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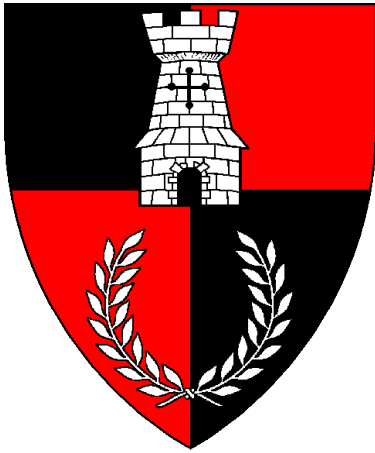
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Let well ye folk of the heartland
Cushen your to Royal will made
knowen King Kalin has need of
some archer Queen Faldred has
called for her best yemen.
When their requests were heard
her name came to the fore, a
yemen known as Michael the
Bannerer. Upon just reflection
our King and Queen consulted
with their counsels and all agreed
that this bannerer had won a piece
amongst their ruler.



The Kalin Crown that was the
their trophy to enter the sphere
realm and deduce upon the rolls of
the King's household. His name
there is well placed but not
so his device. Therefore by will
of the Kalin Crown, Michael the
Bannerer must submit such a
device unto the Kalin Herald's post
haste as he will be as needed.
So ordered this 16th day of June
AS 62 Done by our hand on
the fields of Winesman





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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Baroness Aleit de La Thomme
Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower



HL Anne Von Weingarten
Seneschal



HL Cristina la Ambeler
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Arts & Science Champion



Lady Krystyn I Lund
Chronicler



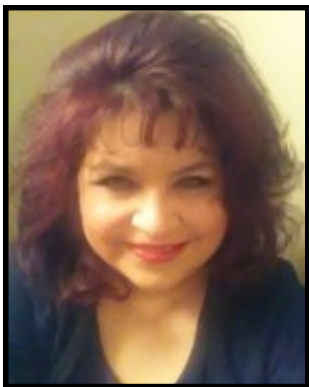
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Archery Marshal



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Spiach'ev Горностаи
Anser Pursuivant (Herald)



Baroness Kezia von
Holzenhaus
Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings unto the Populace of the Lonely Tower,

We have had an eventful start to the year, hosting Twelfth Night, attending Coronation and Winter War Maneuvers, and preparing for Our first revel of the year. We hope you are all able to join Us on Saturday, February 16 at the Education Center at Hillcrest Home Care as We select Our next Baronial Arts & Science Champion. Her Ladyship Cristina is hosting once again, for what is sure to be a whimsical day of friendship and fun!

The Renaissance Festival of Nebraska is holding Education Day on Friday, May 10 and the Barony will be providing demos for that as well as the Festival weekend of May 11 and 12, similar to last year. We may even camp at the site all weekend if desired. Please contact Lady Jorunna to assist with either or all opportunities there.

We will plan to hold Our second quarter Revel the following Sunday, May 19, with a weather date of Sunday, June 23. We also have the third quarter Revel planned in conjunction with Our Baronial Archery Championship on Sunday, August 18 at Golden Arrows' outdoor range, with Sunday, September 15 as a weather date. Please let Us or HL Ann know if you are able to assist with these local activities.

We do not have any other Kingdom level events scheduled in the Barony for the rest of 2019, which leaves the opportunity to hold an event later this year. Some options discussed at the January Business Meeting include a Newcomer's Event similar to the one previously held at the Springfield Community Center, or a fighting-focused charity event. If you have ideas, want to help, or have a lead on a local site we could use for either these or other events, please contact Us or HL Ann.

Please remember to submit award recommendations. We are always interested to hear what you are thinking and whom you feel deserves recognition. As always, we are thankful for your support of Our barony and the great Kingdom of Calontir!

In Service,

TowerAugustin and Aleit
Baron and Baroness of the Lonely

From the Seneschal

Unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower does the Seneschal send greetings on this, the 950th anniversary of the Harrying of the North by William the Bastard.

As the wind blows cold across the plain and we stay huddling indoors debating even on stepping out, remember that yes, we still have indoor practice! Brave the elements, within the realms of safety, and come join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Paddock Elementary School for a warm evening of friendship and fighting. With each day we can mark one closer to moving outside in April and the warmth.

I wanted to thank Master Mikail and all staff, both known and unknown who did whatever was asked of them on a successful 12th Night hosted by the Barony earlier this month. The weather cooperated; the site was wonderful, more than enough space for fighting; feast was abundant, and the friendship was shared by all who came. We even had a Thomas de Chateau Noir sighting! A reminder that it is never too early to start the leg work for 12th Night 2020, start looking for sites and if you would like to run an event, ask questions, line up your staff and put a bid in. Earlier is much better than last minute.

The Arts & Science Revel will be held on Saturday, February 16th. Yes, you read that correctly, revel is on SATURDAY. HL Christina la Ambeler is sponsoring a "something you are good at, something you are new at" (an A&S project you have done, and an A&S project that you have never attempted) as the basis for choosing her successor as Baronial A&S Champion. IF you have any questions, please reach out to her. I look forward to all of the entries, and even picking up some new ideas.

Looking to May we have a 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 Joruna is our coordinator for this, so any questions please reach her at melendy09@sbcc.edu.

Enjoy and I look forward to sending everyone at events,

Anne

Ren Faire Demo

Hello friends!

This is going out early, but I want folks to be aware that we are planning this. We are reprising our Renfaire Demo. Last year was big hit! This year's dates will be May 10 for Education day with the schools, and the 11th and 12th for the demo days. We need fighters, A&S, Bards, and those who just like to talk about the SCA and Middle Ages. Please be aware that this weekend is Mother's day weekend, and it is opposite St. George and the Dragon, which is hosted in Oakheart. We will need help setting up and tearing down. Last year we had a ton of help for both, and many hands makes for light work. So, I hope to hear from you all with ideas, even if you can't attend, and volunteering for those who can. As with last year we will need to provide a list of the volunteers, so you can get in to the Faire on demo weekend. Feel free to talk under this thread, or email me at melendy09@sbc.edu.

YIS

Jorunna Refsdottir

From the Chatelaine

What takes place at Court?

Court is one of my favorite parts of an event. I love the ceremonies, the clothing Their Majesties wear, seeing people get awards, whether they are friends of mine or not. Court is one of the ways we recreate the medieval experience, though I am sure true medieval courts were not much like what we do.

What we do in court is more like an awards banquet, but without the acceptance speeches and the food comes later. Court starts when Their Majesties process into court, and invite Their guests, visiting royalty and the local Baronage into court. There are welcoming speeches, and gifts exchanged. There might be a small baronial court held within the larger royal court. Usually the autocrat is called up and winners of the various competitions are announced. There might be a few other announcements, drumming up interest in upcoming events. Any newcomers are invited up to receive their mugs.

The main business of the court, though, is giving recognition to people for their hard work and efforts at bettering themselves and their surroundings. This is what I like to see. Most people receiving awards feel unworthy of the recognition. It is a fine thing to witness Their Majesties praising them, in public, for their deeds. The scrolls are read. The wordsmiths spend time and effort to make even the scrolls for the lowest level awards interesting and appropriate to the reign. The more basic awards—the Award of Arms, the Torse, Leather Mallet, Golden Calon Swan, and Fyrd—all have pre-print scrolls. This means the wording will be the same, and the outline of the illumination, but each is individually painted, and when Their Majesties lift the scroll high so we can all see it, you can tell each is different. These are given for promise in a particular area.

For the Grant level awards (the Calon Cross, Calon Lily, Silver Hammer and the Huscarls), Their Majesties will call up the Order—all previous recipients of the award who are present. It is fun to see all the people who go up, people who have done a lot of work to help our game along. The scrolls for these awards are made individually, and the wording will be unique, and sometimes will make specific reference to something the person does. These texts are more likely to reflect the persona of the recipient, and it is interesting to note the various styles.

For the highest awards—the peerages of Knight, Laurel, Pelican, and Master of Defense—the ceremony is the end of a day-long process. This process begins in the morning when Their Majesties and members of the peerages put the recipient on Vigil in a secret ceremony. The vigilant will then be closeted in a separate room for the day, enduring the 'Ordeal by Conversation', where friends and members of the populace can speak to them, sometimes offering advice, and sometimes asking for advice. Since the wait to speak can be long, Calontir has developed a tradition of providing food for those waiting. Usually this food is either favorites of the candidate, or something appropriate to their persona. After this day long vigil, the candidate is finally elevated into the peerage at court. Frequently these ceremonies are fairly long (think wedding) with various people offering advice or praise, and incorporate elements which would have been seen in that person's persona's time and place.

I also love the ending of court. We echo each line that the Herald call out, "Long Live the King!" "Long live the Queen!" "Long live the Prince and Princess!" At the end the Herald calls out "And Long Live These Sovereign Lands Of Calontir!" and we shout out "Calontir!!"

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Greetings to you all.

The February Revel with A&S Championship competition is nearly upon us. A query was posed to me regarding documentation for the contest--specifically that I hadn't stated the requirements. That was intentional. Many times, I see people not try a new art or skill for the reason that they can't find a good historical precedence, so it seems not worth it. Any art, any skill, is worth the time and effort to engage in. For this reason, I have left off the documentation requirement for the competition in a lure to remind people that there is joy in learning and a thrill in creating, no matter the origin of the exercise. I do hope we have many, many entries.

Remember, the revel is themed for Alice in Wonderland...while garb is worn at these events, no reason we can't shake it up a little and costume up our garb, yes? Themed food could also be a source of entertainment.

See you all soon.

In grace,
Cristina.

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings unto the populace of Lonely Tower,

February is now upon us and our thoughts are looking forward to many upcoming activities. We have Clothier's Seminar, Queen's Prize Tourney, Estrella War, and Chieftans. Then in March, there is Gulf Wars and Spring RUSH. If you are attending any of these events, please take classes! Learn something new, improve on something old, and come back and share your knowledge. Those events have so many opportunities to experience and develop your talents.

In March, I will be scheduling a sewing day at the Library, so please keep an eye out for the date. I will have all the patterns for the gambesons there and some fabric. I HIGHLY encourage the fighters to attend and lend a hand in cutting the patterns. Of course anyone can attend, and bring a project or two to work on. There might even be a few goodies to share and nibble on.

I have noticed a few new submissions of work on our FB page. Keep sharing those pictures of the projects that you're all working on. Thank you!

Please reach out to me if there is something that you would like to learn about, or a class you would like to teach.

Yours in service
Zafara BaaBur

From the Knight's Marshal

Unto the populous of The Lonely Tower do I bring greetings.

After completing my first report to kingdom since I took the office of Knights Marshal I feel there is some clean-up needed to the list of active fighters in our Faire Barony. For this purpose, I am including the list from the Kingdom Card Marshal page. Fighters... please check that your authorizations are current and correct. Marshals please take note, we only show 3 Warranted Marshals... If you feel this is incorrect let me know... For the populous, as a whole, I need your help. Please review the list. If there are names on the list that you recognize and know are not active, please let me know and I will work on cleaning the list.

In Fealty to the Crown,

Sir Michael Nymandus Von Falkenburg



Authorized Fighter



Warranted Marshal



Group Knight's Marshal

	SCA Name	Authorizations	Group	Status
	Aleksandr Yoroslavovich Vyetcikov	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Arnora in Danska	WSH ; THS ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Augustine the Blind	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CT ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Bjorn Ragnarrsson	WSH ; TW ; PA ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Cearr Mac Brenden	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CT ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Charles Von Strausberg	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Faolan Wulfaugen	TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Giulia Isabella da Venezia	WSH ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Jorunna Refsdottir	WSH	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Karl of Lonely Tower	WSH ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Lelia Corsini	CT	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Lucius Angelini de Santa Croce	WSH ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Michael Nymandus von Falkenburg	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CT ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Michael de Lundie	WSH ; TW ; CT ; CT Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Mikail Azadan Askoldovich	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Oisin Haconson	WSH ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Robert Reinders	WSH ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Rolf Hobart	WSH ; CT ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Ruairidh MacDuncan	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Saito Takauji	CT	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Uesugi Katsumoto	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Vaclav Semjaka	WSH ; TW ; THS ; PA ; SP ; Marshal ; CA	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	William Radulfus	CT	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE
	Xorazne Artsruni	CT	Lonely Tower	ACTIVE

From the Chronicler

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From the Anser Pursuivant

We had a REALLY good Consultation Table at this year's Twelfth Night. If you stopped by and discussed ideas with us, but did not get anything submitted, please contact me at madnikolai@gmail.com and we can continue to work on your ideas!

Yours for good heraldry!

Горностаѝ

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

18 January 2019

Memorandum RE: Failure to meet budget for 12th Night 2019

12th Night 2019, took place 5 Jan, 2019, at Westside Community School. This location is highly suitable, but expensive. Cost was anticipated to be covered by both attendance numbers and feast participation—no tavern was planned.

Previous 12th Nights have shown a drop in attendance—believed to be due to Coronation being the next weekend—unless an elevation is planned; though they have hovered near 200 reliably.

2014 – 272	Feast - 76
2015 – 212	Feast – 63
2016 – 213	Feast – no feast
2017 – 269	Feast – no feast
2018 – 227	Feast – 63
2019 – 178	Feast – 47

Shortly before the event, a tavern was put together—this brought in a profit of \$274; this did not compensate for the loss of attendance or the feast that was planned for 100.

Additionally, two unexpected expenses were incurred: a U-Haul for the storage supplies (\$85) and wages for a school kitchen worker for the hours the kitchen was in operation (\$162).

0.Going forward: numbers will be estimated on the more cautious side; feasibility of a feast will be heavily weighed; advertising will be strongly emphasized.

Cristina l'Ambeler

BLT, Exchequer



KINGDOM OF CALONTIR

EVENT FINANCIAL REPORT



Group Name: Barony of the Lonely Tower

Report Date: 1/6/2019

Event Name: 12th Night 2019

Event Date: 1/5/2019
(due within 30 days of event)

INCOME (Event proceeds only - do not include fund raising activities at event):

	(A) #Prepaid	(B) # At Door	(C) Prepaid \$	(D) At Door \$	(AxC) + (BxD) Total
Site Registration (Members)		115		\$10.00	\$1,150.00
Site Registration (Non-Members)		46	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$460.00
Comped Adults		5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Site Registration (Minor/age 5-18)		12		\$5.00	\$60.00
Site Registration					\$0.00
Minors age 4 and under		2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feast Fee - Adult		47		\$10.00	\$470.00
Feast Fee - Child					\$0.00
Inn				\$0.00	\$533.00
Other Fees (Merchant, Camping)					\$0.00
Non-Member Surcharge (auto)	0	46	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$230.00
GROSS INCOME:					\$2,903.00

Gate forms must be copied (paper or electronic) and the originals sent to the waiver secretary within 2 weeks.

REFUNDS (Event proceeds refunded to payer):

less TOTAL REFUNDS:

ACTUAL INCOME: \$2,903.00

EXPENSES (Do not include supplies to be used for multiple events - those belong under a separate budget):

	Amount:	Itemized items:
Advertising - Non-SCA (Itemize)		
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	\$162.00	School Service Staff wages
Fees and Honoraria (Itemize)	\$0.00	Decorations
Food (incl. inn, feast)	\$937.00	
General supplies (incl. tokens, prizes, decorations)	\$18.92	
Insurance - Non-SCA (Itemize)	\$0.00	
Occupancy/Site Charges (subtract refunded deposits)	\$1,750.00	
Postage, Shipping, PO Box rental		\$85.38 Uhaul rental
Printing and Publications		\$18.92 waterbearing
Telephone		\$269.00 tavern
Travel (gas, tolls, airfare)	\$85.38	\$650.61 feast
Other Expenses (Itemize)	\$226.76	\$1,750.00 site charge incl janitorial staff

EXPENSES SUB-TOTAL: \$3,018.06

TRANSFERS:

To SCA, Inc.-Calontir, for NMS (In Kingdom transfer)
To SCA, Inc., for Site/Equestrian Ins. (Out of Kingdom)

due within 10 days of event

TRANSFERS SUB-TOTAL: \$230.00

EVENT PROFIT (Income-Expenses-Transfers): (\$345.06)

TRANSFERS (Does not include money from fund raisers):

To SCA, Inc.-Calontir for donations
To SCA, Inc.-[other groups] (Itemize)

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	transfers to other groups

FINAL GROUP PROFIT: (\$345.06)

Event Steward:

Exchequer:



HL Anne Von Weingarten mentioned 950th anniversary of the Harrying of the North by William the Bastard in her Seneschal article.

The image was obtained via https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_the_Conqueror with permission to use.

From the Financial Committee

Financial Committee Meeting
January 21, 2019

Attendees:

Jim Janicki Tamsin MacDonald Ann Wingert Roger Norton Kay Mead
Diana Hilton Shaun Gilpin Tim Hardisty

Topics:

Old Business:

KA&S – bid probably being given to someone else. Item is closed.

New business:

Change to policy: prior to the bid going before the financial committee, the proposer must communicate with the exchequer so that a viable event budget can be produced. This budget will be submitted with the written bid, demonstrating exchequer awareness and compliance with kingdom financial policy.

After the event report is signed and submitted to kingdom with the event budget, both will be published in the newsletter for populace awareness and to make a duplicate record with the chronicler.

If an event does not meet the budget estimates (goes over), the exchequer—working with the seneschal and event steward—will prepare a memorandum to be placed in the files stating why the event went over-budget and what actions will be taken to remedy the situation.

Memo created for 12th night. Passes.

Barony of the Lonely Tower
Baronial Financial Policy
CAO 22 January 2019

The Financial Policy of The Barony of the Lonely Tower (BLT) is structured to be compliant to both Societal (23 April 2016) and Kingdom (July 2018) policies, as well as to establish local policy and procedures.

Updates made to the Financial Policy of BLT will be included and dated in conjunction with subsequent revisions of either Societal or Kingdom policies in addition to any revisions internal to this policy.

FUNDS

All funds will be managed through the group bank account.

The group account does not operate with designated funds, rather as one general fund. Though monies may be earmarked for use in the ledger and the committee meeting minutes.

No private personal accounts will be utilized for group purposes or monies.

All incoming funds will be deposited before any subsequent disbursements of those funds.

The group bank account requires two signatures for withdrawal, expense, or transfer transactions. It is the responsibility of the group Exchequer to hold and maintain the group checkbook. No cards have or will be issued for the group bank account.

ePay may be used with written approval from the Kingdom Exchequer; pre-registration, pay at the door, or both. No other alternative payment services may be used.

Signatories of the group bank account will not issue or draft a check from the account in their own name.

Should BLT dissolve, all monies held in the group bank account will escheat to the Kingdom or another branch, and the Kingdom Exchequer will be notified of the disbursement.

All personal checks received by BLT will include the individual's name, address, and phone number.

All checks will be endorsed prior to deposit and will be deposited in a timely manner, no later than 14 days following receipt, in accordance with Society policies.

Reimbursements will be made within 60 days of the incurred expense, as per Kingdom policy, with coordinating receipts. For event specific expenses, receipts are requested to be delivered to the Exchequer prior to, or at, the event in compliance with Cash Advance procedures outlined on the Kingdom Cash Advance Form.

Receipts will contain only the items that are being reimbursed.

EVENTS

All monies collected at event gates will be reconciled against the Gate Form tally. Gate Forms will be completed for each transaction at the event gate. Gate Forms will not be completed or altered following the event. Monies will be deposited in a timely fashion and no later than 14 days following an event or collection or in compliance with Society policy.

Multi-day events: Upon opening the Gate and cash box, the monies present will be accounted and verified. Upon closing for the day, the monies will be reconciled, Gate forms tallied, and an accounting made for monies taken in that day. This procedure will be repeated for every day of the event that the Gate and cash box are open. Upon the closing of the Gate for the final time, the Event Worksheet will be filled out, total monies tallied and verified.

Group monies must be collected and managed by at least one paid adult member in compliance with Society policy.

Reigning Calontir Royalty (4) and local Baronage (2) will be complimentary guests of BLT for gate and feast. Gate Form signatures are still required. Additional complimentary guests (e.g. visiting Royalty, visiting Barony, etc) will be determined by the event autocrat(s) and approved by the financial committee at the presentation of the bid(s) or as required.

Minor gate fees are discounted with respect to adult gate fees such that minors are not liable for Societal Non-Member Surcharge.

Prior to an Event Bid going before the Financial Committee, the proposer must communicate with the Exchequer so that a viable Event Budget can be produced. This budget will be submitted with the written bid, demonstrating Exchequer awareness and compliance with Kingdom Financial Policy.

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REPORTS

Quarterly reports will be submitted using the locked MS Excel form provided by the Kingdom. The schedule for the quarterly reports follow both the Kingdom schedule as restricted by the statement schedule for the group bank account. These dates are

Quarter 1	Jan 1 – Mar 31,	Due Apr 15
Quarter 2	April 1 – June 30,	Due Jul 15
Quarter 3	July 1 – Sept 30,	Due Oct 15
Quarter 4/Domesday	Oct 1 – Dec 31,	Due Jan 15/31

Reconciled bank statements, online banking screenshots as necessary, and the account ledger will accompany quarterly reports. Additional documentation will be submitted as required to show any activity on any report that does not present on a statement due to restrictions from the banking cycle.

The group Seneschal will sign and approve reconciled statements, quarterly reports, and the Domesday report. Quarterly Reports may be electronically approved, however the Domesday will be signed and submitted in original form following Kingdom acceptance. Upon Kingdom approval of the Domesday, it will be published in the group newsletter. Quarterly reports will not be published, but will be available for viewing by the populace upon request.

A full review of group financial records by the Kingdom exchequer and witnesses is required every two years and at the change of baronial exchequer. This is required to cover at least three and up to seven years of records and follow the review guidelines. A copy of the review will be presented to the Kingdom exchequer.

Non-member information including number of attendees, funds, and documentation must be sent to the appropriate parties within 10 days of an eligible event. Event reports are due within 30 days of an event to the appropriate parties.

As BLT is based in Nebraska, events held by the group are required to collect sales tax and abide by state specific vendor policies in compliance with current corporate policies.

Guilds or non-branches will defer to Kingdom and Society policy regarding financial policies and management.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Barony will operate a financial committee led by the Baronial exchequer and including the Baronage as one vote, Seneschal, and two additional paid-members of the populace. Member term will typically be two years, in conjunction with the term of office. As per Society and Kingdom policy, the minimum quorum required is the group Seneschal, Exchequer, and one of the Baronage; every effort will be made to ensure total inclusion of the entire committee as well as the populace.

Financial Committee Members will be selected at the first business meeting of the calendar year. Among those present, a request will be made for volunteers after a reminder of the responsibilities of the committee and the requirements for serving are read.

Requirements for serving on the Baronial Financial Committee are: willing and able to attend business meetings; current member and able to retain membership throughout their 2-year term; not currently serving as an officer at any level (Baronial, Kingdom, Society) to preclude any possible perception of conflicts of interest.

The committee will be responsible for pre-authorizing budgets and approving unbudgeted expenses, the content of the financial policy and rules of operation. Financial decisions may be made electronically, in person, or over the phone; resolution will be by majority vote and must comply with Society policies regarding group expenses.

Any member of the committee may request a meeting, however financial committee meetings are typically held following monthly business meetings as required to review and approve budgets and expenses. Emergency meetings may be called and resolved within 48 hours using one of the aforementioned methods of communication. Meetings must include at least 3 members of the committee.

Minutes of each meeting will be taken by the Exchequer or designated alternate and then posted on the Baronial website and in the monthly newsletter to ensure populace awareness regarding the decisions of the Financial Committee.

The Baronial budget and financial policy will be reviewed and approved by the committee annually, and as needed, typically at the October business meeting in preparation for the New Year. In addition to discussion within business meetings, the budget will be published on the website and in the newsletter in conjunction with the Domesday report in compliance with Kingdom and Societal policies.

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Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
January 20 2019

Seneschal

Quarterly Reports -Thank you

Agenda Deadline items due Sunday prior to meeting by 5pm

Baronage

Baronial Progress

- 2019: WWM, Clothiers (Aleit), QPT, Revel, Chieftains (TBD), Gulf (Augustin)

Championships

- New C&T champion Saito Takeuji
- Rattan - TBA
- Archery Championship - Roger of Bellebrocton

Retinue welcome - thank you Zafara, Jehanne, Roger, Gervase

Exchequer

Current balance \$ 6,895.94

Event report to be published in next Banner for Twelfth Night

Arts & Science

QPT - Feb. 9

- Enter or volunteer to judge

March 16-17 (Gulf Weekend and St. Paddy's Day)

Open weekend sewing day

- encourage fighters to attend working on gambesons. Help greatly appreciated.

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

Awesome consult table at Twelfth Night (many locals involved)

Quarterly report submitted

Chatelaine

Talking to some newly interested folks; at least one showed up to our gather

Chronicler

- Letters due Sunday at noon
- Double checking Baronial champions & dates:
 - Arts & Science -HL Christina la Ambeler
 - Cut &Thrust - HL Takauji
 - Archery - Lord Roger
 - Armored - Lord Uesugi Katsumoto

Social Media

Working on entering info on website calendar

Web minister to reach out for assistance

Web Minister

Will assist exchequer and social media chair with questions

Recommendation given to use the forum!

Knights Marshal

We have 24 authorized fighters on the list (after removing 5 inactive)

We are practicing on the 29th (replacement for Jan. 1)

Archery Marshal

Some new archers attending practices
Still shooting seasonal challenges

Events

12th Night

- Event debrief rescheduled - possibly Jan 27

Revels

- A&S Feb 16 @ Hillcrest Home Care Education Center (Two items - one you're good at, one you're new at - no documentation required!); Article in banner this month will explain why no documentation required
- Now May 19 (not May 12)

Archery - Aug 18 (Roger to reserve Golden Arrows) - 9/15 rain date

- 2019 events, idea: Newcomer event, golden thimble, whack a knight night, pink ribbon tourney/pick your ribbon tourney [pre approved list of charities]

July 2020 Coronation

- Stolen from Mag mor halvsies at relevant center large hall/church AV
- Bid due July, Ann is working with MagMor
- 2021 July coronation need bid July 2020

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; 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

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)**
H. Lady Cristina la Ambeler

**Cut & Thrust Champion
(2nd Quarter)**
HL Saito Takauji

**Archery Champion
(3rd Quarter)**
Lord Roger of Bellebrocton

**Armored Combat Champion
(4th Quarter)**
Lord Uesugi Katsumoto

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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