

STATEMENT OF INTENT
Nadrah Al-Zahara and Gabriel De Lion

1. How long have you been a member of the Barony of Castel Rouge?

Nadrah Al-Zahara attended her first event at Twelfth Night, 2009, so 12 years-ish
Gabriel: about 15 years

2. How long have you been a member of the Kingdom of Northshield?

Nadrah: as long as I have been in Castel Rouge, about 12 years
Gabriel: about 15 years

3. How long have you been a member of the SCA?

Nadrah: as long as I have been in Castel Rouge, about 12 years, although I don't think I had a paid membership for the first 2 years.
Gabriel: about 15 years

4. Have you lived in any other Kingdoms of the SCA? If so, where and for how long?

Nadrah: no other kingdoms
Gabriel: no other kingdoms

5. What offices have you held in the SCA, where and for how long?

Nadrah: Baronial MOAS, 19 months, January 2011–August 2012
Baronial Seneschal, 22 months, February 2, 2019–present
Baronial Gold Key, 4 years
Gabriel: Baronial Seneschal, 2 years
Baronial Knight Marshall, 1 year and still serving

6. Why would you like to serve and what personal qualities do you bring to the Barony of Castel Rouge that you feel would enable you to serve effectively as Baron/Baroness?

We love this Barony and wish to help it continue its long-standing history. Our hopes for the Barony are not only that it will continue, but that it will also thrive. We look forward to the opportunity to serve the Barony in this capacity. We bring experience, now having both served in Greater Officer positions that we feel give us an understanding of not only the people of this great Barony but also its workings, its governance. We feel we bring a sense of openness and fun which will continue to build on the legacy that Clare and David have left their successors.

Is there any other information about yourself that you would like to provide to the Populace in support of your application?

In case you don't know us.

Gabriel has been playing in Barony and the SCA for about 15 years, he can usually be found either turning, or discussing woodworking, but there is a good chance you will find him on the rapier field or marshalling heavy. That is if you can pull him out of the kitchen or away from gate, although in the evening you find him in the hall or around the bardic circle sharing companionship with friends. He really is as punny as he thinks.

Al-Zahara has been playing in the Barony and the SCA for almost 12 years, she is usually found with her spinning wheel or loom. Happy to discuss any form of fiber art with anyone who will listen. That is if she sits still and is not running around the event helping to ensure it runs smoothly.

SPEECH TO THE POPULACE

Greetings Good Gentles of Castel Rouge,

In these strange times of the plague, we expected to address you virtually, as the current circumstances do require speeches we wanted to reach out to fill in some more information that we felt our letter of intent did not include as we expected to speak with you directly.

In case you are not familiar with us we are Nadrah bint Bishr al-Zahara, known as al-Zahara and using the pronouns she/her and Gabriel De Lion using the pronouns he/him. We have been both playing for in the SCA for more than 10 years with that time all spent here in our wonderful Barony. We strongly feel that volunteerism is the heart of this wonderful game we enjoy, and as result at events local and abroad we often seek out opportunities to lend a hand. Both of us have been event stewards multiple times and often you will find Gabriel offering to be Feast Steward, truth be told al-Zahara can cook with direction but lacks the skills to put together the requirements for feast, but is happy to help with said instructions.

Service may be close to our hearts as we feel that all tasks undertaken are a labor of love for this wonderful group, we hope that the experiences we have gained servicing as Seneschals, Gold key and Marshal will help to prepare us for the tasks ahead. We wish to continue to help the group grow and thrive not only by welcoming new members to this amazing family, but also in helping our current members to grow, in their participation and skills. We both feel that learning is an important part our social club, and we hope to be able to foster a community of continued growth.

We welcome everyone and want them to find their second home with Barony and the SCA, while being aware that there is a need for vigilance and education within the organization to ensure we are truly inclusive. We encourage the continued inclusivity, and welcome suggestions on how the Barony may continue to improve the access for all its members.

We treasure this Barony and its populace and look forward to being able to continue being able to serve the Barony in this future capacity if acceptable to the populace and the crown.

YIS al-Zahara & Gab