

Unto Their Royal Majesties, the Baronage of Blatha an Oir, and the seneschal and gentlefolk of the golden barony of Blatha an Oir do Baron Yusuf and the Honorable Lady Angharat give greetings.

With this letter, we formally request consideration for the positions of Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir. As a former landed Baron and Courtier respectively, both with experience as officers of the barony, we have a fair understanding of Kingdom Law and Corpora and how it helps the Society interact and grow. Additionally, Yusuf has been involved with the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Council, which gives additional richness and perspective to how we could encourage growth and participation if we should be chosen for the honor and responsibility of these offices.

Between us, we have the ability to connect with many of the communities within the barony. Yusuf is a senior archery marshal currently holding the position of baronial marshal, in addition to being a Yeoman of Blatha an Oir and being on the EDI Council and has held many of the offices within the barony over the 30 years he has been a member of the Society. Since 1982, Angharat has participated in a number of interests that all intertwine with her personas; her three current active positions are within the College of Heralds as a herald-at-large and Scholar Herald, the Reporting Deputy for Western and Rivers regions, the A&S Officer for the barony, as well as being the Sergeant Major for the Blatha an Oir Sergeantry. Additionally, she has been released to go back to participating with martial activities, to complement her ongoing hosting of a 21+ year weekly sewing night and other classes or workshops at her home. The combined experience of having two Sergeants who have between them held almost all of the offices for a branch or worked as baronial or Royal retinue, as well as the ongoing friendships with members in so many neighboring branches, should help us balance the requirements of those offices and listen to the populace. We feel that these interests and resources of experience and friendships will help us strengthen the ties Blatha an Oir has throughout the Kingdom of An Tir.

Modernly, we have the ability and resources to devote to being active not only for our baronial events, but to travel to other events within our Kingdom. Yusuf is retired, and thus is available without concern of having to miss work. Angharat has 19 years with her company and thus earned 4 weeks of vacation plus additional flex time with a boss who is understanding of flexing time in order to be at events, and a daughter who enjoys attending and volunteering. As Sergeants, we have the experience of needing to be available to assist any of the populace should they have a question or need help, and know how to network and research the correct answers if we do not know them immediately. We know how to listen to others opinions and work to ensure that they are given value and respect, even if they differ from our own.

Should we be given the consideration of these offices, our primary goal is to increase involvement within the barony. First, to have more involvement with the monthly meeting and socials, secondly to have more participation for volunteers to be officers or event stewards, and thirdly to look at hosting a Kingdom event in the near future. This would include working on increasing our community visibility, through demos, tourneys or proactive social media.

We thank you for your consideration, and remain in your service.

*Baron yusuf ja'bar al timbuktuwwi el qalat*

*HL Angharat verch Reynulf*