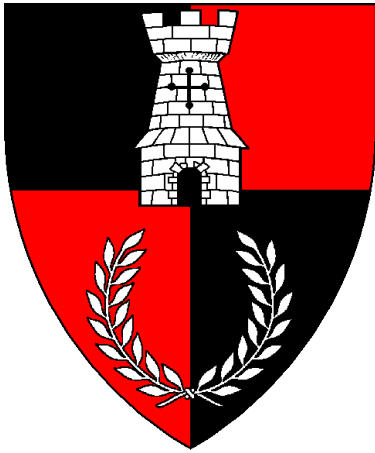


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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



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Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower



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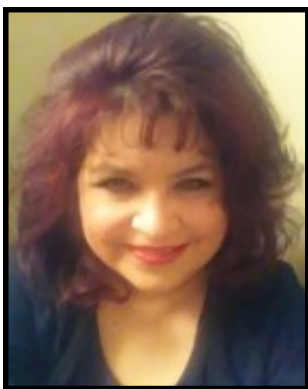
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Social Media Deputy

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings!

It has been a very busy and exciting month. We really enjoyed our first Battlemoor in the beautiful Outlands, camping alongside a rushing mountain stream with snowy peaks in the background. What a breathtaking site - We hope many of you travel with us next year!

Weekly practices and gathers have been going strong, with great attendance from both artisans and fighters. We continue to have several new fighters armoring each week, and the fighters have been gathering regularly on Sunday mornings for additional practice. Our foes should fear our fast-improving army!

Coronation was an awesome event. We were thrilled to see so many of you in attendance and We especially thank each and every one of you who helped make the event a success. Lonely Tower really put its best foot forward and impressed Our visitors from across the kingdom. Our deepest gratitude to Mistress Roise, who served as autocrat of the event, and to her dedicated staff, including Countess Giulia who prepared a most impressive feast for Their Royal Majesties. We were honored to see Lady Jorunna bestowed her Award of Arms in evening court, as well as witnessing HL Nikolai being named Herald Extraordinaire, a most impressive honor! In Our Court, We were well pleased to bestow Cords upon Lord Gylys and Lady Wolfryth to officially welcome them to BLT. In addition, We inducted Lord Kristoforus into the Order of the Column in honor of his selfless service to the barony, and inducted Lord Oisin into the Order of the Defenders of the Gate. Cave Canes!

We are looking forward to Our largest baronial Revel of the year, scheduled for Sunday, August 19, at Lady Aesa and Lord Brynjulf's estate. Activities that day will include the Archery Championship, the Cut & Thrust Championship, Court, Potluck feast, and more.

Lastly, We will be supporting Our Cousins from the barony of Mag Mor at Cattle Raids on Saturday, August 25 at Cass County Fairgrounds. We hope you will join us for this fun-filled annual event.

Yours always in service,

Augustin & Aleit,

Baron & Baroness

From the Seneschal

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower comes Greetings from your Seneschal,

Everyone, take a deep breath, and another. Give yourselves a pat on the back for we have done a wonderful job of seeing a new Crown come to the Falcon Thrones!

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand, no matter how large or small, in the running of our Summer Coronation. You did an amazing job, and nobody left wanting for a thing, except for things they lost and others found.

Just now looking over my notes from Caloncon there was a lot of information to process, not only in the Seneschal's meeting but I am guessing in all the officer's meetings. I hope those that attended enjoyed their time getting to know their fellow officers from around the kingdom, their Kingdom level bosses and also came away with lots of ideas, and new processes that are for some, already in the works.

For me it was a dozen pages of notes to go over and pass along to everyone. Bullet points for everyone!

- Marshalls should be reporting youth fighting activities, if the barony has any. We did have some at coronation so please make a note of that.
- Officers, please make sure your memberships are up to date, double check those blue cards because those dates can sneak up on you.
- Do you have a background check? Do you know the date it expires? Look into that and if you would like to have a background check, I advise all core officers to have one, please get your background check renewed.
- Information is on the Seneschal's page on the Kingdom site
- We will be having new Gate (formerly Troll) forms coming down here soon. HL Cristina is in the planning stages of a "So you want to sit Gate" class. Please be on the lookout for more information

- What info should you pass on to your successor?
- Reports and important emails
- Look into Evernote and see if it works for you
- If you are not sure, please check with your Kingdom level boss and also, read your handbook!

There is more, and if anyone would like to know or see what was talked about please let me know and I will share my handout with you.

One of the biggest item that came out of the meeting was more on the social media side concerning the creation of Facebook event pages. ***“ No social media site/outlet may publish content unless that content has already been published in the required SCA venue first. The following are the most common types of information applicable under this section and is not meant to be exhaustive; in all cases, verify the requirements for publication in the relevant policy.Initial event publication in a Kingdom Newsletter/Kingdom Website for official status;...”***

Meaning, that a Facebook event page CAN NOT be created until the flyer has been printed in The Mews. With this change I would like all future event stewards to think about getting their flyer created ASAP! This will help with getting the facebook event page up sooner rather than later. Please if you are hosting an event, think about getting a flyer out with at least the basic requirements for a flyer, all info can be found on the last page of The Mews or by contacting the Kingdom Chronicler at chronicler@calontir.org . Flyers can always be updated for future Mews issues.

I have set up a now working Gmail account for the Seneschal. If you have a question concerning anything in the barony please now contact me at blt.seneschal@gmail.com I will be using that email from now on as to have a place to track all issues and official business. I am doing this because when I step down I would like my successor to have access to this and have a history of what is happening.

Finally the reminders about bids. Bids for October 2019 Crown are due to the Barony by the August 20th business meeting. If you are interested, please think about putting in a bid. And, as always we are in the need of a bid for 12 th Night 2019. If you would like to Event Steward either of these events, or know of a site that the barony can use please let me know. I swear, I don't bite, I just grumble if you talk to me before my tea.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings to the populace of the Lonely Tower.

There have been many changes to Society and Kingdom financial policy and procedures and more to come. Some policies aren't changing, rather they are going to be more strictly enforced. The following is not all-inclusive:

- Gate forms will be changed to reflect only persons present, membership status, and funds received.
- Minors and Adults will be tallied on the same forms.
- Waivers will be handled by the Seneschal.
- No one may sign anyone else in at an event...with the exception of minors, let's be realistic.
- Funds received for Feast will be recorded on a separate form.
- Funds for Gate, Inn, Feast, and any fundraising will be kept totally separate.
- Baronages are considered a type of Royalty by Society and therefore Influencers--they will be immediately removed from all financial accounts.
- Epay is required for Crown Tourney, Coronation, Queen's Prize, Kingdom A&S, King's Company of Archers, and Lilies. The requirement can be handled by either offering ePay pre-registration or ePay at the door. Both are not required.
- If a group wishes to use ePay at any other event, a request from must be sent to Kingdom 60 days prior.
- Events can be labeled Free, Donation, or Site Fee. If an event is Free, no donations shall be requested; Donations may be requested but not suggested--if a donation is suggested then it becomes a Site Fee; all Sites with a Fee will have an NMR fee added.

-Cash Advances cannot be deposited into a member's account--they must be cashed; and all unused cash returned to the exchequer the day of the event along with all receipts and the tally form that accompanies the Cash Advance form.

-Receipts submitted for reimbursement shall only have reimbursable items on it--nothing else.

-Site Fee "comps" at an event: required are King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. If a group decides to comp more, that is up to their discretion--the numbers shall be forwarded to the Chamberlain prior to the event. All other can be handled locally through financial policy.

-"Comps" for feast are required only for the big 4...if a group decides to comp more, that is up to their discretion--the numbers shall be forwarded to the Chamberlain prior to the event. Note: the number of people at "head table" is the privileged decision of TRM. While it may require some shuffling if TRM decide to have 12 people at head table rather than the 8 the cooks and hall steward planned, that is their prerogative.

-Originals of all event waivers will be sent to the NMR Deputy within 14 days of the event. -Failure to comply will result in suspension of the group.

-NMR fees to Kingdom within 10 days of the event.

-Event Reports to Kingdom within 30 days of the event.

-Groups must have a local financial policy that will include money handling during multi-day events, refunds for pre-registration, and "comps" for site.

-All groups will submit an annual budget at the end of October.

There will be more as the policies are finalized and procedures established.

In grace,

Cristina

From the Anser Pursuivant

I received quite the surprise at the recent celebration of Their Royal Majesties Coronation. During evening court, Meisterin Brigida von München, Gold Falcon Principal Herald announced that she had granted me elevation to the rank of Herald Extraordinary. To say that I was honored and delighted would be a huge understatement. Even as the scroll was being read in court, I knew that this month's heraldry article should probably explain just what it was I was receiving. It just is not something that is well known outside heraldic circles.

Herald Extraordinary is a rank bestowed upon a herald to recognize their lengthy and/or exceptional service as a herald. It is an exception to the norms of our Society, in that it is one of the few awards given not by the crown. Instead, it is bestowed by the Kingdom's Principal Herald on behalf of the Kingdom's College of Herald's (Or by the Laurel Sovereign on behalf of the Society College of Arms.). It is based on a rank within the British College of Arms, and was first instituted in the Society during the tenure of Wilhelm Laurel.

A little known facet to heraldry that non-heralds usually pay no attention to, is the existence of heraldic ranks. While all of the positions I am about to mention are heralds, not all of them are Herald's. In Calontir, these ranks are primarily based on the position a herald holds. The heraldic officer for a Shire or Barony is a Pursuivant. The Heraldic officer for the Kingdom is the Principal Herald, and their staff are Herald's. A Shire's herald is typically referred to as <Group name> Pursuivant (Lost Moor Pursuivant). A Barony's Pursuivant will typically bear a unique title registered to the Barony (Anser Pursuivant. Gemshorn Pursuivant). The Kingdom's Principal Herald also has a unique title that is registered to the Kingdom (Gold Falcon Principal Herald. Sanguinaris Principal Herald.). The staff of the Kingdom's Principal Herald also have unique heraldic titles, all of them registered to the Kingdom (Saker Herald. Eyas Herald). When a herald steps down from their position, the heraldic rank remains with the position.

With the granting of the Herald Extraordinary rank, the herald receives the right to their own unique heraldic title. A title registered to them, not the kingdom nor barony, and it remains theirs in perpetuity. I am considering a few options for my own title. Feel free to ask me about Herald's Extraordinary, my herald's title, or virtually any other aspects of heraldry!

Have fun with your heraldry!

Горностај

From the Chronicler

Lady Isibél Inghean Dáire was generous in given permission to share her picture for this month cover photo. Lord William Radulfus' game boards at Renaissance Festival of Nebraska Lonely Tower demos, Bellevue Farm & Pumpkin Patch May 5th and 6th.

If you have pictures to share, please let me know. Thanks!

From the Web Minister

Greetings!

All is quiet on the web front! I see a handful more have registered for our site, so please do continue. There is a lot we can do that can benefit everyone but we need max participation to really pull it off! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Ld Willeam Rudhall, Web Minister

From the Chatelaine

Champions

On August 19th, Lonely Tower will hold a dual Champions' Revel, to discover the new Archery and Cut&Thrust champions for the barony. But what are champions? What do they do? How do you become a Champion?

Every group, from Kingdoms down to shires, can have champions. Champions represent their group in competitions, and sometimes escort the Crown or Coronet. Some champions are appointed, some win a competition.

In Calontir, the rattan, archery and Cut & Thrust kingdom level champions are appointed, while the A&S champion wins a competition. (I'm not sure about the equestrian champion, but I think they are appointed.) Other kingdoms do things differently. Not every reign will have a champion in all areas, but it is usual to have a King's Champion, and a Queen's Champion. These are frequently both rattan fighters, appointed by Their Majesties.

Within the Barony, we usually have four Champions, one chosen by competition each season. In the Spring, we have a Cut & Thrust competition to determine the champion. In the Summer, the Archery Champion is chosen. Fall is the time for the Rattan Championship, and Winter is the season for A&S. Sometimes weather or scheduling difficulties will cause the timing of the championships to slip a little, which is why we are now having both the Cut & Thrust and Archery Championships in August. There will be a pot luck and a baronial court in addition to the championship competitions.

Anyone can enter these competitions, keeping in mind the duties and responsibilities. Never enter a competition you are not prepared to win. The duties of the champion are fairly simple. The Champions guard Their Excellencies during court, and represent the barony at as many events and competitions as the champion can manage. The champion is also responsible for running the competition to determine their successor. Usually there is some regalia that the champion can wear to designate them as the champion—a baldric or tabard, a spear or arrows, or a giant needle. The more participants there are, the better the competition, and may the best win!

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Greetings everyone.

Though summer is still fierce upon our heads, preparing for winter cannot come too soon. To that end, I encourage all to prepare for and enter the baronial A&S championship that will take place at the winter revel.

This year's championship will be two entries: one category that you are good at, and one that you have just begun to learn how to do.

Example: Bathilde has been weaving for some time now--she's rather practiced at it and many think her quite good; she has never experimented with historical cooking. Therefore, her entries could be something she has woven, and something she has redacted and cooked.

I hope that we will see many entries and that you enjoy trying out something totally new.

In grace,

Cristina

*October 2019 Crown Tourney bid due by August 20, 2018. If interested, Contact HL
Anne von Weingarten*

Officer's Warrants

05/2019 - Knights Marshal

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

Baronial Rebel

The Baronial Revel will be held on Sunday, August 19th at Lord Brynjolf and Lady Aesa's home (Bruce and Theresa Norris). It is set up at 10 a.m., and it is Revel at Noon to 4 p.m.

The address is 4408 Ida St., Omaha, NE 68112. GPS will not take you there, directions are as follows: Take Sorenson Parkway to 42nd St. and go North. At 4-way stop (Curtis & 42nd) turn left. Make the first right onto N 44th St. Keep going straight onto the dirt road. House is the third on the left side once you hit the dirt.

Please bring your own tables, chairs, banners, feast gears, and a dish to share!

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting

July 16 2018

1. Seneschal

a. Officers and deputies by twelfth night

1. How is the search going?

Bids for upcoming events

12th Night - due by August business meeting

October 2019 Crown - due by August business meeting - Westfair?

CalonCon this weekend

Coronation was great, yay. We are all tired.

Baronage

C&T Championship

Date?

Baronial Progress - Pennsic (Augustin), Archery revel (Aug 19?), Masters of the Duel, Cattle Raids

Officers are vehemently encouraged to attend Calon Con (Belton, MO)

3. Exchequer - \$8645.38 >\$9969.46

Arts & Science - Scribal table at coronation had good participation. Patterns are made for baronial gambison project. Carolina Calico website having sale \$5 natural linen. KM or QM will need to take care of them or monitor borrowers

A&S Peers only novice again competition had 2 entrants. Well received, plans to run at next fall coronation.

Herald- Lots of heraldry this weekend. Consultation table, name and device, maybe badges, some ready to submit. 2 courts, Jorunna received her AOA, Nikolai was recognized as Herald Extraordinaire. Augustin helped read the lineage in morning court.

Wall of Arms - Those who have passed have been added with mourning ribbon to indicate.

Chronicler - officers send in letters by this Friday. If you have artwork or photography for the banner, please send it to chronicler. Need a deputy as well

Social Media- Jehanne is on all platforms, learning best practices to coordinate across platforms.

Web Minister - added the "sanitized" Banner to the page; please get registered for the site so we can get away from old, outdated, obsolete Yahoo group. Up 8 or 9 members since last month. Subscribe button to be notified of forum additions.

Knights Marshal

Letters of intent Please talk to fellow fighters - fighter practice going well; fighters still going to Mag Mor 2nd Tuesday of month for summer.

Cut & Thrust Marshal - trying to hold practice 3rd Tuesday of month

Archery Marshal -Roger was warranted at coronation after completing MIT at Lilies. Coronation shoot went well, string shoot, barrel/saddle shoot, Maybe indicates interest in theme shoots such as hunting themed.

Events

Coronation: Debrief meeting?

Event went well, minimal lost and found, delivering to Caloncon. Robert and Jorunna and Mikail and Giovanni helped with tear down. Profit of \$734.08 after 30% profit share, 2.2% Paypal, plus Tavern profit \$148.06 \$882.14 total attendees 284 \$172.82 in taxes

12th Night

Bid possibly in the works

October 2019 Crown

Bid in the works - Westfair? IA would be even more merchant friendly

Camp cedars and camp eagle had schedule issues previously but could be revisited as an option

Isaac Walton Fremont location?

Scribal RUSH - Need a contract, funerals do bump our reservation.

Old Business - none

New Business

Thanks to interpreters, Mary received her newcomers chalice at Coronation!

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

H. Lady Cristina la Ambeler

Cut & Thrust Champion

H. Lord Cearan Mac Brendan

Archery Champion

Master Dolan Madoc of Harlech

Armored Combat Champion

Lord Uesugi Katsumoto

Credits

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