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Baronial Polling Information

Letter from the Regional Deputy Seneschal

Unto the populace of Hidden Mountain come Greetings!

With the concurrence of Their Majesties Athos and Alianora, I present three Letters of Intent (LOIs) from gentles wishing to become the next Baron and/or Baroness of Hidden Mountain.

These LOIs are for you to consider until Saturday January 10, 2026. On that date the official polling will begin. The polling window will be open from Saturday January 10, 2026 through Saturday January 31, 2026.

In order to participate in the polling, you must: -- be an SCA member at least through the end of the polling;
-- live within the zip-code-defined boundaries of the barony.

To submit your polling ballot, please do the following:

- Go to <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/>
- Click on Account, Log in, using the AEL (Atlantian Enterprise Login) that you already should have connected to the ESP (Electronic System for Pollings)
- Click on "If you are looking for the Pollings for the Baronies, please Switch to Baronial Pollings."
- Read the polling form in its entirety
- Select the candidate or candidate team you most prefer, by marking it as #1
- Mark the remaining candidates or candidate teams as #2, or #3. NOTE: all candidate teams must be ranked for your response to be considered
- After each candidate's or candidate team's LOI (Letter of Intent), type in any comments you may have about that person or team
- Review what you've typed (your candidate ranking and comments) to ensure it's accurate. Once you have submitted your response, you can not change it!
- If you wish to have a copy of your response sent to you, click on "Email this Response"
- Click on Submit Response
- Log off

If you have any questions, please contact me at sc-ga-regional@seneschal.atlantia.sca.org

Yours in service to Atlantia and the Barony of Hidden Mountain,
Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Regional Seneschal: South Carolina and Atlantian Georgia

Baronial Polling Information

Letter of Intent: Master Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban

Unto Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, all other Dignitaries, and the People of the Barony of Hidden Mountain, fair greeting.

Per instruction from the Regional Deputy Seneschal. Herewith are my -

- Full legal name: Robert M. Himmelsbach
- SCA name and title: Master Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban
- Email address: robhimmelsbach@gmail.com
- Membership number and expiration date: 223073, 9/30/2028
- Statement of Intent: as below =

If I may introduce myself, I am Master/Bishop Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban, OP, OL, OSC, OM, OPearl, OGD, Court Baron, and several other awards from Atlantia and the East Kingdom. I have been in my 53-year history in the SCA a Kingdom Herald, Kingdom Seneschal and Member of the Board of Directors (in/from the East Kingdom) as well as a local Seneschal, Herald, Exchequer, Minister of the List, and thrice Vicar of the Barony of Bhakail in the East, during baronial interregnums.

It is my wish to present myself as a candidate for the position of Baron of Hidden Mountain.

To answer the obvious Question (Why?) it is because I have never been a territorial Baron before, and because I believe I can bring experience in many areas, a fair knowledge of How It All Works, and a slightly off kilter sense of humor to the position and the Barony.

Mundanely, I am a 74-year olde retired Civil Servant whose last mundane job was as a Program Manager for nearly forty years in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, who has several authored or co-authored papers in peer-reviewed journals or presented at American Public Health Association and other professional conferences in my CV.

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I have been twice married, divorced from my late wife for some 50 years and widowed from my late husband for 10. I am a non-practicing Quaker (Society of Friends) and a Democratic Socialist.

In the SCA, I have fought in armored combat, albeit in Pennsics 2 and 3, and never since. I received my OM and OL for period cooking, recipe redaction and feast preparation, my OSC and Pelican for my service in Bhakail and as Brigantia Principal Herald of the East. I was the first member of the BoD from East of the Rockies, and while it has mostly been changed and revised, there are still a few small bits of “Corpora” I can identify as “I wrote that”. I took an approximate 13-year hiatus from the SCA before my retirement, as my career had taken over most of my available time and travel budget, returning after retirement and relocation to Charleston SC 11 years ago. (It is all different now!)

I permanently reside in Charleston and have often hosted local (Tear-Sea’s Shore) and Baronial meetings and classes. Between pension and Social Security, I can safely claim to be comfortably well-off, and able to afford the additional expenses of travel, transport, and other costs of the office. I do NOT however, drive a vehicle (Philadelphia has an excellent public transit system when it works; Charleston does not) but I rely on the kindness of friends and my housemate to get to places.

I am currently engaged in collecting period cookbooks and period counted-thread embroidery patterns and produce a fair quantity of cross-stitch and blackwork embroideries, many of which I give away in my determined effort to drag the Kingdom of Atlantia into the Renaissance! I make Late Medieval and Italian Renaissance garb and keep trying to get 16th C garb right, with awkward results.

I should note for the benefit of the Monarchs that I do not, and never have, swear/sworn fealty to any Crown or Kingdom. As a Quaker, we do not swear oaths and as a Bishop (I have permission from Laurel to use as an alternative title to “Master”) the Council of Clermont of 1095 forbade higher clergy to swear fealty to any Monarch. However, as do most modern Quakers when on jury duty and the like, I will affirm or make an affirmation to the effect of upholding the rules and regulations of the Society, if that is acceptable to Their Majesties. If this is NOT an acceptable variant to their Majesties, I respect your decision to reject my candidacy.

My contact information is: Robert Himmelsbach, 199 Cabrill Dr., Charleston SC 29414; robhimmelsbach@gmail.com; (843) 852-7896 or (267) 226-6916.

Baronial Polling Information

Letter of Intent: Baron Roibeard MacOscar and Lady Ysabeau

To their Royal Majesty's, The Great Kingdom of Atlantia and the populous of the Barony of Hidden Mountain.

We, Baron Roibeard MacOscar and Lady Ysabeau de Horres do announce our intention to lead our great Barony forward as their representatives to the Crown.

I, Roibeard MacOscar have been in the SCA since 2005, and very active within the Barony. I have held minor offices within the Barony and been a Kingdom youth Marshall for about six years. I have been working hard in the martial activities with heavy fighting and youth fighting. I have been honored to be recognized for many awards for fighting within the kingdom. I have held the position of Baron once before with my wonderful Baroness Mistress Cecilia Blythe, and continue to be active within the kingdom, supporting the kingdom and the Barony at major events, such as Gulf Wars and Pennsic. I have dabbled in the art of bardic, and I'm expanding my reach in the area of Mead making and bee husbandry. It would be my honor to represent the Barony as representative to the kingdom again with Lady Ysabeau de Horres.

Lady Ysabeau has been with the Society for seven years. In that time she has taken the role of Chate-laine in both the Canton and Barony. She has applied her mundane skills as a chef in the culinary arts to feed the populace at many events throughout the Kingdom. She has also served as Feast Steward and Autocrat at several key events. It is for this service that she was inducted into the Order of the Opal and Order of the Sable Mountain. Though she does not wield a sword or bow, she has always been the inspiration of many fighters, teaching newcomers and introducing them to the arts as fits their interests.

If honored with this opportunity, we intend to support the Kingdom and the Crown, Promote the ideals of the Society of Creative Anachronism in all endeavors. We plan to promote commrodorie within the Barony, elevate the Arts and sciences, support the Services, exemplify Chivalry. We will be the voice of Crown to the populace and representatives of the people in advice and consultation to the Kingdom.

We earnestly request your support and pledge to represent the Barony in everything positive, just and noble.

We thank you for your support.

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We thank you for your support.

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Baronial Polling Information

Letter of Intent: Lord Pippin the Red and Mistress Katherine la Douce

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Greetings to their Majesties and our beloved Barony,

I, Lord Pippin the Red, submit this statement in support of my joint candidacy with Mistress Katherine La Douce to serve as the next Baronial Coronet of Hidden Mountain. I have been active in the Society and within this Barony for nearly twenty years, and in that time, Hidden Mountain has become my chosen family and home.

During my years in the SCA, I have had the honor of serving both as Canton Seneschal and later as Baronial Seneschal, guiding Hidden Mountain through the beginning of the COVID pandemic and the end of its restrictions within the SCA. I was also honored to be inducted into the Barony's highest service order, the Order of the Pinnacle, a recognition that has strengthened my resolve to serve this Barony to the best of my ability. These experiences—especially during the pandemic's challenges—gave me an appreciation for the dedication and resilience of the populace.

I hope to bring that same commitment to the office of Baronial Coronet. I plan to be as engaged as I can in both cantons, working with their officers to support them in their meetings and activities. It is essential to me that every aspect of Hidden Mountain feels connected to the Barony as a whole, and I will strive to maintain these bonds through consistent presence and open communication.

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Letter of Intent: Lord Pippin the Red and Mistress Katherine la Douce

I am committed to uplifting our artisans, our martial communities, our tireless volunteers, and our newcomers—honoring the traditions that have shaped us while welcoming the ideas and enthusiasm that will guide our future.

It would be my privilege to serve the Crown and the people of Hidden Mountain in this capacity. I offer my time, my energy, and my wholehearted dedication should we be chosen.

In service,
Lord Pippin the Red

I, Mistress Katherine la Douce, am adding this statement of qualifications and ideas to promote the growth of the barony, kingdom, and society.

During my time in the SCA, I have served in various roles, including Canton Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Exchequer, Deputy Exchequer, Autocrat, Deputy Autocrat, Baronial Youth Officer, Vice Chancellor of YAFA, Vice Chancellor of the Pages Academy, Deputy Kingdom Youth Minister, and Kingdom Youth Minister.

During my years in the SCA, I have committed to working towards the growth of the family and youth programming. I would love the opportunity to focus that attention on growing both Cantons, the Barony, and the Kingdom by supporting the martial community, artisans, and those who serve tirelessly behind the scenes. I look forward to ensuring events are inspiring and fun for everyone.

It would be my pleasure to serve as the next baronage for Hidden Mountain, if we are chosen.

In service,
Mistress Katherine la Douce (formerly known as Katherine of the Doves)

A few Useful Links

Society for Creative Anachronism

Society Website: <http://www.sca.org/>

Society Newcomer Resources: <http://welcome.sca.org/>

Kingdom of Atlantia: Website: <http://atlantia.sca.org/>

Calendar: <http://atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events>

Newcomer's Page: <http://chatelain.atlantia.sca.org/>

Kingdom Regnum: <http://atlantia.sca.org/ofces/ofcers/regnum>

Order of Precedence: <http://op.atlantia.sca.org>

Atlantian History: <http://history.atlantia.sca.org/>

Barony of Hidden Mountain Website: <http://hiddenmountain.atlantia.sca.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HiddenMountainSCA>

Canton of Tear-Sea's Shore

Website: <http://tearseashore.atlantia.sca.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tearsseashore>

Canton of Misty Marsh by the Sea

Website: <http://mistymarsh.atlantia.sca.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MistyMarsh/>

Canton of Moorhaven

Website: <http://moorhaven.atlantia.sca.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/moorhaven>