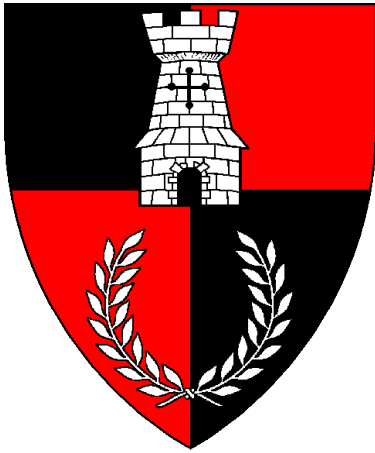


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# The Banner

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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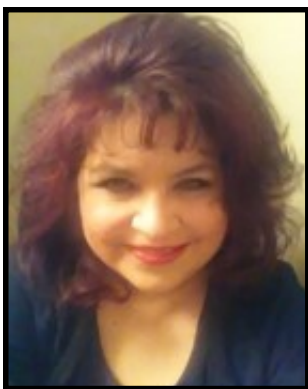
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Archery Marshal



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## From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the Barony of the Lonely Tower do We send warmest greetings!

We arrived safely back home after distant travels for Crown Tourney. There, We witnessed the crowning of Their Highnesses, Xerxis and Bel Anna, as Prince and Princess, to be rightful heirs to the thrones of Calontir. We look forward to their coronation in our barony's lands in July. Please start thinking of projects that could be gifted to Them as largesse. Many of you traveled with Us to the Shire of Oakhart and Our barony was well represented at this Crown Tourney event. We greatly appreciated the support of Lady Battilda, who attended to Her Excellency, and for Michael, who attended his very first event and was already lending a helping hand.

Our progress for the coming months shall include Bardic Bedlam, Outlands Coronation (Her Excellency), Valor, Lilies, Battle-moor, and Coronation. We are especially excited about the demo at the Nebraska Renaissance Festival on May 5 and 6. Many of you are signed up to participate and this should be a very fun event.

Yours in Service

Augustin & Aleit,  
Baron and Baroness

## From the Seneschal

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

Spring is finally here! The grass is green, the sky is blue and the breeze is warm. As we wake from the long winter and head outside for fresh air and warm evenings in the park watching fighters and working on projects don't forget to do a bit of stretching to get the muscles and joints warmed back up. We would had to start off the season with injuries.

Our first outdoor practice of the year will be on Tuesday, May 8th to our normal weekly gatherings at Elmwood park (near the pavilion). Remember to arrive early for parking; bring a warm jacket; pack water/snacks; a comfy chair/blanket and sunscreen! Most importantly, bring a project if you can to work on, you never know who might stop by to visit and see "what those people with sticks" are doing. Projects are nice hands on items for people to look at, get a bit of understanding of what the SCA is, and who knows, maybe they will come back. Another reminder too, since Elmwood is a city park we do have to share the space with other people and practices, so please be aware of what is around when arriving. Just because there is a soccer practice taking place when people arrive doesn't mean they won't be gone in time for armoring up.

Along with moving outside we have to be aware of spring and summer weather. I will be in contact with the Knights Marshal 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](mailto:knightmarshal@lonelytower.org). I will be working with him once Lilies is over to set a deadline for letters of intent and scheduling interviews.

Bardic Bedlam on April 28th, will be here before you know it. Come join us at the Springfield Community Center for a day of singing, story telling, some tall tales and a wonderful day board by HL Christina. Their Excellencies will be hosting a flight challenge during the evening feast. I am sure they will have more info as to what that challenge includes. Quickly on the heels of Bardic Bedlam the barony along with our good cousins of Mag Mor will be heading to the Nebraska Renaissance at the Bellevue Festival berry farm on the weekend of May 5-6th and on May 11th for an education day. If you would like to attend please contact HE Augustine.

Calontir's Heirs have been chosen. Congratulations to HRH Xerxis and HRH Belanna. It was a great day with wonderful fighting and warm weather :). Mistress Roise is hard at work getting things set up for July Coronation, we will have rattan fighting, equestrian happening, and we are in the works with archery and A&S competitions. Please join us on July 13-15th at the Cass County Fairgrounds. As always, we are in the need of a bid for 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2019 and now too October Crown Tourney in 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 last bit.. The new business meeting site at Hillcrest Home Care, 1820 Hillcrest Drive, Bellevue NE 68005 is pretty snazzy! Come and join us, we have a lot more room, the use of a projection screen and the parking is amazing. The business meeting is opened to all.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

### **From the Chronicler**

My Greek friend Anthi Angelopoulou was generous in given permission to share her picture of Rumeli Castle (Rumeli Hisari), near Istanbul, Turkey for this month Banner cover photo. It is an Ottoman fortress dating to 1452.

### **From the Web Minister**

Greetings, Barony!

For this month from your local Barony-hood Web Minister, I would continue to encourage people to sign up for the Barony site. As you do, feel free to let me know if you notice anything broken or could use improvements!

Lord Willeam Rudhall, Web Minister

### **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.

We will continue to be at Paddock Rd Elementary for our practice and gathering on Tuesday May 1st, then will move to Elmwood Park on Tuesday May 8th. During the 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 great to have so many new folks interested and joining us at practice. Your involvement renews and enriches this fine group.

Defending the gate,  
Cearr Mac Brendan

## From the Archery Marshal

Archery practices are going well. Roger is working on his MIT and doing well with it. He has stepped up with bringing the targets and the loaner equipment to practices. He is also helping Dolan out with repairing the nocks and points that come off occasionally or when we don't hit the right target. We will be moving outside soon and are just waiting for the weather to become nice. I really appreciate Rogers help. He has also volunteered to become my deputy and I look forward to working with him. I wish to thank Michael de Lunde and Roger for all their help and continued support. I look forward to having Dolan and Kezia back and the support they give the archery program.

This year Lonely Tower had 11 archers compete in the Midrealm Winter Challenge. (Calontir had 21 archers who participated.) Of the 166 archers from around the Knowne Worlde who undertook the Challenge, Master Dolan came in 5<sup>th</sup> overall with a score of 178.

Thanks to Lord Michael de Lundie, Lady Eden Devereaux, Lord Cuthbert Longshankes, Lord Owain the Younger, Roger of Bellebrocton, Jorunna, Liliana Firesinger, Grete Trauernicht, Lord Felix Feyrer, and Krystal Norton for representing Lonely Tower and Calontir in this challenge. If you are interested in the scores and placement, please see Baroness Kezia.

Owain the Younger

## From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

I would like to thank everyone for their support as I transition into my new role of Baronial A&S Minister.

The Barony has some wonderful opportunities coming up to showcase all of your wonderful talents, such as Bardic Bedlam, the Renaissance Festival, Lilies War, and Coronation.

With that said, I would like to challenge each and every one of you.

You are probably asking why you should do that? Because I know that all of you has talent to share. Personally, I have taken the task to challenge myself to learn new things. I may not be good at them once I do it, but at least I tried, and you should try as well. With that in mind, here are a few things that I'm getting together over the next couple of months.

Loaner Garb

Our loaner garb is outdated and needs a refresh. I would like to spend a day or two refreshing what we have. If you can't sew, you can look through your garb and donate an item that can be re-purposed.

Loaner Gear/Competition Gear-Archery.

We have a phenomenal archery group in our Barony and it's constantly growing in numbers to which our loaner gear can't keep up. Arrows are fragile and takes a bit to replace. So, one of the things that I would like for us to do as a group project is make arrows. You don't have to be an archer to help with this project. There will be a few times where we will be teaching how to put the fletching on arrows, make the strings, etc. Like I said, you don't have to know how to shoot, but this will give you the opportunity to try something new and help out the Barony.

Loaner Gear-Fighters

Like the Archery group, our Fighters are in need of our support as well. We have new fighters and garb and gear needs to be repaired and updated. A few simple projects we can all work on together would be arming caps, gambeson jackets, tabards, etc. If you can't sew, that's okay, you can help cut out patterns, pin pieces together, or help with the research.

Those are just some of the main ideas, but my mind is brimming over with much more and I very much look forward to talking with everyone about the upcoming projects!

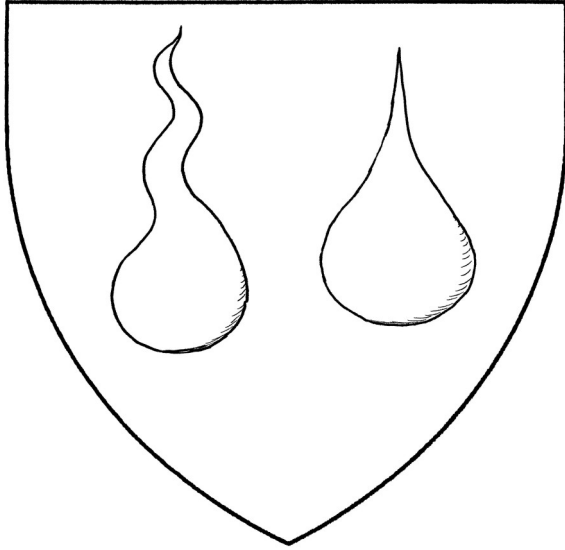
In service to the Barony of the Lonely Tower, in the Kingdom of Calontir,

Lady Zafara BaBurr

## From the Anser Pursuivant

### Здравствуйте!

For this month's heraldry article, I thought I would go with something a bit more traditional in heraldry— an article on a specific heraldic charge. (Especially since I have had a couple of questions about them in this previous month.



### The gout, (or goutte ).

As an heraldic charge, a gout is simply a drop of fluid. It is an ancient charge, and examples of them in heraldry date back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. It was typically encountered with others of its kind, in a field covered with these droplets ('...semy of gouts or gouty). Later in period though, it developed into a charge in its own right and single gouts were encountered.

Great care has to be taken in drawing the gout to get the correct medieval form. As is the case with a lot of things, the heraldic depiction of 'a drop' looks a little different from the modern form. (In the image included with this article, the good medieval drop is the 1<sup>st</sup> one – the one on the left.)

One of the fun things with gouts, is that outside of period times, each color of gout evolved it's own name so that it represented a specific liquid. While a post-period affectation, these names can indeed be used in SCA blazonry (though they do not have to be).

Gold/yellow - "gout d'Or" (drop of gold).

Silver/White - "gout d'eau" (drop of water).

Red - "gout de sang" (drop of blood).

Blue - "gout de larmes" (drop of tears).

Black - "gout de poix" (drop of pitch).

Green - "gout d'huile" (drop of olive oil).

Purple - "gout de vin" (drop of wine).

Similarly, a scattering of these gouts, a semy, could use these names as well. So 'gouty de sang' would be a field with red droplets, while a 'gouty de vin' would have purple ones.

I hope you found this article useful, and if you should have any questions about this charge (or any other heraldic charge) please feel free to contact me!

### горноста́й

## From the Chatelaine

This past month we had a demo at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, coordinated by Lord Katsumoto, and assisted by about 15 Scadians and Amtgarders. It looked like we were well represented and quite a few students stopped by to observe and learn. The next day Mistress Nesscia, Her Ladyship Cristina, and His Lordship Nikolai traveled north to visit the soon-to-be contact group in Sioux City, Karlborg. Next month we are looking forward to the Bellevue Berry Farm's Renaissance Faire. We will be demonstrating on May 5th & 6th, and participating in the Education Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Their Excellencies to have your name added to the list.

Next month I will continue with my articles on Awards.

## From the Social Media Officer

Greetings unto the populace of Lonely Tower and Friends!

Lots of great stuff is happening in the Barony!

Just a quick update for the folks who are numbers oriented...

~Yahoo Group

On April 1, we have 157 members on the Yahoo group. Some people have more than one address connected to the group.

To give you an idea of the history of use...

On April 1 there have been 77 posts on the group for 2018.

2016 -- 168 posts; 2013 --1,095 posts; 2011 -- 1,550 posts; 2003 -- 3,024 posts; 2000 -- 4,903 posts.

While numbers are dwindling, I think this is still a useful tool to reach out to some of the members, and I encourage people to remember to post on all the social media platforms. So, if someone wants to reach more members of the populace utilize this platform as well.

~Facebook Group

On April 1, 2018 there were 296 members on the FaceBook group, an 11% increase since July 15, 2017.

I could only access the numbers going back that far.

I cannot access the information to see which members 'follow' the group postings.

Some people have more than one address connected to the group.

Looking at the list of members, approximately half of the members live locally... guessing a 35ish mile radius (or at least that's what FB profiles indicate).

~Notifications

If someone "subscribes" to the FB page they will get a notification about a created event.

If someone "follows" the FB group, they will get notifications about shared events.

As well, there is an 'invite' feature for FB 'events' used to help ensure that information is disseminated to as many people as possible.

There is some duplication of members on the Yahoo group, the Face Book Group, and the Face Book Page.

This can cause multiple notifications.

Members can set their Yahoo notification preferences to receive information as they wish.

As well, on FB members can set their notification preferences to receive information as they wish.

If someone wants to 'opt out' of the 'invite' feature, please contact me directly at [blt.social.media.deputy@gmail.com](mailto:blt.social.media.deputy@gmail.com).



~Facebook Page

On April 1, 2018 there were 239 likes on the FaceBook page, a 40% growth since April 1, 2017.

There are 237 'followers', I cannot find access to past numbers for 'followers'.

The post that gets the most responses is the weekly summary of "SCA Things To Do" for a specific week.

I have partial access to the demographics of 'likes' and no access to "subscribes" to the page.

~Miscellaneous

With the kind assistance of His Excellency Augustin, I understand my apparent confusion regarding gmail account for officers.

With the patient assistant of Lady Isibél we were able to transfer ownership of the [blt.social.media.deputy@gmail.com](mailto:blt.social.media.deputy@gmail.com).

As well, Lord Willeam has now connected the address to the [socialmedia@lonelytower.org](mailto:socialmedia@lonelytower.org).

Ever in Service,

~Nesscia

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*Autocrat & bids for 12th Night January 5, 2019 are now due. If interested, Contact HL Anne von Weingarten*

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*October 2019 Crown Tourney bid. If interested, Contact HL Anne von Weingarten*

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**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

April 16 2018

Seneschal

Lilies Gate Shifts – Filled

Augustin and Bjarm to cover 6-8p shift

Officers and deputies – get a deputy if you don't have one yet – deadline is July 16 (business meeting)

Last indoor gathering May 1st

Baronage

Baronial progress

Kingdom A&S (Aleit)

Bardic Bedlam

Unslung Heroes (TBD)

Valor

Lilies

Battlemoor

Coronation

Lilies camp and party planning

Camp location – proposed area across from Harp; ask barony on facebook.

Camp steward? – request to be sent to fb

Exchequer

\$10208.33 balance; 68.55 outstanding

Arts & Science

Report is in; bardic bedlam coming up – going to have awesome feast; many signed up for classes;

Herald

General Herald “stuff” – report is in; new gold falcon herald – Mistress Brigida; saker herald are sending out letters from kingdom level for submissions, these are not final acceptance, just confirmation at kingdom level.

Has file folders for organizing herald files

Chronicler

Friday deadline for articles for the Banner

Social Media

Printed update - statistics

Web Minister

Add contact button on forward facing page

Add banner page with contact info extracted, deciding not to post instructions to subscribe to limit illegitimate subscriptions

Still working to limit false accounts

## Knights Marshal

Letters of intent

Rhodri and Giulia are moving to KC so we need a new marshal to replace Cearr more permanently

Loaner gear

Body armor for the new fighters/combat archers in training

Outdoor schedule & protocol for cancellations

Bad weather/ weather advisory – Cearr will talk to Anne. Post will be made after speaking, by Ann, to cancel. Gather happening as options due to heat etc will also be posted if gather will be happening on site or at dinner etc.

June 12 practice – if people want to gather in the park they are welcome to, there won't be Fight Practice because a marshal will not necessarily attend

## Cut & Thrust Marshal

Fight practice schedule – maybe focus on CT one week per month, otherwise focus at particular times within weekly practice

Need a punch tester – Michael de Lundie has one personally

Need to make sure we have enough loaner gear

## Archery Marshal

Putting together marshals kit – small box to transfer from marshal to marshal

Will be working on inventory as everyone becomes more active – picking up bows to test poundage, also need more stringers. Need portable bow rack for personal events, cattle raids, etc.

Thrown Weapons practice – not warranted yet so he will be restarting his MIT per Kingdom. Can hold practice with Seneschal, Archery Marshal, or Baronage present if scheduled.

## Events

Bardic Bedlam 4/28

## Final Prep

Odds and ends? What is needed?

Setup maybe Friday night TBD

Will need clean up help

Will do storage unit run

Classes are scheduled, 12 or so

Tavern will be going from 9am, lunch through dinner, until 9pm, no formal feast – dinner hour

Volunteers should contact HL Cristina

Coronation 7/14

Flyer – Isibel and Roise in progress

What / Who is needed

Set up and tear down

Insurance Order ---Will happen in May

MERCHANTS WELCOME – state tax laws are in effect

Competition info due by Friday

A&S display, 2 competitions – Peers only, first time attempt, limited documentation, anonymous judging; Roman era, open, populace choice

Equestrian

RV hookups are \$25

Open flames must have fire extinguisher

Renaissance Festival of Nebraska

Demo May 5 and 6

Early Sat am setup

Need additional coordinator to work with HE

Volkmar, half troll, and Ffelix are coming from mag mor, Seamus and John Boyer

Set up near equestrian

A&S coordinator – Zafara – to arrange volunteers and allocate space/tables

Sunshades, maybe not Baronial one this time to keep the area open

Volunteers need to respond to forthcoming message in order to sign up for free entry

Education Day May 11

Need names and skills to submit

15 minute spiel repeated throughout the day as groups rotate through

Will discuss online

Barony Revel – C&T Championship

May 20? (Unslung Heroes is now May 19-rescheduled)

June 2nd?

Old Business

Officer job descriptions - templates

New Business

12th Night push

Need bids/autocrat

Papillion/la vista community center?

Plan ahead to Fall Crown October 12, 2019

Bids due Oct 13 2018 – Deadline August 20 Business Meeting

Used Westfair last time (in Iowa)

## 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

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