

Unto Their Royal Majesties Anton and Luned, Your Royal Highnesses, Eckehard and Jane, our esteemed Kingdom Seneschal, Duchess Marie Simone de Barjavel, Marguerite, seneschal of the Barony of Storvik and the wonderful populace of Storvik, do we, Lord John Angus West and Maestra Gracia Esperanca de Seville send warm greetings.

At this time, we wish to offer this letter as our intent for consideration to serve as the next Baron and Baroness of Storvik.

Lord John Angus West has been a proud member of the Barony of Storvik for well over twenty years. A son of Storvik, he has donned armor and defended his Barony since his younger years. Though the armored field calls to him, Lord John has supported his Barony through volunteer work, mostly behind the scenes. No stranger to service and the work that it entails, John has served and supported Storvik to the best of his abilities.

While Service and Support of his Barony and Kingdom are important to John, he is no stranger to the importance of the Arts and Sciences and has not only worked on honing his own crafts but teaching them to others.

Maestra Gracia Esperanca has been participating in the Kingdom of Atlantia for over 20 years. Beginning her SCA journey in the former Shire of Crannog Mor, her service to the Kingdom of Atlantia has given her the opportunity to see the Society from many different vantage points. She has served as Seneschal and Herald, event steward for both local and Kingdom level events, Retired Territorial Baroness and most recently Kingdom Event Coordinator. She has spent many years serving the arts and sciences with a focus on culinary arts.

In modern lives, Gracia and John are no strangers to hard work and service. Gracia has spent over 20 years in administrative positions and spent close to ten years as an operational manager. Lord John West has served as heavy equipment operator, construction and home remodeling, stage – hand, courier and works in the Transportation Industry. As a couple we have endured hardship and strain and these have taught us the value of our limitations, the magnitude of our convictions and conscious understanding of the commitment of service that we are pledging to the Barony of Storvik, its populace and the Crown of Atlantia.

In the aftermath of this global pandemic we feel that, if selected, one of our main duties would be to work with the populace to navigate the changes that are coming swiftly on the heels of ever-evolving policy. Ensuring the health and safety of the populace while focusing on staying connected will become our top priority.

We continue to believe that an infusion of new blood is necessary. We feel that there are areas of our Barony that could use additional support and nurturing and would focus some of our efforts to try and recruit from these areas. Further we would seek to work with the Baronial

Chatelaine and Seneschal to create focused opportunities to expand our demographic and increase our numbers.

We would strive to find the balance between our virtual world and in person activities so that all persons feel welcome and included in our events.

It is our vision to see the populace of Storvik represented at many of the Kingdom's events, providing hospitality, presence and support to all of the disciplines that thrive within Storvik's borders, which includes participation on the heavy combat field, support of our archers, fencers, dancers and all others. It is our commitment to provide this presence and create a welcoming space for all.

While it may seem that these endeavors have been tried in the past, we are confident that our goals are achievable. What can be accomplished if you are not afraid of failure is immeasurable and we are confident that with the support of the Barony there is little that we cannot achieve.

It is our firm belief that the Baronage is the sum of its populace and with that we would be readily available to their wisdom at all times. We will be open and approachable and reachable via all available means such as telephone, email, social media, practices and events. If chosen, we commit to tirelessly representing the Barony with grace, pride and a strong commitment to service.

In Service,

Lord John Angus West

(William J Hutchings)

Maestra Gracia Esperanca de Seville

(Graciela V. Hutchings)