTHEFLAME.ORG!***

SENESCHAL CANDIDATES

ELLOWYN KITTEL VON DRACHENSTEIN

Greetings to the Barony of the Flame! My name is Mistress Ellowyn Kittel von Drachenstein (Stephanie Kittle) and I am volunteering to be the next Seneschal. I have been in the SCA for 27 years and have served all those in the Barony of the Flame. I have held several officer positions in the Barony through the years such as Chronicler, Seneschal and Exchequer. I have also served as the Kingdom Charter Secretary and I have years of experience in Administration, Customer Service and Training and Organization in my SCA and working life, so I should have the knowledge and skills needed to do the job. My plan for the Barony is to keep everything organized and running within SCA Law and to facilitate us starting to get back together face-to-face. One of the main things I would like to see is meetings in person again (with online options too) and our Barony coming together after so long apart. We have so many new people who are attending practice and A&S activities, I am very excited to bring together our current Baronial members (who are our foundation) and the new generation. We have a rich history of people, knowledge and skills, I would like to see everyone sharing what they can. Our Barony has always been a family and I want to see that continue in the years to come. Thank you.



ROBERTO JOSÉ ALFONSO CAYETANO DE SAN FERNANDO TOLEDO RUIZ Y ESCALANTE

Being nominated for the office of the Seneschal of the Barony of the Flame is a high honor. To me, it shows that there are members of the ancient Barony that are ready to put the administration of the Barony in hands that include my own, to say nothing of our worthy Baron and Baroness and the other office members. As such, I write this today to delineate my goals and aspirations for the years-long effort that is being the Seneschal of the Barony of the Flame.

Firstly, among my primary goals is to deeply familiarize myself with, as well as examine, the rules and by-laws of the Barony to, with Their Excellencies and other office members' guidance, adjust any policy or by-law that might be out of compliance with Middle Kingdom law. This will aid us in making sure that the Barony is a smoothly and efficiently run system, both for ourselves in the present as well as others in the future.

Secondly, I aim to create a Baronial Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. This office will work closely with the Seneschal and Chatelaine primarily to ensure that policies remain equitable, recruitment diverse, and that any conflict is handled equitably and with compassion for potential victims.

Thirdly, I would like to work closely with the Office of the Exchequer in efforts to diversify and increase our revenue streams. This goal is in service to ensuring greater Baronial availability and participation. An increased and, hopefully diversified, revenue stream will allow the Barony to invest in loaner gear systems: more efficient storage systems and loaner armor/weapons for Armored and Rapier Combat as well as loaner Archery bows, arrows, and targets. As such, this goal requires detailed coordination with the various marshals of these activities for adequate and strategic planning.

Fourthly, I intend to work closely with the Baron and Baroness of the Flame to develop effective Baronial policy where needed. As a personal goal, I would like to also work with Their Excellencies and the Office of the Herald to increase Baronial awards that more accurately reflect different levels of recognition for involvement. Lastly, ambitious goals aside, this Barony has a tradition of excellence writ large. Both in its time as one of the Ancient and Venerable Baronies of South Oaken, to its fighting community, to its artisans, singers, teachers, makers, and members who give of themselves to make memories that affect members of the populace throughout the Known World. My commitment is to the Barony and to the tradition of excellence that it contains. As my last stated goal in this message, I intend to encourage our newer members of the populace into positions where they may form the future generations of leadership that keep this Barony alive. The senior members of the Flame give time and time again, so honoring that effort with newer efforts is the highest goal and aspiration.



**REMEMBER TO VOTE AT
OUR BARONIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2PM EASTERN
ZOOM LINK TO BE SENT OUT
THAT MORNING**