



Unto Their Stellar Majesties of Ansteorra, King Jason Drysdale and Queen Margherita de Mantua, Their Excellencies of Elfsea, Baron William Palfrey and Baroness Cassandra Palfrey, and the Populaces of the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor, do we, Lord Kazimierz Zlowieszczy and Lady Katheryn Margarete de Ryes, send our Greetings and Prayers for Your Good Health.

It is with great sorrow that we send this missive, having heard that our Beloved Baron and Baroness of Elfsea have requested of Your Majesties to be relieved of their obligations as Your Representatives in the Barony. Thoughts of Their retirement and the sad void it will leave in the Barony have given us pause to consider what the future of Elfsea might hold these next few years. We, Lord Kazimierz and Lady Katheryn after long and careful deliberation, humbly request consideration for this role in Your Great Barony and it is our intent, by this letter, to officially submit our names to serve Your Majesties and Your eventual Heirs, as the newest Baron and Baroness of Elfsea and Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor.

We have been living the Dream for well over a decade, first in the Shire of Loch Ruadh and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor, then more recently in the Barony of Elfsea. Lady Katheryn was already a member of the Society when Lord Kazimierz joined. From the moment the two of us met at a Loch Ruadh fighter practice, a friendship between our families formed that has lasted unbroken and uninterrupted to this day. We have served local groups together and supported each other through personal triumphs and tragedies. Our personas have evolved through our friendship. What was once a joke between us that we were brother and sister, separated at birth, has now become so embedded in

our lives that many who read this letter will be surprised to learn that we are, in fact, not related by blood nor are we married.

Our period in the Society has been full and rewarding mostly because we believe strongly in the Noble Virtue of Service. We have never performed duties to any group, or the Kingdom, for recognition. We have embraced what we call “stealth service” for many years. However, we are compelled by the circumstances of this letter to list the awards and positions that we have held for the benefit of Your Majesties. Therefore, we humbly submit our lists of accomplishments so that You may better understand our devotion to the Dream.

Lord Kazimierz holds the following awards from the Crown; an Award of Arms, a Sable Comet for service to Your Shire of Loch Ruadh, a Sable Comet for service to Your Canton of Dragonsfire Tor and a Sable Thistle. Additionally, he has been awarded a Portcullis for service to Your Barony of Elfsea. He has served the Shire of Loch Ruadh as Knight Marshal and Herald. He is currently on the Financial Committee for the Barony of Elfsea. Lord Kazimierz has served as Autocrat for numerous events including Loch Ruadh’s Lughnasad twice, Loch Ruadh’s Fall Brawl, Dragonsfire Tor’s Yule Revel, and the two most recent Elfsea Defender events.

Lady Katheryn holds the following awards from the Crown; an Award of Arms, a Sable Comet for service to Your Shire of Loch Ruadh, and a Sable Comet for service to Your Canton of Dragonsfire Tor. Additionally, she has also been twice awarded a Portcullis for service to Your Barony of Elfsea. She has served the Shire of Loch Ruadh as Chronicler and Hospitaler and she is currently the Hospitaler for the Barony of Elfsea. Lady Katheryn has served as Autocrat for numerous events including Loch Ruadh’s Lughnasad, Loch Ruadh’s Fall Brawl, Loch Ruadh’s Shannon River Raids, and the two most recent Elfsea Defender events. In addition, she has served as Feast Steward for several Noble’s luncheons and events, including Queen’s Champion.

Now that we have offered a brief look into our past in our beloved Society, pray allow us to offer a glimpse into the future and how we request to be allowed to serve the Barony of Elfsea. If chosen as the next Baron and Baroness, we would strive to aid every member of your populace, both Baronial and in Your Canton, in achieving their Dream. From wizened Peer to nervous newcomer, everyone who joins us in the Society has, or will develop, their own goals and dreams. We will work to connect each member with persons who can assist them in growing in skill and ability to reach their potential. Every new fighter needs instruction in footwork, every first-time illuminator requires someone to show them

brushwork. Our mission will be to introduce students to teachers and teachers to students. Additionally, we will endeavor to ensure recognition and encouragement is provided to those who give freely of their time to teach and those who dedicate endless hours to practicing what they are taught.

We also want to engage members who are not quite new but have not taken the next step into seeing the rewards of Service or the Arts. If they are willing and have an interest, we would like to cultivate the next generation of Stewards and Officers. These members with new ideas, when guided by experience, are necessary to keep the Dream alive and flourishing.

Another area, which is close to both of our hearts, is encouraging the participation of our youth. Elfsea has a wonderful youth arts program. However, the youth combat in our Barony desperately needs a strong and dedicated leadership group, committed to teaching and strengthening the Baronial forces of the future. To this end, we will seek out the leaders needed and ensure the youth are given a place of Honor at our events.

We wish to assure Your Majesties that, mundanely, we have both the time and financial resources required to fulfill the duties of Baron and Baroness. Lord Kazimierz is employed with a local civil engineering firm, designing projects across the State and Nation while guiding junior employees in developing the skills they require to advance their careers. Lady Kathryn is employed in elementary education, working with young minds, instilling a sense of wonder and responsibility to our next generation. While both of our jobs can be demanding at times, we have found balance in our lives between our mundane careers and the Dream. We are fully capable and willing to pledge a minimum of three years of service to Your Majesties, Your Heirs, and the surrounding populace.

We thank you for reading this missive and considering us for this responsibility. Pray, forgive us for its length. However, we sought to give you a sense of who we are, the depth of our passion for the Dream and our Love for the Kingdom of Ansteorra, the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor.



Yours in Service,  
Lord Kazimierz Złowieszczy  
and  
Lady Katheryn Margarete de Ryes

