

Greetings Axemoor family,

This event was truly an amazing experience for us. You are to our eyes the best group in the SCA. We are so proud to be able to represent Axemoor in the capacity of Baron and Baroness, and we hope that we will continue to be the positive and inspirational leaders that our parents were (but in our own way, of course!) We are humbled by the faith and trust you have placed in us and we thank Their Majesties and you, our populace, for this faith and trust. We will work ceaselessly for you, for our hearts are in Axemoor.

As we learn and define our roles as Baron and Baroness of Axemoor, we will probably make a mistake or three. Please bear with us, and know that in everything we do - the welfare of our lands and our people is first in our mind.

Thank you for your hard work; it has not gone unnoticed, and it is so very very appreciated. I know we speak for our parents and for ourselves in saying how very much your sweat and toil on our behalves is appreciated.

Lady Aofie, you rocked the socks off of this event - You are truly an autocratting force to be reckoned with. Thank you for making our investiture such a pleasant and memorable experience. If there was any drama, it was not apparent to anyone on site - you were calm, cool, and collected at all times. Not everyone can manage to autocrat AND wear Tudor at the same time - you did both with great aplomb, honor, and courtesy.

Lord Patraic, the feast <sigh> wow! So many people have complimented us on the feast at our investiture, and we have had to point them directly at you. You were responsible for quite possibly one of the best feasts we have ever had the pleasure of eating. We realize you had a tremendous amount of assistance, but it was your vision that pulled this amazing experience together. To your staff: Magdalena, Tegan, Lynea and ALL the people who helped you in the kitchen...thank you for assisting Patraic in the kitchen.

Your Excellency Dafydd, Thank you for setting up, taking down, hauling, fetching, toting, putting out fires, setting fires :-)) and everything that you did to ensure that Axemoor had yet another successful and wonderful event. Thank you for having our back as one of our champions, and thank you for being our friend.

Honorable Lord Gellis, from our perspective reservations could not have gone more smoothly and we thank you for taking on the task of organizing troll and handling the reservations. We know that being reservationist can be irritating and frustrating at times, but did a remarkable job of ensuring that everything was well organized and running smoothly.

Honorable Lady Brigida, We thank you for the lovely site tokens that you made for Investiture. They will remain mementos of this event for us. Also, thank you so very much for opening gate and working gate until midnight. Also, if Tadea is on the list - our thanks and appreciation for working gate on Saturday.

Lord Alaric - Thank you for your assistance throughout the event: setting up, taking down, and cleaning up after the event. Mostly, thank you for living with an autocrat - we know how crazy they get :-))

Minions - Lord Dennis, Lord Ethan and Lord Colin: I hate that we always seem to thank you as a collective, because you are definitely individuals. But, you guys are the goto people for anything and everything that needs doing - and where there is one, there are many. So we thank you...thank you for all your help, and we appreciate your service to the barony and to our most noble parents Their Excellencies Ifor and Morgana. (Though we do maintain minions are regalia :-)

Lady Gillian, The Luncheon for the baronesses was lovely, and it definitely had your own special touch to it. It was elegant, classy, and fun.

Honorable Lady Gwen (our beloved Seneschal) and Lady Morgaine, Your efforts to entourage us were incredibly appreciated, and we appreciate the work that you put in to keep up with us, keep us on track, and keep us sane. And to all those who entourage, we (and by we, we really mean Charles) will work to remember that we have such wonderful attendants now and sudden vanishing acts are frowned upon, and the entourage might beat you :-)

Lady Elen, We thank you for traveling here, playing with our Barony of Axemoor, and for allowing yourself to be chained to a table doing a scroll for us. Thank you for serving feast, and assisting in cleaning up site. You are a treasure that we are very proud to have acquired.

Lord Inigo, We would like to also thank you for your help and assistance in cleaning up on Sunday. You wield a mop unlike any other

Lady Gentile, You have our humble thanks for providing scrolls for us, assisting with the fundraiser lunch and the myriad of things that you always do for our group. You are truly an Axemoron at heart

Mistress Rebecca and Mistress Jane, our undying gratitude for jumping in and bailing us out when we needed some emergency scrolls done. You were a life saver

Lord Alexander; once again we thank you for taking on the job that most would prefer not to take on - the nastycrat. Though you are thirteen, as his majesty pointed out when he placed the AoA circlet on your head, "you do adult duty. Our Champions and our Herald/champion, Honorable Lord Gellis, Your Excellency Dafydd, Lady Gwenllion, Lord Colin, Lord Patraic, Lady Gillian,

Champions - we thank you for coming back to serve the barony through your service to us as our champions. And though jokes were made, we do truly feel secure to have you at our back. We know our safety is in good hands. To House Fleur and Ermine, you have our thanks for putting on the fundraiser lunch to raise money for our Pennsic gate.

To our fighters in the Tournament of Champions: Sir Uric, THL Gellis and Baron Daffydd, you made us very proud. Your skill, courage, and grace on the field made us very proud to claim you as Axemoor. Sir Uric, your honor in the face of adversity made us even prouder to call you friend.

To our absent friends and family, you were missed greatly. Here is a summary of what awards were handed out to the best of our knowledge: (Our knowledge of morning court is a bit sketchy, so perhaps the details can be filled in by someone who knows)

Morning court:

Final Baronial Court of Ifor and Morgana:

Order of the Friends of Axemoor was created by Ifor and Morgana and several people were inducted into the order. This order was created to recognize those who live outside of Axemoor, but work tirelessly to help our fair Barony. We believe that there were eight individuals inducted into the order.

The champions of Axemoor were released from service to Their Excellencies Ifor and Morgana

Their Excellencies Ifor and Morgana stepped down and turned the baronial coronets over to Their Majesties

Royal court:

Their Excellencies Ifor and Morgana were awarded with their Court Baronies and presented with lovely personalized leather coronets from Baroness Dredda.

Master Charles Pierre de Bourbon and Lady Martha Effingham of Stewarts Keep were called into court and asked if it was still their intent to serve as Baron and Baroness of Axemoor. They confirmed it was, fealty was sworn, and were invested by Their Majesties as Baron and Baroness of Axemoor

Fist Baronial Court of Charles and Martha:

The champions were called and requested to resume their long and honored service to the barony with Charles and Martha. They agreed, and assumed their rightful places guarding their Excellencies.

Order of the Axe was called, and M'Lady Aofie was inducted into the order. At this point, Their Majesties upon the petitioning of Their Excellencies felt moved to elevate Aofie to a member of Their nobility by granting her Arms.

several presentations were made to Us from groups near and dear to our hearts.

The Companions of the Bow and Blade were called at which point Lady Gwenllion was inducted into the order.

Several more presentations were made and then court was closed.

Evening court

Baronial Court:

Charles and Martha introduce The order of the Tower and The Lily and mde their excellencies Ifor and Morgana Principals of the order

The order of the Axe was called and Alaric the Grey was inducted into the order, and upon the petition of Their Excellencies Their Majesties saw fit to award him arms and raise him into Their nobility

The Companions of the Bow and Blade were called, and Lady Gillian was inducted into the order

several presentations were made in between awards

Alexander of Axemoor was called into court and harassed by His Excellency for calling him fat, after some schtick the order of the Axe was called and Alexander was inducted into the order of the Axe. Upon the petitioning of Their Excellencies of Axemoor, Their Majesties raised Alexander to the ranks of Their nobility and awarded him arms.

There were some more presentations and the baronial court was closed

Royal court

Lord Egil Haraldsson was called into court and awarded his combatant ram

Aroon of the Dawn was called into court and given her arms AND a combatant ram; a memory that shall remain with us always :-)

All in all it was a very memorable day for our fair barony, and we are so very grateful to have been able to have shared it with each and every one of you.

We have been asked about the New Order of the Tower and The Lily, as to what it means, wording, etc. When we revise baronial bylaws, it will be stated as follows:

This order is given at the discretion of The Baron and Baroness of Axemoor, though recommendation letters are very much encouraged...it is for those rare few who embody the dream, who through courtesy and honor cause us to strive to be better than we are. This award carries no precedence and is not limited to those residing within the barony. It comes with a great deal of respect, admiration, and gratitude from the Baron and Baroness of Axemoor. Those who are made companion to this order may approach the presence of Their Excellencies proudly at any time unbidden and unannounced and without providing normal reverence due the position of those who hold lands in fief for The Crown of Gleann Abhann and are the direct representatives of the presence of the crown.

Wording for the order of The Tower and The Lily:

"Like a beacon in the night from a mighty tower that guides the lost and weary traveler, there are those within our society who through their love of the game, their never ending pursuit of the ideals of The Dream, their honor, courtesy, grace, compassion, dignity, and chivalry provide a beacon for the rest of us to follow when we loose our way. And as the calla lily symbolizes magnificent beauty, it is the magnificent beauty of spirit and deed of these individuals that provide inspiration for each and every one of us and make us strive to be better than we are. You, \_\_\_\_\_ are a true inspiration to Their Excellencies of Axemoor, and as such are hereby by the hand of Charles and Martha made companion to the order of the Tower and the Lily.

Done this day..."

See, we told you this was long!!!!

We remain in service,  
Charles and Martha,  
Baron and Baroness of Axemoor