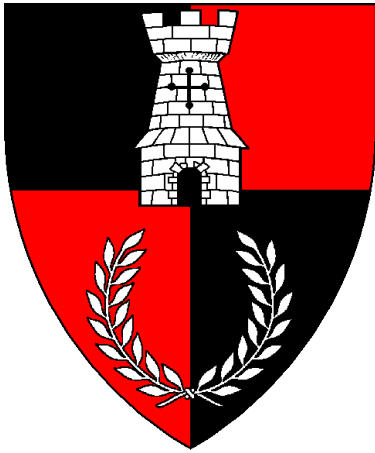


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The Barony of the Lonely Tower



Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Baronial Positions



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



HL Anne Von Weingarten
Seneschal



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



Lady Krystyn I Lund
Chronicler



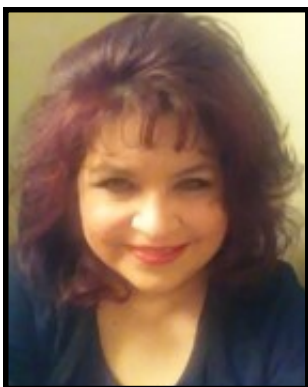
Lord Willeam Rudhall
Web Minister



HL Cearr Mc Brendan
Knight's Marshal



Lord Owain the Younger
Archery Marshal



Lady Zafara Baabur
Minister of Arts & Sciences



HL Nikolai Gornostai
Spiach'ev Горностаи
Anser Pursuivant (Herald)



Baroness Kezia von
Holzenhaus
Chatelaine

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings! What a wonderful Lilies War this year. We enjoyed hosting the baronial camp in a new, partly-shady location next to the Broken Harp. Although it was very hot, the members of the BLT populace who attended seemed to really enjoy their time away. The new Calontir populace banners looked great flying in front of camp, and We have already discussed plans to remake the center pole and the perimeter ropes for the baronial dayshade. If you are willing to assist before Coronation, please let Us know. We settled back into normal life pretty quickly upon Our return and attended the business meeting the next day, where we discussed plans for several upcoming events.

We will be attending Our first Battlemoor in the Outlands. We have heard many great things about the site and the event itself. Then Our attention will turn toward hosting Coronation on July 14 in Our barony. Mistress Roise and her staff have been very busy planning for a successful event. Please reach out to her if you can help in any way. Due to the weather we plan to select Our Cut and Thrust Champion at Coronation.

In August, HE Augustin will be attending Pennsic in support of the Calontir Army, led by Our own Count Semjaka, who has been selected as General by His Highness Xerxis. Congratulations to Semjaka on this esteemed honor. Finally, we have plans to host the Archery championship and revel on August 19. Please mark it on your calendars. Hope you all enjoy a great start to your summer.

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit

Baron & Baroness

From the Seneschal

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

Did everyone have a good time at Lilies? All rested and ready to jump back into Tuesday's in the park...upcoming events...and other fun filled planned happenings around here? GOOD! Because we have a lot in the works.

First off I am going to request that all core officers (Seneschal; Exchequer; Herald; Webminister; Arts & Science; Chronicler; Knights Marshal) have in place either a drop dead or a deputy who wishes to take over at the end of your warrant by 12th Night. I know that seems far out, but really it is not, and this will give you time to talk to people who might be interested, who want to do it but want more information or learn more. Look around you, see who is out and about and what they might be interested in doing, some might just need someone to talk to them as they are unsure about how to ask.

Other important reminders: CalonCon is coming up on Saturday, July 21st and is hosted by Forgotten Sea. Please visit <http://www.bfs-kc.org/meetings/caloncon-2018> for information on site directions and other meeting information. If you are a direct report to a Witan member, it is highly suggested that you attend your respective meetings. If you are not an officer, but would still like to attend, by all means join us! Meetings are opened to all, and there is no garb required! Come and learn, ask questions, maybe it will spark something and who knows where that will lead to. Along those lines, Officer reports are due by July 15th. I know that is the day after Coronation, and it will be tight but plan ahead. Reminder that when you submit your report to also CC me on those as I need them for my report due immediately following.

The barony is putting out a search for a new Knight Marshal to take over for HL Cerr as he moves into a Kingdom level position with the C&T side of things. If you would like to step up and become the new Baronial Knight's Marshal please get in touch with either HL Cerr or His Excellency Augustin for questions and information about requirements. Letters of intent currently have an open ended date. Letters show be sent to blt.baronage@gmail.com; seneschal@lonelytower.org; and knightmarshal@lonelytower.org.

To add to an already full July, Coronation is right around the corner on July 14th. I know that Mistress Roise is still looking for some final positions to be filled, there is a call out for help with Gate with shifts available on the evening of Friday the 13th and then picking up again on Saturday the 14th ending around 3pm that day. If you would like to sit a 2 hour gate shift, please contact HL Cristina at blt.exchequer@gmail.com to see if she has a shift that will work for you. Also that day, thanks to mother nature being fickle we will finally (fingers crossed!!) have our Cut & Thrust Championship taking place sometime during the day on the 14th. Please be on the lookout for information from Their Excellencies on what time they would like that to begin and the location.

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 12th 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.

* One more thing. Congratulations to Mistress Jehanne who is our new Social Media Deputy.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings from the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Lonely Tower.

Our current balance is \$10,095.38. The funds for Coronation have not yet been taken out. New checks and deposit slips for our account were ordered--they were discussed at a past Financial Committee meeting and approved.

We will be having a meeting of the Financial Committee at the Revel on 24 June. Items for discussion and approval are: new Baronial Sunshade poles and ropes, Coronation Tavern and Feast budget, amount of tithe to the Kingdom, and approval of a bid for a RUSH event in November.

Exchequer tidbits: Financial Reports and the Cashing of Checks

Every quarter we must submit our financial reports to the Kingdom. This includes all of our incoming/outgoing funds and our bank statements. When a check is issued to a member of the populace, the exchequer immediately deducts it from the ledger, but must wait until it clears the bank for it to show on the bank statement. If said member does not cash the check in a timely manner, not only could it end up void (it's no good after 90 days) but it causes consternation on the math skills of the exchequer and makes her write things on the bank statements to show Kingdom that funds were removed, we are aware, they just haven't been fully relocated yet. So please, be nice to your friendly exchequer and cash any check you are given with gracious speed.

As exchequer, I am in charge of the Barony's finances. I hold access to the Barony's bank accounts, I keep track of income and expenditures, and ensure that the Barony stays financially solvent. In addition, after each event, I tally up all the money that we collected, prepare the bank deposits, and report how much money we made (or lost) on the event.

In Grace,

Cristina

From the Baronial A&S Champion

Hello again! A few months ago was Kingdom Arts & Sciences and many of you were there. Did you enjoy it? Some of those artisans have been doing their craft for years...others, it was their very first time. The excitement was tremendous.

In a few months, it will be time for Queen's Prize. This is not a championship event--rather it is frequently thought of as a starting point for many artisans.

Why do they "compete" then? For many people, it is a way to get good solid feedback from people more knowledgeable in the craft. For others, it is a forum to let people know the beautiful and creative work they are doing. Still other find it a receptive audience to their excitement at making beautiful things.

No matter the reason people enter, most find it a marvelously encouraging and uplifting event to participate in.

How can you participate? Just let someone, anyone, know that you are wanting to enter something. Truly. While you must be sponsored, getting a sponsor is as simple as asking. Any GOA or higher award can sponsor you...and they can sponsor lots of people--so don't try the excuse of taking a spot from someone else. One Queen's Prize Tournament had more than 100 participants...it was phenomenal.

If you think you might like to enter, let the Barony know as soon as you can. Then, as soon as the window opens in August (and before you second guess yourself), go to the Kingdom Website and register.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

In grace,

Cristina.

From the Web Minister

Greetings!

As the barony moves forward, so does the website and our use of it. I, as well as the barony, would urge the populace to register for the site, as the email groups will be migrating from Yahoo to the site. This means that the Yahoo group will slowly become obsolete in favor of the website. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Ld Willeam Rudhall, Web Minister

From the Anser Pursuivant

A few months ago, I wrote on a common heraldic charge called the goutte – a drop or droplet. This month, I thought I would talk about another basic heraldic charge – the roundel. The roundel is, as you might guess from the name, round. It's your classic circle (not to be confused with a ring shape, which is called an annulet in heraldry.) The roundel is one of the oldest of heraldic charges, and examples of its use in heraldry dates back to the 13th century. Similarly to the goutte, we frequently encounter different names for a roundel depending upon its tincture (its color, or metal coloration) and each of these different colored circles is said to represent a specific "round thing."

A roundel that is silver or white (argent) is called a plate and is a ...plate.

A roundel that is blue (azure) is called a hurt, and is a huttle/whortle berry.

A roundel that is red (gules) is called a torteau and is a tart or cake.

A roundel that is gold or yellow (Or) is called a bezant, and is a gold coin.

A roundel that is purple (purpure) is called a golpe and is a wound.

A roundel that is black (sable) is a pellet (and sometimes an ogress or gunstone) and is a pellet.

A roundel that is green (vert) is a pomme and is an apple (The word pomme is French for apple).

There is one other roundel that has it's own name – the fountain. A fountain is another roundel, this version has blue and white wavy horizontal lines across it (representing the water).

The use of these special names for roundel is optional. You can simply call them a roundel of their specific tincture. It should also be noted that only "bezant", "plate", "torteau" and "pellet" have been found in period blazons, the rest appear later.

Like the goutte, you will frequently find roundels used in a seme in period heraldry – multiple roundels strewn across the field. One of my favorite registered SCA badges uses roundels this way – The badge of Evan Little (registered in 1998 from the Mid realm) is blazoned 'Or hurty.' This very short blazon simply means that on a gold or yellow background, six or more blue circles are strewn across the field.

Have fun with your heraldry!

Горностаѝ

From the Chronicler

Lady Isibél Inghean Dáire was generous in given permission to share her picture for this month cover photo. Lady Zafra BaBurr's scribal arts 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 Chatelaine

Crowns and Coronets

With Coronation coming up, now is a good time to explain crowns and coronets. The King and Queen, and the Prince and Princess, have crowns, decorated with the cross of Calatrava. The Crowns of Their Majesties are of gold, and those of Their Highnesses are of silver. (This is the proper form of address as well.) It is proper to stand or bow if either Their Majesties or Their Highnesses come near (and poke those of your companions who haven't noticed.) Don't worry if you can't identify them by their crowns—their pictures are on the Kingdom webpage!

Those who have been Crown once are Counts and Countesses. They have gold coronets with embattlements, and are called Your Excellency. Those who have been crown twice are Dukes and Duchesses, whose gold coronets are decorated with strawberry leaves. They may be called Your Grace. Sometimes a duke or duchess will embellish their county coronet with the strawberry leaves, other times they will have a new coronet made.

Barons and Baronesses come in two types. Territorial Barons and Baronesses wear gold coronets, with six spheroids and the arms of their group. They are addressed as Your Excellency. Court barons and baronesses wear silver coronets with six spheroids, and are also addressed as Your Excellency.

In all cases, the coronets may be decorated as pleases the wearer.

From the Financial Committee

Financial Committee Meeting Minutes for June 2018

Meeting was held 24 June 2018.

Scheduled to be held during Revel, but with severe weather threats the Revel was postponed to 14 July and the FCM moved to the Exchequer's home with the minimum in attendance--Exchequer, Baronage (Aleit), and Seneschal.

Items for Approval:

List Field--list field bid was submitted by several peers (Aleksandr, Bjomn, Semjaka, Roise). Cost to the Barony would be \$155, payable as a reimbursement.

--this was approved by committee provided the unused hardware and stamp used will remain in the Baronial possession for repairs and maintenance in the future.

RUSH event Nov 2018--this bid was submitted by Jehanne at the June Business Meeting. Total cost for event (not including tavern) estimated at \$320. There is no set site use fee, it is a church, donation only.

--this was approved by the committee provided donation to the site is 10% of income or a minimum of \$150.

RUSH tavern--bid submitted by Wolfrith to serve estimated 100 people 2 meals. Total was \$280.

--the request for funds was approved, totaling \$400; there was some question among the members regarding pricing and portion appropriateness.

Tithe--a Baronial Tithe to Kingdom was brought up at the business meeting with thoughts of \$500-1k suggested by the populace. As the Barony has not tithed in a few years, a tithing of \$1k at Coronation was approved. There will be further discuss next year and a probably tithe of \$1k at 12th Night in January of 2020--totally dependent upon funds at the time.

Items Allocated Funds:

Coronation Site--a check for \$1300 was written to Cass County to complete the \$1550 site fee minus the \$250 deposit previously paid.

Coronation Feast--advance funds for \$600 for feast were written to Giulia. Receipts and cash due back the day of the event.

Coronation Tavern--advance funds for \$500 for tavern were written to Isabel. Receipts and cash due back the day of the event.

Any questions regarding items here, please contact the exchequer, seneschal, or Baroness of Lonely Tower.

In Grace,

Cristina
Exchequer BLT

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From the Coronation Event Steward

Greeting Lonely Tower,

Coronation in our barony is but 2 short weeks away. Our next staff meeting will be on July 3rd in conjunction with Gathering and fighter practice. If you have volunteered for something please stop by and let me know that you have your part under control so I know where we all stand. If you can not make it please send me a note beforehand.

We have a few positions that still need to be filled, see me for what is still open. Set up on Friday anytime after 10am and clean up on Saturday night(hall) and Sunday morning(site) are always needing more help.

I will also need some help with loading the trailer from storage on Thursday before the event.

The tavern is looking for baked goods or donations for breakfast and desserts, contact **Isibél** to let her know what you can bring.

The lunch will be middle eastern, and we are hoping to have coffee and breakfast foods available for a donation in the mornings

Possibly something available on Friday night for those of us there all day.

For more information or to volunteer to help, I can be reached at ROISE@COX.NET or 402-630-4943 or you can go thru Her Excellency Aleit

Thank you,

Róise ní Ullacháin, Coronation Event Steward

*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 Archery Championship Revel

The Baronial Archery Championship 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

June 18 2018

Seneschal

Officers and deputies - Need herald deputy, chronicler, exchequer? (has drop dead but needs actual deputy), Webminister, and Knight's marshal deputies

Bids for upcoming events

12th Night - due by August business meeting

October 2019 Crown - due by August business meeting

Baronage

Award recommendations for coronation - get them in ASAP

Revel is rescheduled for this Sunday, June 24, noon-4 at Elmwood Park. (Garb, bring food, etc, C&T Championship)

Need to replace center pole of day shade, and ropes need to be re-made so we will get something scheduled

Financial committee will be discussing a tithe for the kingdom at revel for coronation - we haven't tithed in a while

Baronial Progress - Revel, Battlemoor, Coronation, Pennsic (Augustin), Archery revel (Aug 19?), Cattle Raids

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

Exchequer - \$10,095.38 current balance, received deposit back from Bardic Bedlam, still need to pay for Coronation feast

Arts & Science - going to work on gambeson patterns at gathering; wants everyone to work on a queen's prize entry (open Aug 1-31 for entries),

Update on upcoming Coronation - Mistress Jehanne has competition for this; there will be a largesse display; also Sasha is running a children's activity and we need largesse for the children,

Update on upcoming projects and possible RUSH event in November 3 (bid to be reviewed)

Herald

Quarterly report coming up - if you did anything heraldy, please let Niklai know so he can include; currently handling consulting with several gentles; planning to attend CalonCon;

Chronicler - officers please send in letters by this Friday at noon!! If you have artwork or photography for the banner, please send it to chronicler;

Social Media

Have letters of intent, interview scheduled for today

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.

Knights Marshal

Letters of intent - will be due July 16 business meeting; fighter practice going well; fighters still going to Mag Mor 2nd tues of month for summer.

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

Archery Marshal - good showing last week during lilies (about 6) and deputy marshal Roger will be warranted at coronation after completing MIT at Lilies.

Events

Coronation - saw site, have room for 3 privy chambers, tavern tbd as to which building we will hold it (may be decided fri night); reservations are online (feast is missing from flyer - \$10);

What is still needed? - volunteers for set up and clean up, as well as a water bearer to ensure water is delivered to all points; People to arrive anytime after 10 a.m. friday for set up

Next staff meeting July 3, at gather (630ish)

Old Business - none

New Business - RUSH Bid - to be reviewed by finance committee for voting at Revel (time 1430)

The Barony of the Lonely Tower is Proud to Host

Coronation

The Crowning of Caius Rectus Xerxis & BelAnna de Rouge de Anjou

Location: Cass County Fairgrounds
8420 144th Street, Weeping Water, NE 68463.

Adult Event Registration: \$15

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$10

Youth Registration (Ages 16-18*): \$5

***Per Nebraska law, 18 is still a minor and will require minor waivers.**

Children (Ages 0-15): Free

Feast: \$10

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of the Lonely Tower

Reservations: May be made via <https://epay.calontir.org/>

Event Steward: Mistress Róise ní Ullacháin
(Dia Hilton)

Phone: (402) 630-4943

Email: roise@cox.net

Co-Event Steward: Baroness Aleit de la Thomme
(Tamsin McDonald)

Phone: (804) 868-6249

Email: baroness@lonelytower.org

Site will open Friday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. and close Sunday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m.

A&S COMPETITION

LARGESSE DISPLAY: Any person or group's item(s) to gift the incoming reign. Items should be labeled with the giver(s) names.

PEERS ONLY NOVICE AGAIN COMPETITION: Entries should be a peer's first attempt at a craft they started within the last 365 days. They may be a work in progress with a large portion completed. Written documentation should be limited to 1 page, not counting photos and sources. Judging will be anonymous and based on generic intermediate level Kingdom criteria. Note: hide all identifying heraldry etc and names.

POPULACE CHOICE: Entries should be a recreation of a Roman item made within its borders or territories. Entries should not also be offered in the other competition or display. Please provide a card with your name, what the item is, its location and approximate date of original.

A&S COORDINATOR: Mistress Jehanne Bening

EMAIL: segordon9@gmail.com

TENTATIVE FEAST MENU

FIRST COURSE: Fresh Fruit, Meatballs, Hard cheese, Bread, Butter; Honey, Herb, Plain.

SECOND COURSE: Quiche, Greens, Labne, Bread.

THIRD COURSE: Roast pork, Apple sauce, Beans, Bread.

FOURTH COURSE: Chicken pie with vegetables.

FIFTH COURSE: Gingercake, Fruit tart.

BEVERAGES: Pomegranate lemonade, Tea, Water.

FEAST STEWARD: Countess Giulia Isabella da Venezia

EMAIL: viscontessagiulia@gmail.com

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

There will be Camping, Cut & Thrust, Equestrian, Archery, Feasting, Drinking, Singing, and other general merriment to celebrate this auspicious day. More information to come soon.

Heavy combat will be a bear pit with weapons limited to Roman availability (sword, spear, center-grip shield)

Look for updates at lonelytower.org

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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