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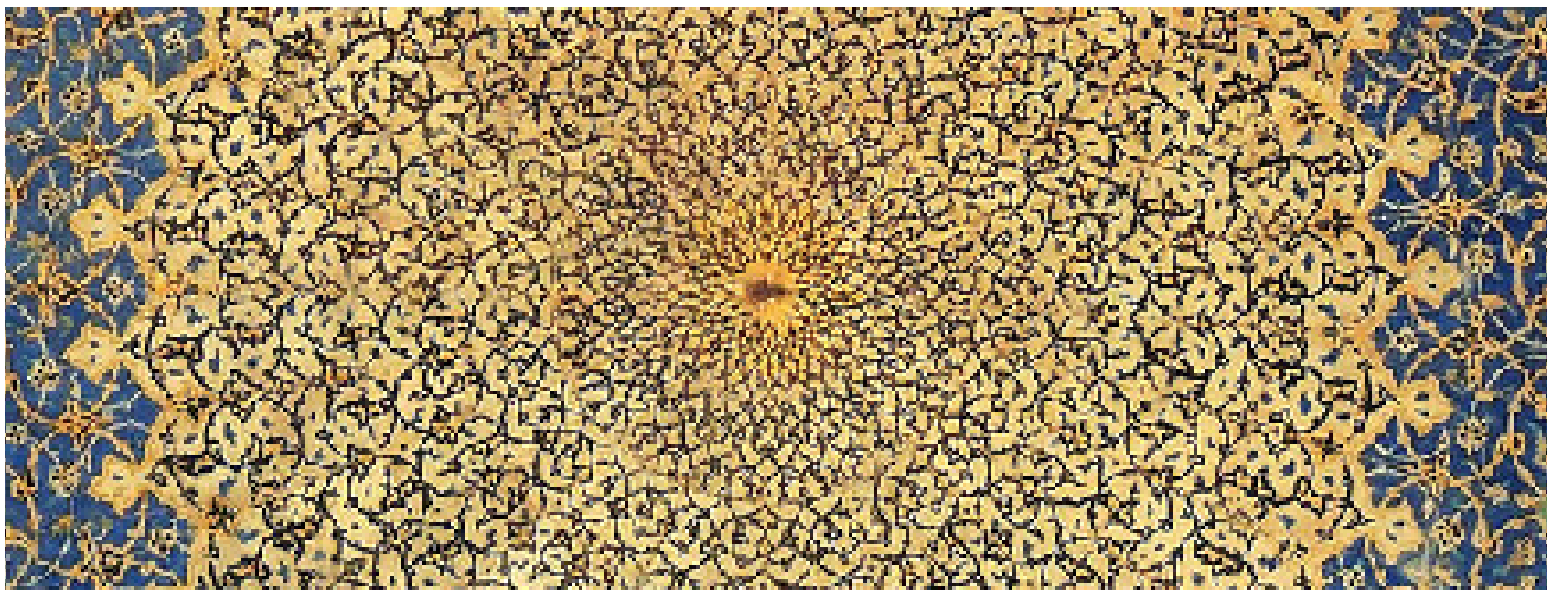
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TARIQ AND ELIETH, SHAYK AND SHAYKA OF THE CITADEL OF THE SOUTHERN PASS





Unto the good populace of the Citadel of the Southern Pass do we, Tariq and Elieth,
Shayk and Shayka, send greetings!

We write to you as we prepare to journey north to the Collage of Saint Golias for our Kingdom's Arts and Sciences Competition where Her Excellency and I will both be participating. To this end we encourage all artisans to attend with us. Events such as this are very important for the continued advancement of the arts and sciences within the Kingdom, which in turn also helps the SCA to keep with its Mission as a non-profit organization. To this end we encourage all of you artisans to attend with us.

As you all know, we have just celebrated our first year as your Baron and Baroness. It's been a busy time but we are enjoying ourselves immensely and we continue to appreciate all of the support that you, the populace have given us. We look forward to this next year with excitement and motivation to continue to help the Barony grow in numbers and in fame.

Now that War has passed, we turn our attention to the summer event schedule. Summer is our favorite eventing season because it's also camping season! For our first camping event of the season we will be travelling to visit our cousins in Atenveldt for Barmaids! This is a super fun event and we encourage all of you to try and attend with us. The event will be held in Benson, Arizona, a scant four hour drive from the Citadel, April 22 – 24th. Following Barmaids, we will be visiting our cousins in al-Barran for Grand Outlandish, also only four short hours away in Tijeras, New Mexico. Later in the summer we will be attending Keepers of Drystone, Clan Wars, and of course, Battleemoor, the Outland's premier event! Please contact us if you wish to go

and need a ride, camping equipment or some other help in order to attend. We will do all that we can to get as many Citadelians to these event as possible.

Finally, their Royal Highnesses, Kolgrimr and Danielle, have put out a call for awards recommendations in anticipation of their Coronation. This is yet another opportunity for members of our populace to be recognized for their diverse, good works for the Barony and the Kingdom. If you feel that you know someone who has contributed to the betterment of the Barony and the Kingdom, please recommend them for an appropriate award. Awards are given at both the Kingdom and Baronial level for merits in the areas of combat, arts and sciences and service. There is a large range of awards to be considered and descriptions can be found at http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/awards_group.php?GroupID=96 for Kingdom level and <http://www.southernpass.org/history/our-awards/> for Baronial level. Please don't hesitate to ask if you would like help or clarification on any of these awards. Recommendations can be made for Kingdom level at <http://www.online.outlands.org/>. For Baronial level please send recommendations via email to coronet@southernpass.org. Finally, please send your recommendations with at least a month of anticipation in order to give appropriate time for recommendations to be evaluated and scrolls to be solicited and created.

Yours in Service,
Shayk Tariq & Shayka Elieth



What is Largesse?

Throughout history, the generosity of the Landed Nobility has been termed "largesse". In the SCA, the giving of largesse by the Crown and Coronets allows for them to show that their wealth and happiness is a direct result of the wealth and happiness of the populace. Not only is gift-giving expected of Royalty, it is a tangible symbol of their courtesy and appreciation. It is one way to give something back to the populace and say thank you to those who have freely and willingly given their time and energy to Kingdom or Barony.

The populace of a Kingdom, Shire or Barony - the craftspeople, artisans, merchants - any and all interested, donate items that are then given away as gifts to visiting Nobility, Event Autocrats or members of the populace that have given of themselves for the good of the group . These generously donated items benefit in two ways: the Landed Nobility have a wide and diverse variety of items to choose from to give away as largesse, helping to alleviate the financial burden that they already carry as Royalty; and the artisans have the opportunity to have exposure for their work, not only to be recognized by the Nobility and populace of their home group, but also throughout the entire Kingdom.

The best largesse items are ideally handmade or period in nature, ie: lengths of fabric,





buttons; purchased ceramic and wooden plates and drinking mugs, etc. can be acceptable. Items should be as period as possible, or at least have a medieval aire. Items can be donated as a set and in pairs, in addition to individual items. These items are bestowed by the Landed Nobility as they see fit: gifted to other Landed Nobility, Event Autocrats, as prizes for event winners/sponsored prizes, or to other such deserving gentles.

We call upon all who would be interested in donating items to the Baronial Largesse stock. If you would like to contribute something for Their Majesties or Their Excellencies to use as largesse, you can contact the head of the Baronial Household, Salvatore die Medici or their Excellencies themselves for guidance. There is no limit to the number of items you can contribute. One item or many items are all equally appreciated. All largesse received from members in the Barony need to have a label before they are given out as largesse in order for the artisan or donor to be recognized for their talent and generosity. If the person does not wish to have their name on it, you can use "Populace of the Citadel of the Southern Pass" as the name.

Yours in Service,
HE Tariq

Youth Combat Program Announcement

To all of those interested in the developing Youth Combat Program in the Citadel of the Southern Pass I have some unpleasant news. I was instructed by His Grace Olaf Bjornsson, the Outlands Kingdom Earl Marshal at the beginning of January that the Citadel cease and desist all Official youth combat activities. This order came directly from the SCA Board of Directors. Due to the lack of a sanctioned Kingdom-level program, any official Youth Combat activities are not protected by SCA liability.

This is an unfortunate set-back for us, especially given that we already have several youths who have been participating in our fledgling program. We have already sponsored several tournaments and youth combat activities have started to become part of the mainstay of many of our local events.

All is not lost, however, His Majesty Bela and others at Kingdom level are reviewing the new Society Marshal's Handbook for Youth Combat as part of the process of deciding whether or not to finally establish an Outlands Program. To this end we call upon all members of the Barony to help us support this initiative by submitting letters in favor of establishing a Kingdom-level program so that we can once again begin to teach our youth the arts of Honor and Chivalry through marshaled combat. Please send your letters of support to Their Royal Majesties at: crown@outland.org and copy His Grace Olaf (earlmarshal@outlands.org).

The official updated Youth Combat Marshal's Handbook can be found on the Youth Combat Page: (<http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/youthcombat/docs/SocietyYCRules.pdf>)

Finally, although all Official Youth Combat activities have been suspended, boffers are still allowed at SCA activities and children and adults alike are allowed to use them, as long as there isn't any kind of sanctioned activity such as a tournament or organized melee. So continue to encourage your children to use the boffers and keep practicing, IN A SAFE MANNER.

We hope that Their Majesties will in-fact approve the program but until that happens we mustn't give up. Our youth are our future. It is up to them to carry on The Dream!

In Service,

Shayk Tariq

What is the Recruitment & Retention Council?

The Barony has shown remarkable recovery over the past 2 ½ years since the Investiture of Baron Christopher and Baroness Jamilla. During their tenure the Barony went from 38 (paid) members to 88 at their stepping down (Their tenure lasted 21 months). The Barony is currently at 92 (paid) members, having peaked at 106 between June and August of 2015 (We were at 85 at the end of December).

We have been without a Chatelaine since around June 2015, which is part of the problem that we have had with not being able to keep up any sort of recruiting push. Additionally, during his tenure, Christopher's focus was on recruitment whereas we have shifted our attention more to a retention strategy, focused mostly on the rebuilding of a Baronial culture. Unfortunately, that refocusing, coupled with the lack of a supporting officer for recruitment has caused our numbers to begin to fall.

We believe that our falling numbers are not a reflection of the level of satisfaction with the current state of the Barony, but rather part of the "normal" expansion and contraction the Barony has always gone through, being that a significant percentage of our populace are either active duty military and their dependents, subject to periodic relocation. It has been calculated that currently, only about 16% of our current membership is active duty military or dependent. The percentage of military membership when Christopher and Jamilla stepped down was above 30%. We, however, feel that although we hate to lose our people for any reason, we can work to mitigate the effect on our numbers caused by relocation; both by increasing our local population membership and by creating a functional plan for the constant recruitment of Military personnel and their dependents. We will also see that recruitment of military personnel will in the long run help to keep the SCA as a whole in a better state.

This is why the Recruitment & Retention Council was formed. We believe that working together as a team we can accomplish so very much more than one person could ever do alone. This council is intended to be an open venue for any and all members of the Baronial populace to voice their ideas and opinions in the hopes of helping us to stimulate the growth of the Barony as well as to continue to keep our current membership motivated to continue to be a part of this great Dream that we call the SCA. The comment "That's the way it's always been" was my impetus to try and develop an active recruitment & retention plan. There is no reason that past trends such as the relocation of military personnel should profoundly impact the Baronial populace if we have a permanent recruitment system in place. We are looking to you, the Mighty Populace of our Great Barony to step forward and help us make the Citadel the best it has ever been!

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Shayk Tariq