

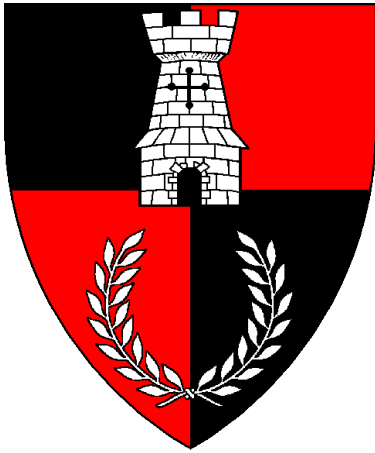
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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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Holzenhaus
Chatelaine



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From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings!

We write to you following a most enjoyable Winter Revel. Thank you to the many members of the barony who attended this festive event. We look forward to this coming year's revels, and we are pleased to announce all four dates have been set and will be announced soon. The first quarter Revel, featuring the baronial A&S championship, is slated for Saturday, February 16, from noon to 4 p.m. Details to follow.

Please join Us for Twelfth Night on Saturday, January 5. This annual event draws many people from across Calontir to Lonely Tower's corner of the kingdom. The event is very special to Us, as it marks the one-year anniversary of Our investiture as your baronage. During the past year, We have strived to serve you diligently in honor of The Crown, which graciously appointed Us for service. As We look ahead to the next year, We hope to continue the recent momentum exemplified by the introduction of several new members of the populace, casual local events like the revels and the Halloween gather at Medieval Putt, and the growing fighter practices. We have a wonderful group of people in this barony and rest of the kingdom is taking notice. We thank you all very much for the support you have given Us.

The week after Twelfth Night shall be Coronation, and We will be traveling to Vatavia to offer Our congratulations and pledge Our fealty to the rightful Heirs of the Falcon Throne, Donngal and Catalina!

May you all enjoy a wonderful holiday season and We wish you health and joy in the new year.

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit

From the Seneschal

The Seneschal wishes the populace a very merry Yule, and good tidings through *Twelvetide*.

Even though at times the weather does not feel very winter like, and we may at times go without a hat and gloves please remember that we are in Winter and with that comes many things. Snow, wind, ice, and at times questionable travel conditions, be safe! But it also brings warmth of friendship, cozy nights around the fire, sharing memories and making new ones. Working on projects to keep the mind sharp, trying new things; finding success or a trial. We look forward to the days spent with friends, both near and far, and the warm winds of spring.

Her Excellency Baroness Kezia and Lady Joruna hosting a successful new comer "Get Together" at the beginning of December. The winter weather did not put a stop to it, no matter how hard it did try. Fifteen people came to learn a bit more, and also to share information and probably dispel a few myths about those... "weird people in strange clothes, putting on 'Death of a Salesman' "(the standing line of, are you in a play...yes...). The December Revel was packed with smiling faces, and many tasty snacks. If you missed those vanilla bean cheesecake cups, you should hang your head in shame! The weather was nice, for once! There were some wonderful gifts exchanged, and I did see one lovely White Elephant come out of hiding that day. The test run of a Revel on a Saturday seems to be a good thing, even if it does throw some of us for a loop, but we did survive. I know that Their Excellencies have set dates for 2019 Revels and a few of those are on Saturdays, so please come out and spend a day!

The finishing touches are being put on for Twelfth Night here in a few short days. I have seen the planned menu, and heard some plotting of things, so it sounds wonderful! There will be a tavern, graciously run by Mistress Roise, so stop by there for lunch. There is also a Coffee Bar that morning of run by HL Astrid, so if you need a coffee fix venture down the stairs and enjoy a cup. We still have some holes to fill in the staffing, cleaning always seems to be the main area, please volunteer some time to gather things up and put them where they belong. The sooner we get things put back, the sooner everyone can leave and head to Post Revel! I hear that there will be popcorn balls...

I would like to thank HL Cearr for his time as our Baronial Knight's Marshal, I hope he enjoys a peaceful retirement and more time on the list field. Stepping in to his place is Sir Michael Nymandus, who is no stranger to the fighters of this barony. And if you are a new fighter, please come and say hello! A reminder for officers and populace, agenda items for the monthly business meeting are now due the Sunday prior to the meeting by Noon. Even if you are not an officer and would like to have something discussed at the meeting, please let myself and Their Excellencies know, the meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

Enjoy your Holidays and I will see everyone in the New Year,

Anne

From the Chatelaine

What is Twelfth Night?

In England, during the middle ages Twelfth Night was the culmination of the Christmas season, celebrating the arrival of the three wise men. Here in Lonely Tower, Twelfth Night is our annual winter event, drawing about 300 people from around the Kingdom.

Lonely Tower's Twelfth Night event will have several different things to do. There will be two rattan tourneys—one is a Novice Tourney for newer and inexperienced fighters, and the other will be the Sir Thomas de Chateau Noir Social Club tourney. Sir Thomas was Lonely Tower's first Baron, and his favorite style of tournament was the 'bear pit' or 'hold the field' tourney. In this style of tournament, all the fighters line up and the first two fight. The winner holds the field, and fights the next person in line. The loser reports to the list table and reports who the winner was, then goes to the end of the line and waits for his next turn. This is a fun style of tournament, because there are a lot of fights, and you get to take a break whenever you need to by just stepping out of line, and you can chat with those also waiting in line and get to know your fellow fighters. The winner will receive a traveling trophy—a boar spear which they will return the following year for the next winner.

There will also very likely be Cut and Thrust tournaments. Last year they followed the same format as the rattan tournaments, with a Novice tourney and a Social Club.

The Barony may also hold the Baronial Rattan Championship if there is time—format to be determined.

In addition to the fighting, there will be a class on Tournament Heraldry and How to Run a List Field, with hands-on practice at the Baronial Championship Tourney. There will be several A&S competitions, a heraldic consultation table, a silent auction, and pre-print painting. The Barony has a Book Sale table to raise money for the Chatelaine's office.

Two guilds will be holding meetings—the Lampworkers (Glass) Guild, and the Scribal Guild. These meetings are open to anyone interested in their activities, and are a good way to meet artisans and learn.

There are no plans for merchants at this event—for a full shopping experience, go to Kris Kinder on December 8th in the Barony of Forgotten Sea (Kansas City).

There will be planned children's activities.

Following all this, will be a Royal Court, and a wonderful feast prepared on site by lady Wulfrith and her crew. The theme for the feast will be the Twelve Days of Christmas, but I have been assured there will not be twelve removes!

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Winter has come; cold and snow, hearth and home. While the days are slowly growing longer, we still have enough quiet evening hours to indulge in the crafts that keep idle hands out of mischief.

Shortly after the new year, we will be holding the A&S Championship Revel where our Baronage will select their new champion.

This year, each entrant will submit two entries--a sample of something you excel at, and a sample of something you are just learning. It doesn't have to be the first thing you've done in this area, but the closer the better.

There is always more to learn and it's never the wrong time to pick up a new skill or talent.

In addition, this revel will have the theme of Alice in Wonderland...thematic food, drink, and dress is encouraged but not required.

Don't be late...and watch for the White Rabbit!

I look forward to seeing what everyone has been experimenting with.

In grace,
Cristina.

From the Financial Committee

Financial Committee Meeting
2018 December 17

Attendees:

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

Topics:

Old Business:

12th night tavern -- \$250 requested. Tavern is by donation, profit unknown but anticipated to clear expenses. Passes
KA&S – bid redone, new site, must review and approve. Cards at the door for e-pay. passes

New business:

New FCM member to replace Isabel due to non-attendance. M.Mikail volunteered and was accepted.
Funds to rent a U-Haul...\$100 estimate. Passes. Checking with Kingdom on legalities.

From the Archery Marshal

Lonely tower archers

This year has seen many things happening in archery. We have had bad and good. All the way from two revels being postponed to having two of our archers win their divisions in Kings Company of archers. We have seen much improvement in our shooting increasing scores in the IKAC from the low 80s to almost 140. But above all we have had fun and enjoyed the company.

This last seasonal challenge we had the number two ranked person in open bow Owain the younger with a score of 209, #28 Kezia von Holzenhaus with a 163 and #31 Cuthbert Longschankes with a 160. We had both Dolan Madoc and Michael de Lundie place #7 and #15 respectively with a 172 and a 119 in the open crossbow. Dolan and Michael also scored #5 and #17 in the Period crossbow division scoring a 176 and a 129. And finally in the Period Handbow division we had two shooters at #6 with a 167 Kezia von Holzenhaus and in 11th place with a 157 Roger of Bellebrocton.

We are currently doing two different shoots. We are doing the Mid-Realm seasonal challenge which we do each year and we are doing the current seasonal challenge which is the horseman. The horseman looks to be fun because you are shooting at a snowman shaped target.

Come join us at the Golden arrow archery club on 72nd street north of 680 every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8:30 pm and enjoy the fun.

YIS

Lord Roger of Bellebrocton

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Happy Holidays! I will keep this short and sweet. Enjoy the holidays and keep working on your A&S projects. Enter the A&S completions at Twelfth Night and Queen's Prize.

I will have lots of things for people to help with starting in January.

Have fun!

Yours in Service,

Lady Zafara

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Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting

December 17, 2018

Seneschal

- ⇒ Quarterly Reports Due January 15 (in general) You are allowed to submit your report early!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please copy your seneschal and baronage as well as your kingdom officer
- ⇒ Agenda Deadline will remain Sunday at noon prior to the meeting

Baronage

Baronial Progress

- ⇒ 2019: 12th Night, Coronation, WWM
- ⇒ Fighting Championships at 12th night
- ⇒ Archery Championship will be announced at 12th night
- ⇒ Retinue for Twelfth Night primarily, and next year
- ⇒ December 15th Revel was a success; will be sure to give more reminders next time we do a Saturday
- ⇒ Bardic practice December 20th and January 10th
- ⇒ Extracurricular activity such as game night or movie night to come in the future. If you have ideas, communicate them!

Exchequer

- ⇒ \$5,219.61 balance; we have cheques! All expenses paid; we're caught up.
- ⇒ Need another financial committee member
- ⇒ Arts & Science
- ⇒ A&S competitions at 12th Nite
- ⇒ Queen's Prize coming up; encourage those who have never entered to enter; will be held in Lost Moor

Herald

Nothing returned; everything in process is still in process; LOAR due any day now
Will be a consultation table at 12th night (not sure if we will have WiFi)

Chatelaine

Newcomer's event - had 15 attend despite the weather; may do this again (not sure when)

Chronicler

- ⇒ Letters due tonight for Jan issue
- ⇒ Jan deadline will be noon on Sunday, Jan 27

Social Media

No changes

Web Minister

Change to address permissions with Baronial Officers. Can edit information now/again

Knights Marshal

- ⇒ Two weeks ago we had 3 new authorizations - Jorunna, Galti and a Mag Mor fighter auth'd in WS. Gaius auth'd in 2W.
- ⇒ Confirmed new site is \$35/hr = \$105/night. We are open to looking into other options; give ideas to Sir Michael is you have any.
- ⇒ If you have any questions for Knight's Marshal, please bring them to Sir Michael.
- ⇒ Sir Michael will not be at Twelfth Nite so Sir Bjarm will be MiC.

Archery Marshal

- ⇒ One practice (tomorrow) before holidays; will be shooting again Jan. 2
- ⇒ Can do seasonal challenge now

Events

12th Night

- ⇒ May have a Stele Marshal - Ann to connect Mikail with the interested party
- ⇒ Need Kitchen Clean Up volunteers
- ⇒ Tavern is in discussion (per financial committee)
- ⇒ Added a class on how to "promote the SCA to normal people"
- ⇒ Glassblowers guild will have a meeting
- ⇒ Tournament Heraldry and List Class followed by Novice Tourney, Heavy Tourney and then C&T tourney
- ⇒ Should be able to build 4 list fields
- ⇒ Astrid providing Coffee Bar
- ⇒ Meeting with some committee members at fighter practice (who couldn't make it to meeting at Revel)
- ⇒ Set up starts at 7 a.m. on Saturday; Custodians will be doing set up in advance

Revels

Suggested dates:

- ⇒ Saturday, Feb 16; Saturday Mar 30 (tornado date) - A&S
- ⇒ Sunday, May 12; Sunday, June 23 (rain date) - C&T?
- ⇒ Sunday, Aug 18; Sunday, Sept 15 (blizzard date) - Archery
- ⇒ Saturday, Nov 9; Saturday, Dec 14 (ice date) - Armored



Twelfth Night 2019

Barony of the Lonely Tower

5 January 2019

Join us for a Yule celebration in the Barony of the Lonely Tower, including fighting, fun, and frivolity. Among the planned activities are: Her Excellency's Novice Tourney, The Syr Thomas de Chateau Noir Combat Social Club, a Cut & Thrust tournament, an A&S competition, and a feast based on the Twelve Days of Christmas.

This year, Twelfth Night is being held at Westside Community Schools Community Conference Center located at 3534 S 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68144. This is a DRY site. The site will open at 9am and close at 9pm. Additional event information can be found on the Lonely Tower website.

Directions to site:

Take the best route to I-680 in Omaha, exit onto Eastbound West Center Road, turn south (right) onto 108th Street, drive south to 108th and Grover Street, site will be on the west (right) side of the road.

Site Fees:

Adult Registration: \$15 Adult Member Discounted Registration: \$10
 Children (ages 5-18): \$5 Children 4 and under are free.

Note: The legal age of majority in Nebraska is 19. Age 18 and under require minor paperwork.

<p>Event steward: Master Mikail Azadan Askoldovich (mka Tim Hardisty) phone: 402-210-7498 (no calls after 10pm) email: azadan@gmail.com</p>	<p>Feast steward: Lady WulfPryð Maynes (mka Kimberly Bowles) phone: 319-929-8716 (no calls after 9pm) email: gwenhevere@gmail.com</p>
<p>Gate Coordinator: Her Ladyship Cristina l'Ambeler (mka Candy Caines) email: blt.exchequer@gmail.com</p>	

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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