



Unto Your Majesties Ragnar and Lynette, and to the populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto come warmest greetings from Lord Grimkirk ap Greymoor and Lady Agnete Köslin.

We believe that to hold lands in fief from the Crown as landed nobility comes with considerable responsibility. Having previously served Ponte Alto as both citizens and officers, it is our desire to continue our service to the Barony as the Crown's representatives. To that end, we humbly submit our names in consideration as candidates for the honor of serving as Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto.

In our 50-plus years of combined membership across several kingdoms and within groups of varying sizes (Shire, Province and Baronies), we have come to appreciate the obligations that accompany volunteer service. As prospective candidates for Baron and Baroness, we understand the need to serve and nurture those citizens and lands bestowed into one's trust. One must cultivate acts of selfless service, whether in defense of our noble kingdom or in ways large and small that beautify and enrich our Realm and our Society. Just as recognition comes at the behest of others, we have observed through our service to others that these duties also carry an obligation to acknowledge, recognize and advocate for those who also serve beyond the sight of the Crown.

Since arriving in Ponte Alto in 2012, Agnete has served as Baronial Herald and - at the Kingdom level - as Sea Stag Herald (education). She still holds her warrant, and consults on request. She is also routinely found greeting guests at the entrance gate of every event for which she has been staff, both within Ponte Alto as well as in neighboring groups.

Grimkirk has served a number of roles during this same time period - as Ponte Alto's Baronial Knight's Marshal, and the Society-at-large as the corporate VP of Information and Technology. In addition, he has served as event steward at four of six Ponte Alto events during his first four years in the Barony, including Spring Crown 2015. Grimkirk also brings to Ponte Alto a history of service across many levels of the Society - from his role as a seneschal who helped to reinvigorate a failing Shire, to implementing / recruiting / instructing at the first three Known World Rapier Symposiums at Pennsic.

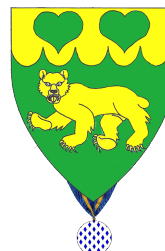
Supporters of both the Arts Martial and Arts Gentle, Agnete's pursuits lean towards the fiber arts, heraldic research and an (as yet unfulfilled) interest in archery. Grimkirk participates in both Armored and Rapier combat, and has pursued several disciplines among the finer arts for many years. He encouraged the Barony to invest in raising the standard of pomp and pageantry at its events, motivating the members of the group to pursue and complete the inventory of silk banners (one for each barony of the Kingdom) that now adorn many local and Kingdom events over the past five years.

Collectively, we believe our own experiences in Society life will help to inform our responsibilities as advocates for the combatants and artisans of Ponte Alto. Like the bridge that represents Ponte Alto, we look forward to an opportunity to serve the barony and its people as their 'bridge' to the Kingdom of Atlantia.

In service to the Society,



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Lord Grimkirk is a 13c Welshman, who began his days in the Barony of the Flame (Middle), and campaigned abroad as a young man to the lands of the Orient (West), Principality of Calontir (Middle), Principality of Outlands (Atenveldt), supporting the home of the White Stag during its elevation to Kingdom status, before returning to the Middle Kingdom and settling in the Province of Tre-Girt-Sea (First Province of the Known World). From there, he then scoured the kingdom for 25 years to find his one true love, Lady Agnete (a 13c German), impatiently waiting for him back in the Province. Together, they set out to Atlantia and made Ponte Alto their new home.

Active since A.S. VIII (1974) and A.S. XXXIX (2005) respectively, Grimkirk has received the Middle Kingdom's (MK) Order of the Purple Fret (equivalent to Atlantia's (ATL) Opal), is a principal of the MK Order of the Cavendish Knot (OCK, approximately equivalent to ATL Sea Dragon). He and Lady Agnete have both received Ponte Alto's Ponte d'Oro for Baronial service, and the Kingdom's Order of the Opal.

Grimkirk is squired in memoriam to His Grace, Duke Dagan du Darregonne, KSCA, OP (RIP 2014).
Agnete is Protégé to Baroness Greta Klusenere, OP.

