



# Yolande Chastellain

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## Profile

Maitresse Yolande is a lady-in-waiting in the household of the duke and duchess of Burgundy in Dijon, France in the year 1453. She is a lady-in-waiting to the duchess, assists with the duties of the chamberlain and often travels with the ducal court. Her Lord husband Lucullus is squire to Dux Darius Corvinus, and as a good wife, Yolande joined her husband in the Darian Household. She is proud mother to her son Logan and stepmother to Brandyn.

Yolande has been active in the SCA since AS 21 / 1986 and enjoys being a lady-in-waiting, autocrating, running the Lists, waterbearing, shopping on merchants row, dancing, watching court, watching combat, Ithra classes, and helping others. Her interests also lie in research, persona development, costuming, period fabrics, spinning, embroidery, calligraphy, and period methods of waterbearing.

## Awards

- Award of Arms May 22, 1993 / AS 28
- Lion's Claw (Lions Gate) Nov 18, 1995 / AS 30
- Goutte de Sang Jan 11, 1997 / AS 31
- Magistrae Ithra (Spinning) Apr 26, 1997 / AS 31
- Forget-me-not May 18, 1997 / AS 32
- Baroness' Champion of Service (Lions Gate) May 1, 1999 / AS 34
- Princess' Talon of Favour (Tir Righ) Jun 12, 2004 / AS 39
- Silver Pillar (Tir Righ) Nov 20, 2004 / AS 39
- Princess' Talon of Favour (Tir Righ) May 14, 2005 / AS 40
- Princess' Talon of Favour (Tir Righ) May 13, 2006 / AS 41
- Pelican Sep 3, 2006 / AS 41
- Princess' Talon of Favour (Tir Righ) Nov 17, 2007 / AS 42
- Raven's Blood (Tir Righ) Nov 22, 2008 / AS 43

## Offices

- **Pelican Secretary** *Principality of Tir Righ* 2009 – present  
Coordination of meetings, chairing meetings, minute taking, posting minutes to website and email lists. Corresponds with and reports to Kingdom Pelican Secretary. Moderates Tir Righ Pelican Email List and maintains Candidate Tracking Document.
- **Royal Liaison** *Principality of Tir Righ* 2007 – present  
Created office. Assists with the transition from the end of one reign to the start of the next and with issues and items that span many reigns. Assists each set of Royals and Their Retinues to ensure that a smooth short-term transition is made, that long-term projects are continued, that issues are communicated, and that other items involving the Royalty do not slip through the cracks.
- **Deputy Pelican Secretary** *Principality of Tir Righ* 2007 – 2009  
Created position. Assisted the Secretary with the coordination of organizing meetings, chairing meetings, taking minutes, posting minutes to website and email lists. Corresponded with Kingdom Pelican Secretary. Created the Tir Righ Pelican Email List and moderated. Created the Tir Righ Pelican Candidate Tracking Document.
- **Events Deputy** *Principality of Tir Righ* 2007 – 2008  
Works with the Principality Seneschale and Autocrats to ensure that principality event bids meet certain criteria.

- Silver Pillar Herald (OP)** *Principality of Tir Righ* 2003 – 2007

Created office by developing Tir Righ Order of Precedence and Award Roster based on Kingdom OP. Designed and maintained Tir Righ OP website. Reconciled Tir Righ OP against Kingdom OP. Maintain lists such as Tir Righans who have held kingdom offices. Keep abreast of new awards granted, created, and report them to kingdom for updating.
  - Minister of Lists** *Kingdom of An Tir* 2001 – 2003

Re-organized office, paperwork and supplies after position sat empty for one year. Processed one year's backlog of authorization waivers, maintained current and accurate authorization waivers, files and database, and re-designed authorization waiver forms. Communicated and worked closely with Kingdom and Principality Earl Marshals, branch Lists Ministers, Marshals and Heralds. Taught Ithra classes on "How to Run Lists".
  - Waterbearer** *Barony of Lions Gate* 1998 – 1999

Coordinated waterbearing for all Baronial events. Waterbearer-in-Charge for two Clinton Wars. Recruited waterbearers and trained them. Researched period methods of waterbearing.
  - Demo Coordinator (Interim)** *Barony of Lions Gate* 1997

Coordinated with schools and community centres, recruited SCA members to attend demos.
  - Deputy Seneschale** *Barony of Lions Gate* 1996 – 1997

Transcribed entire hand-written council minutes from the beginning of the Barony into electronic format. Recorded council minutes and acted as official 'Council Meeting Attendance Booster'.
  - Chancellor** *Medieval Studium (UBC Medieval Club)* 1988 – 1993

Organized weekly meetings, recruited members at Club Days, autocrafted four Grand Ithra Taverns and two Studium events, created camaraderie for teens and young adults in the SCA.
- Retinues*
- Ducal Retinue** *Darian Household of Dux Darius Corvinus, Duke of An Tir* 1995 – present

Attends His Grace as lady-in-waiting. Assists in organizing household, coordinating household members attending events. Became a vassal in 2003, released from fealty in 2006 upon becoming a Pelican.
  - Head-of-Retinue** *Ulf IV & Caoimbinn, 9<sup>th</sup> Prince & Princess of Tir Righ* 2007

*Royals*

Aided Prince and Princess with Their responsibilities and duties. Provided detailed organization, planning, and support for Their overall happiness and success of the reign.

*Retinue*

Assisted with recruitment of Retinue. Collected Retinue contact information. Coordinated Retinue duties, attendance, shifts, schedules and training. Ensured Retinue performed duties and that they did so well informed, happily, in good health and in good behaviour. Assisted Royals in conflict resolution amongst Retinue.
  - Assistant Head-of-Retinue** *Ulf III & Amanda, 6<sup>th</sup> Prince & Princess of Tir Righ* 2006

See duties above. Duties with this reign were performed more telecommuting and less in-person.
  - Head-of-Retinue** *Ulf II & Bernadette, 4<sup>th</sup> Prince & Princess of Tir Righ* 2005

See duties above.
  - Head-of-Retinue** *Ulf I & Celdae, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prince & Princess of Tir Righ* 2004

*Position included duties of Royal & Court Liaison*

Liaised with other Heads-of-Retinue for other Royals. Liaised with autocrats regarding Royal and Retinue attendance, needs and event schedules. Maintained Royal Progress. Acted as Court Liaison assisting Royal Herald and other retinues setting up and running court. Maintained award database and ensured award reporting.
  - Royal Secretary** *Darius III & Morgaine, 31<sup>st</sup> King & Queen of An Tir* 1997

Organized and kept Royal Files and Award Book. Took notes in court of awards given out, gifts received and other formal business. Sent court reports, Royal Progress, and Royal missives to appropriate email lists and branch

newsletters. Submitted award recipient information to The Crier, and Kingdom OP. Collected contact information for Retinue Liaised and coordinated with Retinue and autocrats on event attendance.

### *Autocratting*

- **Sea Lion War** *Barony of Lions Gate* May 29-31, 1998  
Attendance: 700 / Profit: \$600
- **Baronial Banquet** *Barony of Lions Gate* November 5, 1994  
Attendance: 200 / Profit: \$500
- **Baronial Banquet** *Barony of Lions Gate* November 6, 1993  
Attendance: 200 / Profit: \$1,200
- **Festival of Colours & Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* March 23, 1993
- **Grand Ithra Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* November 28, 1992
- **Grand Ithra Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* November 16, 1991
- **Festival of Colours & Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* April 6, 1991
- **A&S Display and Grand Ithra Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* November 17 & 18, 1990
- **Grand Ithra Tavern** *Barony of Lions Gate (Medieval Studium)* February 3, 1989

### *Committees*

- Laws Committee *Northern Region (Principality of Tir Righ)* October 2001
- Northern Region Census Team *Northern Region (Principality of Tir Righ)* September 2001
- “Star Chamber” discussion group *Northern Region (Principality of Tir Righ)* 1999

### *Ithra Instructor*

- Basic Dance
- Drop Spindle Spinning (x3)
- How to be on Retinue
- How to Run Court
- How to Run Lists (x2)
- Medieval Architecture
- Research Techniques

### *Handbooks*

- Royal Retinue Handbook *Principality of Tir Righ* May 11, 2006
- Minister of Lists Handbook (unfinished) *Kingdom of An Tir* 2003
- Autocrat’s Handbook *Barony of Lions Gate* September 1998
- Waterbearer’s Handbook *Barony of Lions Gate* 1998

### *Articles*

- “How Can I Tell if Someone is a Member” for An Tir Autocrat’s website May 11, 2004
- “How to Write and Invitation to Royalty” April 15, 2004
- “Retinue Job Descriptions” October 10, 2003
- “Tips for Being on a Royal Retinue” October 5, 2003
- “The Magic of Yes: Serving on a Royal Retinue” June 1, 2003

### *Other Documents*

- Developed personal website with Retinue Resources November 30, 2006
- Developed Principality of Tir Righ Order of Precedence and Awards Roster website April 1, 2003
- Devised kingdom forms: 2002 – 2003
  - Court Report Form for Court Reporters and Royal Secretaries
  - Lists Reporting Form for List Keepers
  - Royal Correspondence Tracking Form
  - Royal Gift Tracking Form
  - An Tir Combat Authorization Forms and Fighters Cards
  - Lists Reporting Form

- Forms and checklists for List Ministers
- *“Entrants in Tir Righ’s First Coronet Tournament Lists Processional”* June 14, 2003
- *“Medieval Forms of Address”* October 10, 2003
- *“Points to Consider for the Northern Region on Being a Principality”* October 29, 1999
- *“Draft Laws for the Principality of Tir Righ”* (co-wrote) October 2001

### *Tidbits*

- Attended her first SCA event one week shy of her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Has waterbored and run the Lists at more events than she can remember.
- Fell in love with her Lord husband at Autumn War AS 29.
- Co-ran the Lists for An Tir’s Tournament of Armies at Thirty Year Celebration.
- The King of the East proposed marriage on bended knee while she was waterbearing during a tournament at 3YC.
- Became known as ‘Yolande Thirst-Slaker’ while waterbearing.
- Taught the Queen of An Tir how to run the Lists while consecutively running the Lists for Crown Tournament.