



Ron Donachie Rodrik Cassel



Ron Donachie is one of those "oh that guy" actors. He has appeared in dozens of movies and stacks of TV shows. He always brings great weight and gravitas to every role he plays but he's never been particularly well known.

Perhaps then white haired, sideburns tied under the chin, castellan Rodrik Cassel in *Game of Thrones* will be considered something of a defining role for Ron. I'm sure

fans will remember his emotional and bloody exit from the show in season two for a long time to come. Before *Game of Thrones* Ron was best known as the Master at Arms in James Cameron's *Titanic*.

Ron was recently in Chicago with George RR Martin to accept the Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation Long Form for *Game of Thrones* season one. We're very pleased that Ron will be able to join us at TitanCon 2012 - though we make no promises about the possibility of Ron wearing the famous wig when you meet him!



Ian McElhinney Barristan Selmy



In his 64 years I suspect Ian McElhinney has never picked up a sword in anger and yet I firmly believe he really could carve me up like a cake should the need arise. A testimony to the great acting Ian brought to the role of Barristan Selmy. It is also another point in the long list of perfect casting choices. Barristan the Bold is one of the few genuine and honourable characters in the series and Ian is exactly that in real life, one of the nicest guys you could ever hope to meet.



Barristan could carve through you like a cake! © HBO 2011

Readers will know when and where Barristan reappears but to preserve the surprise for those who are only watching the TV series we request that nobody asks Ian about when and where we get to see his character again. Not even in a really vague kind of way. Please keep your questions limited to what we saw of Ian in season one. Thank you.