



# Chatelain's Point

Greetings and Well Met!

For those of you who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I am Arglwdd (Lord) Macsen ap Rhys of Wyvern Hall, a recent transplant from the East Kingdom now residing in the Canton of Ritterwald. I hope to build on my ongoing experiences as a newcomer discovering the traditions and history of a new kingdom and apply it as guide to serving as your Baronial Chatelain.

The Chatelain's office exists to help recruit new members; educate them on the culture and traditions of the SCA; and to encourage and assist the retention of existing members. More practically, local chatelains serve as visible points of contact between newcomers, novices, and established members of the Society. If we want to continue to grow the membership and keep the Society vibrant and evolving, it is not enough to just attract newcomers: We need to help them find the people and activities within the SCA that ignite their creative passions.

The SCA is an organization steeped in diversity, both among its members and among the myriad of arts and activities it encompasses. Our outreach for newcomers and novices must be equally diverse if we want it to be effective. It is not enough to just do public Demos and set up Newcomer & Novices Points at events, we need to be able to guide people in the right directions to pursue their personal interests. If we fail to engage them, they will pursue those interests elsewhere. To this end, over the coming months I will be focusing on, not only building my own personal networks within the Barony but encouraging everyone to help develop an easily accessible network that can potentially benefit both newcomers and seasoned members alike.

Mundanelly, I am an engineer by profession, so my problem-solving methods often start with building communications. To that end, I would like to encourage the members of the barony, particularly local officers, to create basic personal pages in the [Kingdom of Atlantia wiki website](#) as a part of the network building I alluded to above. Such pages serve as a sort of SCA resume online and as a valuable online catalog for locating people with similar interests. If you are interested but not sure how to create and edit wiki pages, watch for an online class I will be offering in the near future.

I look forward to meeting more of you during the coming months as we all journey forward into the past!

Yours in Service,

[Macsen ap Rhys \(Link to wiki\)](#)

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“Local Chatelains have the unique opportunity to make a difference at many SCA levels by ensuring that new members are provided with all the tools necessary to get the most out of their SCA experience.” – [Atlantian Chatelain's Handbook](#)