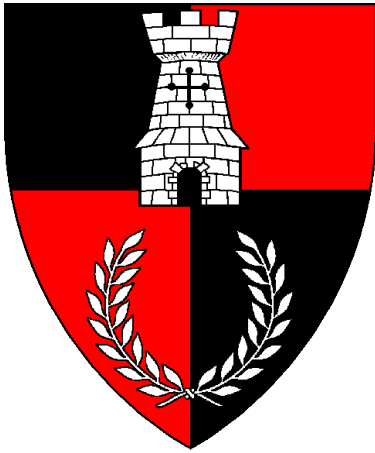




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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Baronial Positions



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



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Seneschal



HL Cristina la Ambeler
Chancellor of the Exchequer



Lady Krystyn I Lund
Chronicler



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Web Minister



Sir Michael Nymandus
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



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy
Arts & Science Champion

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings unto the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

We deeply appreciate your participation and support at the Renaissance Festival of Nebraska last month. Hundreds of children enjoyed presentations from our educators and learned a great deal about medieval life. Then over the weekend, a dozen fighters from Lonely Tower, Mag Mor and Coeur D'ennui entertained crowds with deeds of chivalry while the artisans demonstrated their impressive works and helped recruit new participants to our hobby. This three-day event is by far the largest demo we host each year and We can't thank Lady Jorunna enough for all of her help and leadership coordinating the details. She had the benefit of many of you who helped with set-up and clean up. We thank you all for your support and hope that our collective efforts lead to greater awareness of what we do and helps foster new membership.

Lilies War is fast approaching! We look forward to spending time with many of you during our Kingdom's signature event. Shortly after, We hope that many of you are able to join Us for the second quarter Revel and Baronial Birthday Celebration June 23!!

Yours in service,
Augustin & Aleit

From the Seneschal

Unto the populace of The Barony of the Lonely Tower does your Seneschal send warm greetings!

Your Seneschal is slacking, this was promised to the Chronicler on Friday, but as usual, I am post deadline. I believe I need someone to whap me with a newspaper as a gentle reminder next time that letters are due.

This will be a short letter, as pressed to get this to well press.

I want to join others in thanking Lady Jorunna for juggling many things and corralling many cats to run a successful demo at the Nebraska Renaissance Festival at Bellevue Berry Farm. I know that many of you attended to fight, show off projects, and answer questions that the public had about the SCA and I hear that we did get a few people interested and stopping by for a Tuesday night in the park. Thank you all of taking your weekend and doing this.

The Baronial Birthday Revel is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd at Elmwood Park (rain out location will be the same location as the business meeting). Please plan accordingly for weather, and bring projects to work on, banners to fly and food to share with the populace.

Baroness Kezia will be stepping down as our Chatelaine here soon. If you would care to take up the mantel of greeting new people, getting them settled in the barony and helping them to find their nitch please do submit a letter of intent. Letters are due June 23rd, with interviews to be scheduled. Please send your letters to: Their Excellencies, blt.baronage@gmail.com; myself, blt.seneschal@gmail.com, and Her Excellency, bnskezia@yahoo.com. Also, I do know that other offices will be opening up in the coming months, so please, if you want to know more, ask.

A final reminder that Lilies War is drawing close, if you wish to volunteer, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caca82fa4fd0-lilies> to check out volunteer opportunities. Also, the Barony is committed to it's traditional Thursday of sitting at Gate. I will have the schedule with me at future meetings, and practices so that people can sign up for a shift.

For the Kingdom,

HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chronicler

The cover photo was taken during Lilies War 2010. Clockwise: Rainbow view from the Royal Pavilion during Lilies War, located at Smithville Lake State Park near Smithville, MO, Fireworks at the beach, Barony of the Lonely Tower shade, Viking boat at Lilies, Calontir Royal shade set up for court. Photo by Christine Loeffler AKA Lady Krystyn I Lund. Used with permission.

From the Anser Pursuivant

Did you know you can have up to six name 'things' (a name, alternate persona name, household name, etc.) and six armory 'things' (your arms, a badge, a household badge, etc.) registered? Have you always wanted to have something to mark your things with, that is different from the arms on your banner?

Contact me at madnikolai@gmail.com and we can go over your heraldry, and discuss ideas!

What's YOUR badge look like?

Горноста́й

From the Chatelaine

I will be stepping down as Baronial Chatelaine in the very near future. If you think you might be interested in this easy and fun office, please send Letters of Intent to HL Anne and Their Excellencies by the Revel on June 23rd. I thank you for your interest.

But what is a Chatelaine? The Chatelaine is a deputy of the Seneschal, and is the person who gets to welcome newcomers to the SCA. It is helpful if you know a little bit about most things, but you don't need to be an expert, if you can point the new person to someone who knows more than you do. You are a guide for them in the unfamiliar culture of the SCA, an interpreter of the jargon we longtimers never even notice. You answer email inquiries, bring loaner garb and feast gear to Baronial events, and are generally friendly and accessible. Oh, and write an article for the Banner each month, and send in quarterly reports. The only requirement is a willingness to be friendly and welcoming to strangers (who may become friends) and a blue card.

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Good Gentles, greetings!

Summer is upon us and we have already kicked off our season with a few days of demos thanks to the direction of Jorunna. We will be meeting soon at Elmwood park. I really would love to see us do more hands on activities while we are there. I know there are no picnic tables, but who says we can't bring our own folding tables and chairs? Are there any special projects that people need help on to prepare for Lilies? Any classes that you would like to see taught or want to teach?

I haven't seen much activity on our web page showing what projects people have been working on. Don't forget that is a wonderful place to display your talents and let others know of what you had been working on during the cold winter months. I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has done and what plans you have for future projects!

Yours in service
Zafara Baabur

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Hard to believe it but the Lonely Tower Revel will be happening on Sunday, June 23rd. Rain or shine. Since it was postponed I've changed the challenge too.

As our new Arts and Sciences Champion I humbly request you bring an item for an A&S display. I want to see what you've made for SCA period-style camping. If you've made several things you pick your best item to show off. If it's too big to bring through a door - like a pavilion - take a few pictures to show it off.

No documentation is needed really, but I'll ask you at the revel to label it for the culture, century and item it represents. I'm curious what everyone's been busy creating.

For the Dream.
M. Jehanne Bening



Nebraska Renaissance Faire Education Day & Demo

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the renaissance faire education day and demo. We had some amazing helpers from Mag Mor and Coeur D'Ennui who did a lot for our education day and both days of the demo. For the Education Day, folks taught over 300 students about various subjects in the Middle Ages. For the demo days, I would like to especially thank everyone who helped set up and tear down, you did a great job! We had a ton of interest in the SCA from all over Nebraska, not just for our own barony. I believe that this event helped to grow our Calontir family, even more. So, thank you everyone who was a part of making this 3 days event such a resounding success!

In Service,
Jorunna Refsdottir

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Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
May 20, 2019

Seneschal

- ◆ Storage unit passcodes have changed
If you have a key, make sure you have new code
- ◆ Lilies gate
Volunteer form is live
Barony is down for Thursday, please look & let me know shift you want.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caca82fa4fd0-lilies>
- ◆ Warrants
If yours is up for renewal, please check.
If need to find a replacement, please have position letter out ASAP
- ◆ Tuesday Reminder - practice is outdoors

Baronage

Baronial Progress

Lilies (weekends only);
Revel - June 23rd, Baronial Birthday
Coronation - July 12-13
KAS, FOE (Her Excellency)
Pennsic (His Excellency)

Exchequer

Current balance \$6,778.36

Arts & Science

- ◆ Thursday Fiber Nights
Swanson Library -- 90th & Dodge (4-5 people each night so far)
May 30th
Main Library -- 215 S 15th St
May 23rd
Looking to move to every other week at this point; alternating sites at this point
No fiber nights in June; resume in July
Please reach out to Nesscia via FB for more info
- ◆ Project for everyone involved in A&S
Starting tonight - those in attendance selected a "persona" from the raffle bag and can participate in online discussions about the chosen area. Lady Zafara will be posting and we can share information about our area based on research we can do - this will be a way to re-energize some members - reach out to Zafara with questions

Herald

Populace badges passed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chatelaine

Will be stepping down, letters of intent are due 23 June Revel
Tentative interviews TBD

Chronicler

May Banner deadline 25 May

Social Media

Nothing new

Web Minister

KM email updated; nothing else to report

Knights Marshal

- ◆ Great demo, no issues this month, watch the weather as we're outdoors now. Lilies is only a few weeks away - let's schedule an armor repair night (May 28 for armor if too wet to fight); targeting Sun 6/2 for armor.
- ◆ Need C&T marshals

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Archery Marshal

- ◆ Thanked Roger, Dolan and Michael D for helping with practices during his voyage at sea
- ◆ Providing some combat archery equipment for loaner gear
- ◆ Archery practice still occurring Wed of Lilies
- ◆ Watch FB for weather-related announcements

Standing Items

Events

Revels

June 23rd - Elmwood Park (weather permitting) - Hillcrest Education Center (rain location)

M Jehanne in charge of A&S comp - theme announced in Banner and on FB; Baronial Birthday celebration!!

Archery – August 18th

Roger to reserve Golden Arrows

Rain Date September 15th

Demo round-up

Next year ideas: put info papers at all stations; have a setup/tear down crew assigned; fight times sign; suggest having an SCA banner; have 2nd rope 3' behind list rope for safety; had 20 people sign up for info

Event Ideas

Newcomer event, golden thimble, whack a knight night

July 2020 Coronation

Working on bid

Have feast stewards lined up

Tavern

Bread, meat, cheese & fruit. Simple sandwiches

Donation

Volunteer to run tavern

Ribbon Tourney - Oct 19-20 held on Kingdom Calendar (details TBD)

Baronial Awards

All members of the SCA are encouraged to send in award recommendations for those members of the populace that they believe are worthy of recognition. Below are the names and brief descriptions of awards given in the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Cord - The Cord is simply that, a cord in the Lonely Tower colors that denotes the person wearing it is an active member of the Barony.

The Rose Window - The beauty and craftsmanship required in the making of a rose window gives us the definition for this award. The Rose Window is given for promise in the pursuit of the Arts and Sciences.

The Column - The support needed to keep the Lonely Tower standing comes from its many Columns. This award is given to those who have helped serve the needs of the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Defenders of the Gate - *Cave Canes!* "Beware of the Dogs" is the motto of this fair Barony. And well said, the knights, huscarls, fyrdmen, fighters, archers and equestrians of this barony have given us ample reason to be proud of each area of endeavor in the martial arts. Thus this award is given to those who are a part of our martial presence at tournaments held in the Lonely Tower and throughout Calontir and the Known World.

The Goose Migrant - Where the goose flies, so it takes with it the spirit of this land. This award is for those who have traveled widely within or without Calontir, representing the Barony wherever their paths may lead them.

The Keystone - Given to those without whose presence the Barony would likely not have become nor likely remain the beloved place we all share. In this award we seek to honor those who enhance, embrace or support the Barony and by extension the Kingdom and Society.

Baronial Champions

**Arts & Sciences Champion
(1st Quarter)**
M. Jehanne Bening

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

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

**Armored Combat Champion
(4th Quarter)**
Sir Bjarm Rorikson

Officer's Warrants

08/2019 - Web Minister
09/2019 - Social Media
09/2019 - Chatelaine
10/2019 - Archery Marshal
01/2020 - Anser Pursuivant (Herald)
01/2020 - Chronicler
01/2020 - Seneschal
01/2020 - Chancellor of the Exchequer
03/2020 - Minister of Arts & Sciences
01/2021 - Knights Marshal

Credits

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