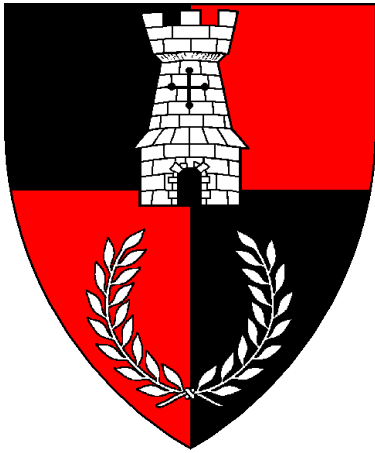


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The Official Newsletter of
The Barony of the Lonely Tower



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



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



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Seneschal



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



Lady Krystyn I Lund
Chronicler



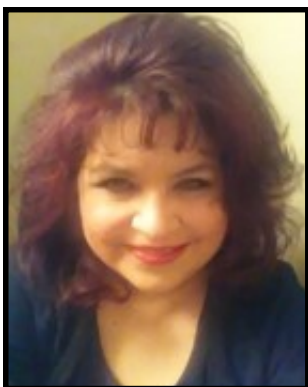
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Web Minister



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

As We return from Our first visit to Our southward cousins in Vatavia for their wonderful Tournament of Valor, We are enjoying the cooler climate of the North while looking forward to more camping fun in just a few days!

We hope many of you are preparing to join Us for Lilies War. We will be hosting the Baronial encampment, which will be moving across from The Broken Harp this year. We are happy to have this opportunity to come together as a Barony, and invite all members of the Baronial populace who plan to attend to camp with Us. We request that in preparation, names of attendees, tentative dates, and tent sizes be provided to Us by Tuesday, June 5. Please look for more information as this date approaches.

Following Lilies, We will be attending Battlemoor in the Kingdom of the Outlands. Her Excellency recently attended their Coronation and saw firsthand the beauty of their lands, and experienced the kindness of their populace. We encourage you to consider joining Us as We venture West with Calontir.

At home, We will be rescheduling the second quarter Baronial Revel due to the weather postponement, and look forward to the third quarter Revel as well. We hope many of you will be in attendance as We determine the next Baronial Cut & Thrust and Archery Championships. Cut and Thrust Revel rescheduled date to Sunday, June 24. Scriptorium will be relocated to the revel.

As We prepare for these activities We ask that each of you take this opportunity to showcase the generosity of this Barony and support Our Kingdom by contributing largesse. There is much needed for Lilies War and as The Royal Heirs begin Their reign at Coronation here in Lonely Tower in July. The current Royal Largesse Coordinator is Our own L. Lelia Corsini, who can be contacted regarding the Lilies largesse request at lelicorsini@gmail.com. For Coronation and Baronial largesse, please contact Us.

We are so excited for such an active summer, and look forward to sharing it with you.

Ever Yours In Service,

Augustin and Aleit

Baron and Baroness of The Lonely Tower

From the Seneschal

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower comes Greetings from your Seneschal, Hard to believe that we are almost halfway through with the year isn't it? Summer is upon us in full swing, and it seems we are on the go each weekend.

The populace gathering and fighter practices are in full swing at Elmwood Park weekly and we have attracted some new fighters. If you are at the Tuesday night gatherings please take a moment to say "Hello" to our new comers and welcome them to the Barony. See if they have interests in the projects you are working on, remember not everyone is "just a fighter".

As the weather seems to be on the hot and humid side a bit sooner than usual a reminder: I will be in contact with the Knights Marshal / Their Excellencies on days that it is storming or there are severe weather watches/warnings issued. We will work together to figure out what is safest for the fighters and the populace. Information involving cancellations will come from me via Facebook and the Yahoo email group. Cancellations for heat will not be taking place. We ask that you use your best judgement on those high heat / humidity days that do happen and take care of yourself. Hydration!

More fighting info! HL Cearr is looking for a deputy and eventually a replacement as our local Knights Marshal. If you have interest and would like to know more please see him at a fighter practice or drop him an email @ knightmarshal@lonelytower.org. I will be working with him once Lilies is over to set a deadline for letters of intent and scheduling interviews.

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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.

As most of you are aware by now Mistress Nessa stepped down as our Social Media Deputy at the end of April and we are now in search of her replacement. The role of the Social Media Deputy is to promote via the Barony's Facebook page and group: SCA events, both locally and within the kingdom; to answer questions that newcomers might have about the barony and/or the Kingdom/SCA in general; to help people get in contact with others, if need be; to either approve or deny a request to join the Facebook page; to make sure that spam on the pages are kept at a min (no trolling bots please!); to assist an Event Steward in creating an event page for their upcoming event or creating it yourself. And above all to make sure that the Barony's pages comply with the rules set by the Society. See attached, if they were stripped please send me a note if you would like to read them. You may also visit <http://socsen.sca.org> and click on the link to the left under Social Media; or the kingdom website <http://seneschal.calontir.org> and scroll until you come to the Social Media section on the left

This position is a deputy to the Baronial Seneschal and will report to not only myself but also Their Excellencies Lonely Tower. There are no quarterly reporting requirements for this position. If you would be interested in becoming our new Social Media Deputy please submit a letter of intent, along with your blue card member # and exp. date to myself, seneschal@lonelytower.org and Their Excellencies, baroness@lonelytower.org and baron@lonelytower.org. Alternatively you may use ann.wingert@gmail.com and blt.baronage@gmail.com.

Deadline for letters is the June business meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 18th.

In Service,
HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chronicler

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

Renaissance Festival of Nebraska Education Day on Friday, May 11th. HL Natalya Alekseyeva Vasilova from Mag Mor was generous in given permission to share her photos.



Zafara — scribal arts



Russell — leatherworking



Roise — swing braid

From the Archery Marshal

We are going to have an official IKAC on June 20th and a practice IKAC (Inter Kingdom Archery Competition) on June 6th. As we have lots of new people we don't wish to scare them with scores, but wish to show them their improvement. So please be prepared for a long practice session on these nights. Hope to see you.

The IKACA consists of 12 rounds, 2 static of 6 arrows and 2 timed (30 seconds) each at 20, 30, and 40 yards. The official competition we will turn in scores.

Owain the Younger

From the Knight's Marshal

Unto the populace of the great Barony of Lonely Tower comes this greeting from your Knight's Marshal, Cearr Mac Brendan,

I will continue acting as Knight's Marshal with the deputy-like help of his Excellency Augustine who is maintaining the loaner armor and marshaling any Tuesdays I'm not available. I'm glad to take letters of intent from anyone who is warranted and interested in taking over, but can keep doing the job until then.

All of our authorized fighters are encouraged to become marshals. You can read about the marshal authorization process in the fighters handbooks, available at Calontir.org. You can contact the regional Marshal Bjarm Rorikson to become a Marshal in Training.

During these summer months we will meet at Elmwood Park every Tuesday eve from 6:30 to dark. There will be a gathering each week.

The first Tuesdays we will host Mag Mor fighters and will have a marshal available for Cut & Thrust as well as Rattan fighting. The second Tuesday we encourage our fighters to attend Mag Mor's practice. The third Tuesday will host both C&T and Rattan fighting, though we'd like to focus on Cut & Thrust that week for those who do both. Additional Tuesdays in the month will have Rattan fighting for certain and C&T if a marshal is available.

It's really wonderful to have so many new fighters. I started in a time when a large bunch of us were teenagers and had just shown up. There were so many of us that there wasn't enough loaner gear for us. We had to learn to make our own gear immediately and help each other along the way. We spent months on slow work, barely in armor, and I've always been glad for building a solid skill foundation from that. Our group has been lucky to have some folks with athletic skills and many of us who were just D&D geeks who thought this looked awesome. Our Barony has always had a diverse group of folks on the field and I'm honored to stand beside each one of you.

My schedule makes it tricky, but I'm glad to help you with any armoring or other skills I have. In the spirit of a challenge that myself and a fellow newbie both accepted and accomplished, I will pay for 2 SCA memberships for the first 2 fighters who are currently unauthorized and in loaner gear that meet these criteria; get/make your own set of gear to be on the field with nothing loaned, authorize, and fight at an out of town event. There is no deadline.

Defending the gate,
Cearr Mac Brendan

From the Anser Pursuivant

When people first begin to develop ideas for their heraldic device, consulting heralds will run into a very common beginning point – a start that is common enough that it has its own term in heraldry circles: resume heraldry. What frequently happens is in the fun and excitement of creating your device, the submitter will want to include something representing their interests. All their interests. “My persona is French, so I need a fleur-de-lis, also, I love archery, so I have to have some arrows. Oh, and I like to cook, so I need a spoon, and since I am thinking of taking up cut and thrust, so I need to include a rapier too....” While this can indeed be an excellent start to creating an heraldic device in the Society, here are a few reasons you will likely find your consulting herald attempting to gently steer you away from such a thing.

- 1.) Remember where the origins of heraldry lie - quick identification of an armored person on a field of battle. Is this person a friend or a foe – you have two seconds to decide. The more charges on your heraldry, the smaller they become. The more charges on your heraldry, the more complex they become. “Is that a wolf’s head between two fleurs-de-lis on that chief, or is it a fox’s between two arrow heads? The armored man with the spear will surely wait while you figure it out.”
- 2.) If you browse through some period collections of armory, you will see many common things occurring, no matter what culture the heraldry is from (especially in armorials that aren’t from time-frames towards the end of the SCA’s time-frame). Bold stripes and geometrics. Large, centrally places charges (animals, trees, buildings, tools, etc.) or a plain field with three identical charges. This goes hand in hand with the heraldry being something you can identify, and identify quickly.
- 3.) Personal interests are just not where the heralds of the middle ages first turned to when they came up with their heraldic designs. If you see period arms and they have some sort of charge on it, it is far more likely a reference to the bearer’s family name than it is to an interest or hobby. The arms of a member of the Cockerell family had a rooster on it, not because they kept chickens, but because of the pun on the name. Likewise, the arms of William Shakespeare have a spear on them, and not because he had a keen interest of the martial arts. If you have a persona from a time when surnames were the rule, I would highly suggest looking at these name-puns! (In herald-speak, they are called ‘canting.’)
- 4.) Lastly, and in my opinion the most important of the lot, interests change. In the SCA we have a smorgasbord of fun activities presented to us and what you’re mad for when you first begin, may not be something you continue with even a year or two later. There is just so MUCH to grab your attention with our diverse historical, martial, arts and sciences activities, you could easily end up updating your heraldry with new interest every couple of years. (And with it taking nearly a year to get heraldry registered, who’s got time for that?)

Disclaimer: This is not to say that this sort of heraldry does not exist in period times. There are exceptions to virtually everything. Nor am I trying to suggest that you must never use such inspiration for your own heraldry. Whatever your idea, we can and will work with it to come up with something you will like. This little article can not cover all aspects of heraldic practice, and paints in broad brush-strokes. I hope it encourages some thought on heraldic ideas, and does NOT discourage anyone from talking to me about heraldry ideas!

Yours for good heraldry,

Горноста́й

From the Chatelaine

Greetings! Thank you to all who helped with the demo at the Bellevue Berry Patch Renaissance Faire, and welcome to all newcomers visiting us as a result.

Lilies is coming up. What is Lilies? Lilies War is Calontir's big event for the year. Ten days of camping, battles, archery, classes and fun. It happens every year in June, and many of us plan our vacation time to allow us time to go. You do not need a period tent to camp at Lilies (but they are way cool if you choose to get one). You do need enough garb to get you through the event. It does not have to be fancy garb, and there are usually merchants there who sell clothing at reasonable prices. There are also merchants who sell many of the things you might need. There is a food court if camp cooking is not your thing. There is a Viking longship and a lake! Fireworks on Friday night, and open parties many nights. Singing Calontir songs around the campfire every night. The site is primitive, there is no electricity or flush toilets, but there are showers. There is an ice truck on site for your coolers. The Barony will have a Baronial Encampment in the area across from the Broken Harp (a free will donation tavern), with folks around to help you get oriented, close to the A&S class area.

Visit the Lilies website www.lilieswar.org/ and start planning!

Baroness Kezia von Holzenhaus

Congratulations to...

Mistress Nesscia Inghean Chearnaigh for her volunteer time at Valor XXXIX and won a raffle.

*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

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
May 21 2018

Seneschal

Officers and deputies

Deputies

Letter for SMD, will get interview scheduled, will put call out in the Banner also so window is still open
Knight's Marshal needed

Baronage

Valor

Lilies – baronial camp across from the harp

Coronation

Rescheduling C&T Championship

Pennsic

Cattle Raids

Scheduling Archery Championship

Pity Party?

Largesse items needed – please donate baronial largesse and items for kingdom for lilies and coronation

Exchequer 10529.55

Arts & Science

Go over Bardic Bedlam success.- profitable

Update on upcoming Coronation. - scroll text for winners

Update on upcoming projects and possible RUSH event next year - rainy day and park projects - gambison, C&T hoods, baronial tabards

Silk banner class

RUSH event next yr

Herald

General Herald “stuff”

Working ideas, not yet submitted

Chronicler

Sharing artwork for the Banner

Photo releases

Social Media

Have letters of intent, will schedule interviews

Web Minister

Installed captchas to secure site

Added contact us

Still working to add banner

Knights Marshal

Need letters of intent

Lots of new fighters

Good presence at the demo

Will keep working on loaner gear

Rainy day plans - dinner or armoring nights

Newly donated rattan

Cut & Thrust Marshal

Rescheduling championship

Archery Marshal

Discarding 2 bows - twisted, no handle
Want one bag of each size of nock 5\$
3 rests 10\$, rug rests 7\$ ea
Combat archers in process of authorizing in heavy
Thrown weapons block to practice, maybe spears and atlatl
Seasonal challenge

Events

Bardic Bedlam
How did it go? - fun! Enjoyed by non-bards also. Stories, revelry, delicious food,
Site deposit returned
Coronation
What / Who is needed
Insurance Ordered
Site walk through for details not yet scheduled
Ish : Separate privy needed, exploring option for rooms
Morning court on stage
Roman fighting - 5 man teams with random weapons and pairings
Tavern - middle eastern Feast will both be prepaid by Exch
2 meetings - last tuesday of may and june before FP 6p
WILL BE USING PAYPAL PRE REG and Swipe at the door
Post Mortem at Roise's July 22 Tentative

Old Business

New Business

12th Night push - need Bids and Sites - Jehanne going to Glenwood HS, Augustin toured Lied Center, Krystyn looked into school for the deaf in IA

(Site cheat sheet)

Plan ahead to Fall Crown 2019

Bids due AUG 2018 to Barony, Oct 2018 to Kingdom

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

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

Reservations: May be made via PayPal at calontir.org

Event Steward: Mistress Roise ni' Ullachain

(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: sgordon9@cox.net

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, Heavy Combat, Cut & Thrust, Equestrian, Archery, Feasting, Drinking, Singing, and other general merriment to celebrate this auspicious day. More information to come soon.

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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