

Additional Information

Description of Duties and Requirements to apply:

Role: ceremonial heads of a Barony, and representatives of the King and Queen; also a conduit to Their Majesties regarding the views of the populace on Kingdom issues. Typically filled by a pair to help share the very substantial workload. However, this is not a prerequisite, nor need the pair be in a mundane relationship or different genders.

Requires:

- current SCA membership and be aged at least 18
- a long-term view and strategic planning
- strong sense of leadership and responsibility
- an approach which allows and encourages others to play to their strengths
- being comfortable with pomp and ceremony
- wide range of interests
- excellent communication skills

Timeline of Event:

- March 2024 - Current B&B announce their intent to step down at RRAVE in Oct 24
- 1 June 2024 - Call for Innilgard baronial nominations goes out - 3 weeks
- 22 June 2024 - Nominations Close - 2 weeks for the Crown to consider
- 6 July 2024 - Candidates announced, 3 weeks for questions/meet & greets
 - 20 July Meet the candidates for an open Q&A session
- 27 July 2024 - Feedback form released - 2 weeks for populace feedback
- 10 August 2024 - Feedback closes, 2 weeks to collate information for the Crown to consider
- 21-23 Aug 2024 - Crown informs candidates
- 24 August 2024 - Announce Innilgard Baronial Successors
 - This gives the successful candidates about 8 weeks to prepare
- RRAVE Oct 2024 - Baronial Changeover Happens

Workload: This role lasts as long as Their Majesties and the incumbents desire, the average term in Lochac being 3-4 years. The main workload is attending as many events, practices and other meetings as possible, holding Court where required, and all the off-site work and communication which goes into making these activities go smoothly. Frequent Council attendance and reporting is a given, as is liaising with the Seneschal and sometimes other officers on a regular basis. Annual "state of the Barony" reports are to be made to Their Majesties as a brief, informative verbal report if present or a written report as you and They see fit. Letters of welcome and confirmation of fealty are required at the start of each new reign. Other communications are common, particularly in relation to Royal visits and/or Kingdom awards, as well as communication with the other Landed Baronages. Encouraging and handling award recommendations (both for local awards, and for Kingdom ones); tracking populace activity to inform meaningful decisions and/or comments.

Applications should include:

- The SCA and Mundane names of persons applying.

- Membership number
- Contact information including a telephone number
- The group in which they reside (however they do not need to reside within the boundary of the group to be suitable).
- Their acceptance to maintain membership for their entire term if selected.
- Details of what their priorities or vision might include if they held the office.
- Relevant experience from both within the organisation and from outside.
- A letter of intent which will be published as part of the notification to the group of the list of approved candidates.

To apply for the positions of Baron/Baroness,

Please send your application with above information to Duke Alaric of Bangor at chamberlain@innilgard.lochac.sca.org

Job description:

Corpora (Aug, 2018) states that:

- The basic duties of the Baron and/or Baroness are ceremonial in nature in reflecting the royal presence in the barony. The Crown may assign additional duties and responsibilities, according to the laws and customs of the kingdom.
- Territorial Barons and/or Baronesses are responsible to the Crown and (if the barony is within a principality) to the Coronet. The Baron and/or Baroness shall work with the baronial officers as circumstances dictate, and shall keep these officers informed as necessary for the efficient performance of their duties and effective liaison within the barony.
- The privileges, duties, and rights, ceremonial and otherwise, of the office of territorial Baron and/or Baroness are established by the laws and customs of the kingdom, and shall include the right to make such awards as the Crown (or the Coronet, if applicable) shall specifically delegate, and to establish and present non-armigerous awards specific to the barony.
- Work with the Seneschal and Baronial Council to develop and carry out an effective long term strategy for growing the Barony's numbers, activities, capabilities and enjoyment, and fostering the development of new or offshoot groups remote from the Barony's centre.
- Nurture and strengthen the Barony's culture and environment by example, and by recognising and rewarding the actions of others which have positive effects.

This may be summarised as that the B&B should:

- Act as a representative and liaison with the Crown
- Recognise contributions to the SCA by local members through awards
- Assist in supporting members and encouraging participation
- Encourage a direction or vision for the group

- Provide a ceremonial focus for the group at events
- Be responsive to communication- in person, email and social media
- Communicate with officers and populace

How the Poll will be ran

<https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2017/12/BaronialPollGuide.pdf>

Resources for B&B

<https://baronage.lochac.sca.org/resources/>

Procedures manual

<https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2021/10/Lochac-Procedures-Manual.pdf>

Laws of Lochac

<https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2021/10/LochacLaws-October-2021.pdf>

From the "Officer Job Descriptions"

<https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/files/2020/09/OfficerJobDescriptions.pdf>

SCA Corpora documents

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/govdocs.pdf>