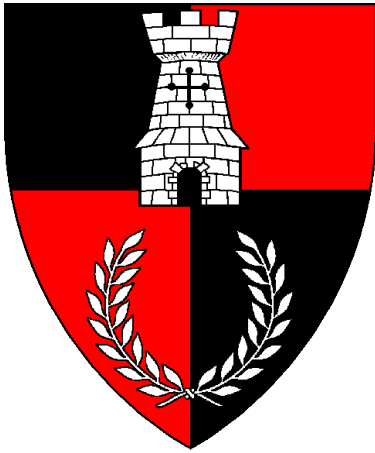


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

Greetings and warmest wishes to all who have wandered into these lands of the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Barony of the Lonely Tower is the local SCA group for the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro and surrounding area and part of the Kingdom of Calontir, which covers most of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and a small portion of Arkansas.

If you are unfamiliar with the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA), you can find out more information by visiting the Society's [introduction](#) page. We would also encourage you to visit the SCA's [Newcomer's Portal](#).

The best way to get involved with us is to attend as many local meetings and events as your mundane (modern) life allows - however, we understand life comes first and this is just a hobby. You may participate with us as much or as little as you like.

When you attend activities, be sure to introduce yourself and let us know what your interests are. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions as our Barony is filled with members who would love to answer them for you.

To find out more about our events and activities, be sure to check out our [website](#) as well as the calendar at the back of this newsletter. For more information or to ask specific questions, feel free to contact one of our officers listed on the last page.

Welcome to the Current Middle Ages - We're excited to have you!

Be sure to visit the Society for Creative Anachronism's [Pinterest](#) page.

They have over 75 boards and hundreds of pins to help in whatever you're interested in.

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Baronial Positions



Baron Augustin le Blinde &
Baroness Aleit de La Thomme
Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower



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Spiach'ev Горностаи
Anser Pursuivant (Herald)



Baroness Kezia von
Holzenhaus
Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy
Arts & Science Champion

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the Populace of Barony of the Lonely Tower do I, Baron Augustin, on behalf of my lovely lady Her Excellency Aleit, extend Our fondest greetings!



I have returned from Gulf Wars and am quite pleased with Our Kingdom's impressive showing. Calontir's camp was busting at the seams with so many of Our friends and neighbors. We were the envy of many kingdoms as we fielded more than 125 fighters and several archers for the battles! I was especially moved by the outpouring of support for Their Majesties after "bandits and brigands" (according to Their Herald, Master Rodri) attempted to ruin Their war. But quite the opposite, the unfortunate circumstances of this thievery only led to showing how amazing the Society can be, as members and friends step up to help others out in a time of need. Dozens of Calontiri and friends of Calontir sprung into action to sew clothes, bring additional regalia from other parts of the kingdom, make donations and even



fabricate new field coronets in just a few hours so they arrived in time for presentation at Court. This was an emotional time for Me to see Our Kingdom's generosity, tenacity and care on display, and was another great reminder of why I love Calontir.

Thank you to Lord Gaius, Lady Jorunna, Lady Wulfþryð and Lord Katsumoto for their assistance in retaining at war. We are thankful for the impending spring and warmer weather, and We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events, including Crown Tournament in B3R.

Yours in service,
Augustin and Aleit

Pictures taken by Bethany Melendy AKA Lady Jorunna Refsdottir. © 2019 Used with permission.

From the Seneschal

Unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower does the Seneschal send greetings on this, the Equinox of Spring.

It has been a roller coaster of a ride these past few weeks for our region, and even though it is currently a bit dryer please keep your neighbors, both Baronial and Mundane in mind as they work to recover if they were affected by the flooding.

We have three more indoor Fighter Practices/Populace Gatherings this month (April 2nd, April 16th and April 30th) prior to heading out doors the first week of May. Reminder that outdoor practices / gatherings are held at Elmwood Park (near the Pavilion) from 6:00 pm till it is dark. Practices are weekly, with the 2nd week however when fighters generally tend to visit our cousins in MagMor: If you do not travel down, do not fear, we still gather in the park for general chit chat, sunshine, fresh air and the occasional project. Remember to bring: A chair for sitting, or a blanket for the ground; a drink; sunscreen / a hat/sunglasses; bug spray and oh yes, your armor kits! We do have more exposure when outdoors so if you spy someone stopping by and watching, please go and talk to them.

Also, on the horizon is the May demo planned for the weekend of 10th thru the 12th, with the Education day being on Friday, May 10th. Please keep an eye on the banner, the baronial webpage and the Facebook page for more information. Lady Jorunna is our coordinator for this, so any questions please reach her at melendy09@sbc.edu. I am sure she will have something here for the next issue of the Banner!

That is, it for now from me.

Enjoy and I look forward to seeing everyone at events,

Anne

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From the Anser Pursuivant

These are the heraldic submissions from the Barony of the Lonely Tower that I am aware of currently. It also includes which letter they are on, and an estimated date as to when the decision of the Laurel office will be released. If you have submitted anything that does not appear on this list, or have other questions of a heraldic nature, please feel free to contact me at madnikolai@gmail.com

Calontir Lol dated 2018-10-06
Expected LoAR release - 3rd or 4th week of March
(No Lonely Tower Submissions)

Calontir Lol dated 2018-11-05
Expected LoAR release - 3rd or 4th week of April
Felix Feyrer - Resub Device
Grete Traurnicht - Resub Device
Lonely Tower – Award of Belfyre
Lonely Tower – New Badge (Goose)
Lonely Tower – New Badge (Tower)

Calontir Lol dated 2018-12-07
Expected LoAR release - 3rd or 4th week of May
Jorunna Refsdottir – New Name
Calontir Lol dated 2019-01-05
Expected LoAR release - 3rd or 4th week of June
Donis Vida - New Name
Donis Vida - New Device

Galti Patreksson - New Name
Galti Patreksson - New Device
Gyls mac an Deoir - New Name
Gyls mac an Deoir - New Device
Lelia Corsini - New Badge (Green owl)
Lelia Corsini - New Badge ('Per bend' Owl)
Nikolai Gornostai Spiach'ev - New Name Change
Nikolai Gornostai Spiach'ev - New Heraldic Title

Calontir Lol dated 2019-02-08
Expected LoAR release - 3rd or 4th week of July
Laraine De Leigne - New Name
Calontir Lol dated 2019-03-08

Cain Belmont -New Name
Cuthbert Longschankes -Resub Badge
Gwen verch Hughe -New Name
Jorunna Refsdottir -New Device
Kitta Kristinsdottir -New Device
Sata Takezou -New Name
Sata Takezou -New Device
Calontir ILoI dated 2019-02-25

This is an internal Calontir letter that has just been put out for commentary to the kingdom level commenters. A meeting will be held, likely at the end of March, and the decisions on forwarding them to Laurel will be made. Then a letter will be submitted to Laurel.

Æþelwyn æt Ulancumbe -New Name
Æþelwyn æt Ulancumbe - New Device
Laraine De Leigne -New Device

Have you had an idea for your name? Perhaps an idea for a badge or household name?

Have I helped you with an idea for some heraldry, but we've not quite finished it into a submission? Please feel free to contact me at madnikolai@gmail.com and we can work on these ideas!

Hurrah! Heraldry!

Горноста́й

From the Archery Marshal

From the Archery Range

As spring finds us looking forward to doing things outside. I want remind everyone who shoots archery that the best way to get ready for the spring and summer shooting schedule is to get out and practice. We are having our weekly archery practice on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Golden Arrow archery club located at 11212 N 72nd St. Omaha, Ne. The current seasonal challenge is Tic-Tac-Toe. Come join the fun. As the weather gets nicer remember that we will be moving to the outdoor range the first of May.

YIS

Roger of Bellebrocton

Assistant Archery Marshal

RenFaire Demo

We need to be there by 10am for Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th Demo.

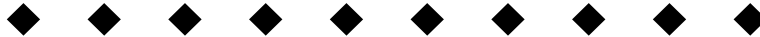
If people are able to volunteer to teach the Education day on Friday, May 10th, please remember to sign up on the event page with mundane names and topic. We still have several requested topics that have not been covered yet. Chronicler's note: more information about specific topics in the Business Minutes, Renaissance Festival of NE - www.renfestnebraska.com, page 10. If you have any questions, you can contact her melendy09@sbc.edu.

Lady Jorunna Refsdottir

From the Baronial A & S Champion

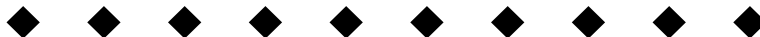
Hard to believe it but the Lonely Tower Revel will be happening outside on May 19th. As our new Arts and Sciences Champion I humbly request you bring an item for an A&S competition. I want to see what you've made since the last Lilies' War. If you've made several things you pick your best item to show off. No documentation needed really, but I'll ask you at the revel to label it for the culture, century and item it represents. I'm curious what everyone's been busy creating.

For the Dream. M. Jehanne Bening



Old calligrapher
reminiscing on her past
beautiful letters.
Arthritis crippled fingers
warming in the summer sun

Tanka poetry (Older Japanese poetry form) by Mistress Jehanne Bening





Warrior's Homecoming

Beyond the path of the the outermost sun through utter darkness hurled --
Further than ever comet flared or vagrant star-dust swirled --
Lived such as fought and sailed and ruled and loved and made our world.

They are purged of pride because they died, they know the worth of their days,
They sit at wine with the Maidens Nine and the Gods of the Elder Days,
It is their will to serve or be still as fitteth our Father's Praise.

'Tis their path to sweep through the ringing deeps where Azrael's outposts are,
Or to Buffet a path through the Pit's red wrath when God goes out to war,
Or hang out with the reckless Seraphim on the reins of a red-maned star.

They take their mirth in the joy of the Earth --
They dare not grieve for her pain --
They know of toil and the end of toil, they know that God's law is plain,
So they whistle the Devil to make them sport who knows that all Sin is in vain.

And ofttimes cometh our wise Lord God, master of every trade,
Who tells them tales of His daily toils, of Edens newly made;
And they rise to their feet as He passes by, gentlemen unafraid.

To them who are cleansed of base Desire, Sorrow and Lust and Shame --
Gods for they know the hearts of men, men for they stooped to Fame,
Borne on the breath that men call Death, my brother's spirit came.

He scarce had need to doff his pride or slough off the dross of the Earth --
E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he as if from his birth,
In simpleness and gentleness and honor and clean mirth.

So cups to lips in fellowship, they gave him the welcome high
And made him a place at the banquet board -- the Strong Men ranged thereby,
Who had done his work and held his peace and had no fear to die.

Beyond the loom of the last lone star, through open darkness hurled,
Further than rebel comet dared or hiving star-swarms swirled,
Sits he with those that praise our God for that they served His world.

Rudyard Kipling



The Women of Calontir

Oh, ye people of Calontir, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Gather together, lend me your ears, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
I sing you a song of the Women of Calontir.
Where the warriors of Calontir gather, in home or battle,
There the women of Calontir will be found beside them!

From the stately Queen, the Mother of our people, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
To the beautiful Princess, a daughter of Calontir, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Numerous Duchesses and Countesses to assist the royals wherer they go,
Many are Baronesses of Court and landed grants,
Their examples shining before us the dream all Calontir follows.

From the Hardy Huscarl fighting on field, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
To the stately Laurel and Pelican ladies, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Their numerous skills awe our foes, overwhelming them,
Proving their bravery, skill, and honors the mens equal,
Together shall Calontir stand alone.

More numerous of all are common women, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
No common man succeeds without their support, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Many follow their men to the wars, sharing the Dream together,
Some will work, some will teach, some to fight.
Our women's skills is just more reason Calontir stands alone.

Hard is the work the women do, supporting Calontir, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Woodworking and beadmaking, sewing, cooking, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
Feasts to non compare, water on the field, thanks to the women of Calontir,
They say good times are far from rare, tis due to our women's skills,
Everyone comes to them, the food is good, the company is better!

Oh ye people of Calontir, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
They put their hearts and souls into what they do, Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
And often in the end the world has seen again and again
A mighty kingdom, strong and free, it's women working as one,
Proving their skill, their honor no less than the warriors still!

Arise! Ye men of Calontir, Arise! Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
A toast to the women I say, our women of Calontir! Waes Hael, Drink Hael,
We hail and thank you for all you've done the years past and present,
Together as one shall Calontir stand alone!

Lord William Radulfus

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
March 19 2019

Seneschal

- * Gate form for Thursday of Lilies, Anne and Gulia are running Gate at Lilies. If you are attending, please volunteer
- * March 30 Lilies clean up day

Baronage

- * Baronial Progress
- * RUSH (Aleit likely)
- * Lilies Clean Up
- * Crown Tourney
- * NE Ren Fest

Exchequer

Current balance \$6778.36, one outstanding check

Arts & Science

- * Spring RUSH
March 23, Emporia KS
- * A&S activities
Interested in meeting one Sunday a month at Fort St. library to work on A&S projects - if so, talk to Lady Zafara

Herald

- * Revised schedule on Facebook and will be in the Banner
- * Simple designs unclaimed on Facebook post still available! This means if you have a simple idea, it may be low or no conflict!!
- * Ranking of Precedence of all Baronies in the SCA we are 93/192!

Chatelaine

Sewing circle on Thursdays, alternating between Main and Swanson (90/Dodge) libraries, out by 730p

Chronicler

- * Letters due Sunday at noon, welcome anytime!
- * Suggestions for the banner cover photo, ideas or referrals
- * Who ask for sharing SCA kingdom and local stories to fill in the dead space. Who is the person with the knowledge that I can ask directly?

Social Media

Low activity recently due to technology

Web Minister

Nothing new from the day to day

Knights Marshal

- * Practice 3 Tuesdays in April
2nd 16th 30th
- * Outside starting May 7, Fighters will try to visit Mag Mor 2nd Tuesday, Gather will still occur in the park as normal
- * Review your warrant, contact Marshal if you have questions

Archery Marshal

- * Attendance has been affected by the weather
- * Outdoors begins at the end of April, weather/mud/flood/road conditions dependent

Events

- * Revels
 - May 19 - C&T
 - Archery - Aug 18 (Roger to reserve Golden Arrows) - 9/15 rain date
- * 2019 events, ideas
 - Newcomer event, golden thimble, whack a knight night, pink ribbon tourney/pick your ribbon tourney [pre approved list of charities]
- * July 2020 Coronation
 - Thanks but no from Mag Mor, we will put a bid in ourselves. Likely no feast, just a longer day board.
 - 2021 July coronation need bid July 2020
- * Bid in to Kingdom for Caloncon in June - no gate fee, no tavern
 - Post Revel at TEs

Renaissance Festival of NE - www.renfestnebraska.com

- * Sat/Sun, May 11&12 - Demo weekend (jousts are 12:30, 2:30, 4:30)
- * Fri, May 10 - Education Day; 7th-9th graders, need volunteers, want to notify Howard as early as possible (first come, first served); get MagMor involved - Jorunna to contact HE Gyda.
- * Discussed getting people more physically involved/more interactive; braiding, calligraphy markers for names, singing, tablet weaving on 2x4 with nails and yarn
- * Contact Jorunna - melendy09@sbc.edu
- * *Feudalism and Trade, Renaissance and the Spread of Humanism, Weapons/Armor/Fighting, Dress and Clothing, Manners and Chivalry
- * Or another topic
- * Set-up/Tear-down Volunteers for Demo. Set up by Friday, camping allowed,
- * Need fighters, A&S especially hands on

Possibility turning park revels into demos

- * Sunshade placement, move to the far side, so the fighting is near the sidewalk
- * Place any A&S near visitors, have someone keep eye on it
- * Provide place passers-by can hang out - EZ up and floor, water
- * Bring fliers, business cards, etc.
- * Designated people available to answer questions.
- * Promote publicly where free or for a fee on Meet Ups.
- * Need list ropes, staff (safety, wrangling, inquiries)

Baronial Awards

All members of the SCA are encouraged to send in award recommendations for those members of the populace that they believe are worthy of recognition. Below are the names and brief descriptions of awards given in the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Cord - The Cord is simply that, a cord in the Lonely Tower colors that denotes the person wearing it is an active member of the Barony.

The Rose Window - The beauty and craftsmanship required in the making of a rose window gives us the definition for this award. The Rose Window is given for promise in the pursuit of the Arts and Sciences.

The Column - The support needed to keep the Lonely Tower standing comes from its many Columns. This award is given to those who have helped serve the needs of the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Defenders of the Gate - *Cave Canes!* "Beware of the Dogs" is the motto of this fair Barony. And well said, the knights, huscarls, fyrdmen, fighters, archers and equestrians of this barony have given us ample reason to be proud of each area of endeavor in the martial arts. Thus this award is given to those who are a part of our martial presence at tournaments held in the Lonely Tower and throughout Calontir and the Known World.

The Goose Migrant - Where the goose flies, so it takes with it the spirit of this land. This award is for those who have traveled widely within or without Calontir, representing the Barony wherever their paths may lead them.

The Keystone - Given to those without whose presence the Barony would likely not have become nor likely remain the beloved place we all share. In this award we seek to honor those who enhance, embrace or support the Barony and by extension the Kingdom and Society.

Baronial Champions

Arts & Sciences Champion (1st Quarter)

M. Jehanne Bening

Cut & Thrust Champion (2nd Quarter)

HL Saito Takauji

Archery Champion (3rd Quarter)

Lord Roger of Bellebrocton

Armored Combat Champion (4th Quarter)

Sir Bjarm Rorikson

Officer's Warrants

08/2019 - Web Minister
09/2019 - Social Media
09/2019 - Chatelaine
10/2019 - Archery Marshal
01/2020 - Anser Pursuivant (Herald)
01/2020 - Chronicler
01/2020 - Seneschal
01/2020 - Chancellor of the Exchequer
03/2020 - Minister of Arts & Sciences
01/2021 - Knights Marshal

Credits

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