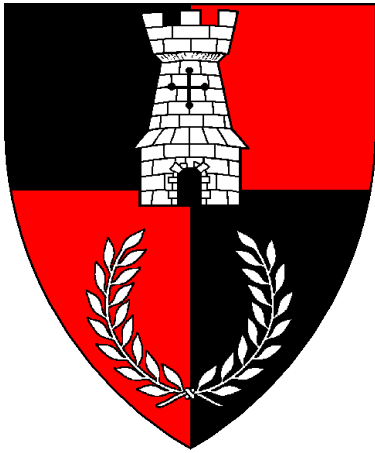


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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



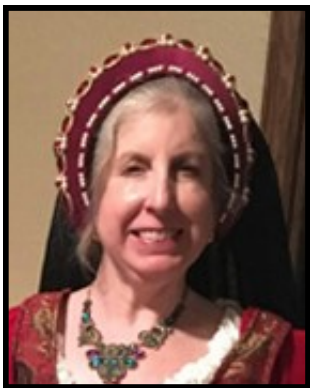
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Lady Jorunna Refsdottir
Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy
Arts & Science Champion

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower do We, Augustin and Aleit, send warmest greetings!

Summer is in high form, and as the sun rises high over the fields and floods, your new King and Queen have risen to take Their rightful place on the Falcon thrones. We had a lovely day, and enjoyed seeing many of you there! The evening feast was extraordinary, and was the first for 3 of our newest Cords, Mikayla, Tristan, and Cassius!!

We look forward to Our 3rd quarter revel, which will coincide with Our Baronial Archery Championship, to be held Sunday, August 18 at L.Brynjolf and L.Aesa's estate. While there is a rain date scheduled for September 29, We hope many of you plan to attend. We have had many new faces arrive to Our Barony within the past year, and recently had an exciting turnout to practice! We had guests from Mag Mor, Forgotten Sea, and Ceourr d'Ennuï, everyone from newly authorized fighters to Counts on the field, and many in the gallery! Such an opportunity for camaraderie, inspiration, and support fills Our hearts with joy, and We hope many of our activities may garner similar enthusiasm from you.

If you can't wait to spend time with your friends until the revel, We invite you to a casual day of fun on Saturday, August 10 at Our home. We will plan for fighting, barbeque potluck, and a campfire. Please bring any project you wish to work on, get assistance on, or leave in a basket untouched. Look for more details to come! (See page 8)

In service to the Dream,

Augustin and Aleit
Baron and Baroness

From the Seneschal

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower come greetings from your Seneschal.

We have survived the heat of the past few weeks and are now enjoying cooler temperatures, take advantage of it, spend an evening outdoors working on a project, come and join us at Elmwood park on Tuesdays for fighter practice, general chit chat and a bit of fun. We have missed seeing everyone, both long time members of the barony and those new to our lands. Please come join us, catch up and relax.

Some business to attend to for the Barony. First. I would like to welcome Lady Jorunna to the fold of officership as she joins as our new Chatelaine taking over from HE Kezia who had to step down. Please touch base with Jorunna, she has some wonderful plans for recruitment and member retention. I would like to thank Baroness Kezia for all of her hard work for the barony, not only as Chatelaine but also in the archery family for keeping tabs on scores and always having an upbeat and fun stories to tell at the business meetings.

The barony is in need of a webminister as Lord William will be leaving us soon for the lands of Dragons. Letters of intent are due ASAP to both myself. Their Excellencies and the webminister. Interviews will be scheduled at Their Excellencies discretion.

I would like to extend a personal "Thank You" to Lord Oisin who spent a few wonderful hours with me in the heat, dust and stuff going through, sorting, organizing and cleaning out the baronial storage unit. It might not seem like much, but we are now able to access the unit through both of the rolling doors. A good thing when it comes to moving things around for events. And also for just airing out the unit. Thank you Oisin, could not have done it without you.

In Service,
HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chatelaine

Greetings! I am your new chatelaine, Lady Jorunna Refsdottir. I joined the Barony of the Lonely Tower about 3 years ago. For activities in the SCA, I enjoy archery, equestrian, heavy combat, combat archery, sewing, embroidery, and occasionally dabble in bardic. Mundanely, I'm Bethany Melendy, which is also how you can find me on Facebook. I received my BA in Anthropology and Archaeology from Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and my MA in Cultural Anthropology from Iowa State University. I know French, Arabic, English, and some Japanese. I've lived overseas for a few years in Jordan and Japan, prior to moving to Omaha. I'm originally from North Central Iowa. I am looking forward to working with the barony to ensure our continued growth.

To that end, soon at local and kingdom events you will be seeing folks wearing a special favor. The favor will be green with a gold key on it. This is the mark of the office of Chatelaine. The good people donning this favor are excellent resources for all of our new members. I would invite you to approach them and speak with them freely. If you're a long time member and know of a newcomer seeking guidance, please do not hesitate to guide them to our friends who bear the favor of the chatelaine.

Yours In Service,

Jorunna Refsdottir

From the Web Minister

Greetings, populace! As some know, I and my household are preparing to move to the far-away kingdom of Drachenwald this winter! As a result, I will let my warrant expire in August and step down as your Web Minister. I want to thank everyone for your support and wish you all well in the days and ages to come! Thusly, a new Web Minister will be needed. This person should be wise and cunning beyond their years (or at least a basic tutelage or strong motivation and ability to learn) in the skills of Word Press and HTML, and have a desire to defend the populace web presence with vast armies of industry-standard security practices and other devastating powers of web wizardry. If you wish to take on this daunting task, please submit your letter of intent to their Excellencies and the Seneschal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me as well!

~ Ld Willeam Rudhall, Web Minister

From the Chronicler

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2nd Tuesdays of the month, while the fighters are at Mog Mor, populace have the choice either join populace gathering at the park or research at the library. If you have questions about research, contact Lady Zafara Baabur a-sminister@lonelytower.org.

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My Warrant ends January 2020....so I am looking for someone to take my place. Here's the information:

I'm looking for a Deputy who would like to practice what I'm doing, but you won't be doing Official monthly newsletter & send out. If the person willing to become my Deputy enjoys this position, that person will need to apply for Chronicler position prior to when my time serving is up (which is January 2020). The only thing that Deputy/Chronicler will need to have is the Word Publisher app. The duties of the Chronicler are: to be able to change the cover photo page monthly, to ask others to share their photos or publish online information after getting permission to use, including all information the Officers will send you via e-mail, whatever information and articles received must be copied and pasted, calendar events updated, and to be able to convert Word Publisher files to PDF form in order to send out via both e-mail and snail mail by the end of the month. One hard copy of every monthly newsletter must be printed out baronial records in the BLT file. Both email and snail mail addresses updated as needed. It can be tedious but really takes little time to learn, yet it is a really important yet enjoyable creative experience to create a wonderful Banner newsletter every month! Anyone who may be interested, let me know, I can be reached at Chronicler@lonelytower.org

Don't be shy to learn something new if you have never done it before.

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings to the barony from your exchequer.

It has been a quiet month on financial front. Therefore, I would like to discuss budgets.

Every officer has an annual budget that must be submitted before the October business meeting. It is good for the following calendar year. Reason for the date being that first the exchequer and seneschal must look them over to find any legal reasons why they might not be approved--and if it is a newer officer, to perhaps correct their math. Between the 1st and the business meeting, the Finance Committee will view and discuss the budgets virtually. Then, the Finance Committee will meet directly following the October business meeting to discuss and approve/disapprove them. Then, they are sent to Kingdom for final approval no later than 31 October.

An officer's annual budget can be as simple as gas money for CalonCon, or as complex as printing fees for preprints, \$25 compensation for gas/materials for traveling instructors that come to teach us, or the many faceted QuarterMaster budget that covers everything from toilet paper to step-ladders, to dump runs for disposal.

Here is an example:

BLT Budget	2019	
<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Used Returned</u>
Baronial Whim \$50/Mo	\$600.00	
Seneschal	\$50.00	\$50.00
PO Box	\$60.00	\$70.00
Exchequer	\$155.00	
Quartermaster\$300.00	\$61.00	
Storage Unit	\$900.00	\$912.00
Chronicler	\$112.00	\$77.76
Herald	\$160.00	
A&S	\$50.00	
Social Media	\$50.00	
MOY	\$50.00	
Chatelaine	\$225.00	\$130.00
Webminister	\$50.00	
Marshalate		
Heavy	\$300.00	\$300.00
C&T	\$50.00	
Archery	\$295.00	
Activities		
Gathering Site	\$1,200.00	
12th Night	\$2,000.00	
Summer - Coronation	\$0.00	
Fall	\$1,500.00	
Lilies	\$200.00	
Demos (Chatelaine)	\$50.00	
Special Projects		
<u>Walls</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total	\$8,357.00	

From the Financial Committee

Financial Committee Meeting
August 15, 2019

Reimburse seneschal for CalonCon gas. Budget was \$50, receipt was \$55, check 2620 \$50

Reimburse seneschal in lieu of QMaster for dump run and gas. Budget is \$300, receipt was \$61. Check 2621 for \$61

Reimburse baron for loaner gear purchase. Knights Marshal budget is \$300, receipt was \$200, check 2619 for \$200. Purchase was cleared by the KM

Our finances will be in dire circumstances after the first of the year. We have had no revenue, and we will have \$2500 in bills, not including the fees for 12th night.

As a reminder, baronial Officer budgets are due absolutely no later than 1 October. This doesn't mean you won't get money if you need it, it just means that it has to be approved by the FC prior to a) making the purchase, and b) getting the money.

M. Mischa discussed sites for the Warlord Ribbon tourney and his hopes that he would have a bid ready by next business meeting.

Seneschal discussed further cleaning of the storage unit and possible movement to a different unit in the same complex for \$2 more per month (raising our annual fee to \$936.)

Warlord Ribbon Tourney

While I'm still hammering out the details for the tournaments (rattan and C&T), I need to find volunteers to help fill a few roles.

First off, the event was originally penciled in for 19 October. That was a week after Crown Tourney, which is scheduled as a long weekend at Smithville Lake. As that was a bit too close, and the site has a couple of weddings scheduled in October as well, we are moving the event to 2 November. It will be at the Cass County Fairgrounds, and will be a one day event.

Currently, I am planning on opening Gate at 9am, running authorizations from 10am-Noon, having the Lists open 10am to Noon.

To make this work, I need people to help cover the following:

Head Gatekeeper and Gate workers.

Minister of the Lists (rattan)

Minister of the Lists (C&T)

Sponsor trackers (preferably a few people. you'll understand when you see the full rules of the tourney.)

Tavern keeper

Tavern workers

Clean-up crew

Please contact me azadan@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions.

Thanks in advance!

Mikail Azadan Askoldovich

Baronial BBQ fest and Pennsic Pity Party

You're invited to a Baronial BBQ fest. An afternoon and evening gathering with grillin', fightin', and bardic fun. August 10th at Their Excellencies home. 10717 S. 113th St. Papillion, NE

Bring your own lunch, snack, and beverage/alcohol. Bring a side-dish or dessert to share for dinner. Meat for dinner and grill provided by Their Excellencies Augustin and Aleit. Be sure indicate you're coming if you want to eat their meat.

Post revel to follow.

Schedule: 12-4 Fighting lunch and snacks 5-7 dinner followed by campfire and bardic.

Casual attire. Children welcome.

Alternate weather plan is an indoor game night 7-10ish

Baronial Archery Competition Revel

You are invited to the Baronial Revel and potluck August 18th. This one is to find the next Baronial Archer Champion. An afternoon to also visit with local friends held on Lord Bryniolfr Brandssmidr and Lady Aesa a Nordrlonda's place (Bruce-Theresa Norris) 4408 Ida St., Omaha, NE 68112

Directions to the site are: (GPS will not take you there)

Take your best route to Sorenson Pkwy. Then go North on 42nd St. At the 4 way stop turn left onto Curtis St., then make the next right onto N. 44th St. Follow onto dirt road. Once on dirt we are the 3rd house on the left across from the mailboxes. Pole has a sign that reads Ida St..

Please come at 10:00 and help set up the baronial sunshade and other site enhancements.

The potluck and archery will happen between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Archery and thrown weapons will happen. The Championship challenge is still being planned.

Bring your own chairs, tables, sunscreen, bug spray and of course feast gear.

Just like any happening, your help will be greatly appreciated to return the site to its original condition, maybe even better than it was on arrival.

An attempt at period clothing is encouraged. Children are welcome.

If it rains, alternate date is September 29th.

Lonely Tower Trivia Questions

By Mistress Jehanne Bening

1. Who in the Barony received the last Grant of Arms?
2. What Kingdom awards are not held by anyone in the Barony yet?
3. Who in the Barony has been awarded a simple GoA?
4. Who was the feast steward at our last event?
5. Who is known best known for his thick accent?
6. Who is well known for glassworking?
7. Who in the Barony received the last Peerage?
8. What is the next Kingdom event Lonely Tower is hosting?
9. What fighter is known as 'death from below'?
10. Who's the tallest in the Barony?

Answers on page 13

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
July 15, 2019

Seneschal

Business Meetings

- ◆ Agenda deadline is a hard deadline, please have meeting topics in Warrants/Reporting
- ◆ If yours is up for renewal, please check with your kingdom officer.
- ◆ If you need to find a replacement, please have position letter out ASAP
- ◆ All officers are required to CC the seneschal on reports
- ◆ Did you? If so, thank you. If not, why?

Baronage

Baronial Progress

- ◆ Kingdom Arts & Science (Aleit, tentative)
- ◆ Feast of Eagles (Aleit, tentative)
- ◆ Cattle Raids
- ◆ Atlantia - 100th Tourney of Cross & Lily (Labor Day weekend)/Valor
- ◆ Vertigo

Hosting a Gather (fighting, cooking, music practice) on Aug 10 - details to come

Coronation was lovely, Feast was incredible with 5 courses and more food than we could eat, though we tried valiantly :)

Exchequer

- ◆ Current balance \$ 6778.36
- ◆ Exchequer can no longer sit Troll, other than to open and close.
- ◆ Any event must have a budget, the budget must be used including line items within the budget.

Arts & Science

Thursday Fiber Nights

- ◆ Resuming in August
- Research Nights 2nd Tuesdays at the library 90th/Fort and on Sundays in winter

Herald

CalonCon and KWHSS - non-standard European or Asian languages/of the sub-continent needed

Chatelaine

Welcome Jorunna as new Chatelaine

Deep thanks and appreciation to HE Kezia for her work

Recruitment ideas

- ◆ Farmer's Market, free booth for non-profit
- Chatelaine Favours - Green/Gold Key
- ◆ Newcomer favours - Blue with White Tricetta

Chronicler

Deputy is still needed for step down in January

Likeness agreement/ Release Forms

- ◆ Must fill out, for publication of artistic property or if recognizable photo is used.
<http://www.calontir.org//files/pdf/publication/forms/sca-creative-work-release-fillable.pdf> for editable PDF form
- Banner deadline Sunday July 21st
- ◆ If no letter submitted, Banner will go to press

Social Media

Nothing new

Web Minister

Will be stepping down in August

Website was down, source determined and fixed. Old file used to fix problem, so please report any errors.

Letters of intent to serve due ASAP

- ◆ Email Webminister; Seneschal; Baronage

Knights Marshal

- ◆ Need C&T marshals, Cearn can do majority of onboarding for new marshals!
- ◆ Traveling Fighter Practice we had 22 in armor, Mag Mor had 14 including 4 new
- ◆ New loaner armor acquired, many still in need of personal helmets
- ◆ Physical inspections must have verbal consent or implied consent to be touched, such as awareness that they are being inspected/knowledge that inspection requires physical inspection of armor/person. No marshal will ever have need to touch anyone's chest or personal areas.
- ◆ Fighters must be in armor at least once every 6 months to maintain authorization
- ◆ With regards to helmet inspections, marshals are concerned for injurious contact
- ◆ Youth marshal activities TBD in conjunction with CdE and MM

Archery Marshal

Watch FB for weather-related announcements

Standing Items

Revels

- ◆ Archery – August 18th
 - Brynjolf and Aesa's estate/Potluck
 - Rain Date September 29th?
- ◆ Ribbon Tourney
 - Looking into dates Oct. 19 at Sarpy, Cass the following weekend - against Grimfells event. Nov 2 is also open.

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)

Master Rolf Hobart

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

Baronial Positions photo page 3:

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Lonely Tower Trivia Answers

1. Cristina la Amberle
2. Equestrian, Stile Fyrd, Duchy
3. Gervase de Glanville
4. Wulfrith Maynes
5. Oisin Hacenson
6. Sorcha inghean uí Mhaoláin and Roise ni' Ullachain
7. Nesscia inghean Chearnaigh
8. Ribbon Tournament
9. Vaclav Semjaka
10. Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus